

A man was thinking and he wondered,

why is there so much evil in the world?

What is the source and nature of evil?

Will there ever be an end to evil?

The Source Of Evil

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To The Poet Warriors

Introduction

The existence of evil in the world, and the multitude of possible explanations for it, has been written of in volumes of articles and books. Some of the explanations are natural, e.g., survival of the fittest. Many of the explanations have been philosophical. However, most of the explanations have been theological. This book will provide an explanation for the source of evil that is along the lines of a Biblical and rational account.

There seems to be something inside of men where we want to believe the good and hope for the good. We certainly want to live the good life. We root for the good guys to win out in the end and cheer when they do. And so it is difficult to make sense of a world where people are suffering and experiencing evil and cruelty instead of living the good life. And when this world of suffering and evil is considered, within a context of a loving Creator God that governs the universe he created, it becomes a mental tilt for men. We become confused and perplexed. How can this be?

What is the original source of evil? How did evil expand its reach? Why is evil allowed to

continue? What values is evil based upon? Will there ever be an end to evil? These are all good questions. This book will offer a take (a camera angle) as to what is really happening and why. The source of evil will be identified and its ultimate resolution will be explained. The bottom line is that evil will ultimately be extinguished and the good guys will win in the end. In the pages that follow I share with you my reasons for so believing. Some of the reasons are Biblical, some are historical, and some are based on logical reasoning and life experiences.

As a housekeeping point, the scriptural references, herein, are from the King James Version, KJV, unless denoted otherwise. Any emphasis, in the scriptural quotations, is mine throughout this book.

As an additional important note, I have chosen to write the pages that follow mainly in a conversational style. Having said that, let's get started. I offer for your serious consideration and hopeful edification what I have learned below.

The Source Of Evil and War In The Heavens

For years I have thought about the problem of evil. In one sense the problem of evil is very complicated, e.g., how can evil exist since God is sovereign and God is good? In other words, one line of thinking is that God could stop evil if he wanted to. This question regarding evil co-existing with a loving sovereign God will be answered in a later section of this book. And in one sense the problem of evil is quite simple to understand, i.e., an archangel, now named Satan, rebelled against the Creator God and decided to wage war against him. Evidently one-third of the created angels joined him in the rebellion and the resulting and ongoing war has left suffering victims scattered far and wide.

The source of evil is Satan, his evil values, and his systems based on those evil values that have afflicted so many. It is, in this sense, as simple as that.

The Creator God created angels before he created men made in his image. In fact, he created them before he created the earth (Job 38:4-7). The Bible does not directly state why Satan rebelled, although it is quite possible that Satan rebelled because he thought he was

set in his position as perhaps the number three in the universe - behind the God who is called the Most High and the God who became Jesus Christ (the two Jehovahs). When he found out that the two Jehovahs were instituting a new plan to create mankind in their image (... Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... Genesis 1:26), perhaps this set Satan off and he rebelled, thinking he was being slighted. This, to me, is as good a guess as any.

At any rate, Satan did rebel and perhaps his twisted thinking led him to the false conclusion that he could knock the two Jehovahs off of their throne and do a better job at running the universe than they could. We are experiencing the results of that age-old rebellion, including all of the suffering, frustration, and wasted efforts because of it.

"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, KJV

The above verse identifies the serpent in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3) as none other than Satan, the devil.

“And he [Christ] said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”
Luke 10:18, KJV

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, [the being now known as Satan] son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”
Isaiah 14:12-15, KJV

The above verse shows some of the arrogant thinking of Satan. Satan thought he could rebel and mount a takeover of the universe and then run the universe the same as the Most High God, only better. Since the Most High God runs the universe he created, being “like the most High” is tantamount to a takeover, since only one being can be in charge of the universe. Satan thought it should be him, not the Most High God. Further, the above verse shows that Satan thought himself better than all the other

angels. In other words, Satan thought himself better than all other angels and better qualified than the Most High God to run the universe. He had a wrong kind of pride as the below passage of scripture will illustrate.

“Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus [Satan], 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 [Satan was evidently at God’s throne and very familiar with God]; 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 [almost certainly a reference to interplanetary travel]. **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 [probably a reference to Satan no longer being part of the government 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 traffick; 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, KJV

Satan was evidently an anointing cherub that covered. He was sometimes at God’s throne and had a high position in God’s government. But his wrong pride in his beauty, his wisdom, and his high angelic position caused him to believe he could do better than the Creator God at running the universe. Perhaps he felt slighted at the thought of mankind starting lower than

the angels, but eventually rising above and actually judging the angels.

“But to which of the angels said he [God the Father] at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? [This is referring to Jesus Christ sitting down, rightfully so, at the right hand of the Father.] Are they not all ministering spirits [the loyal and righteous angels], sent forth to minister for them [men who are Christ’s] who shall be heirs of salvation?” Hebrews 1:13, 14, KJV

“For unto the angels **hath he not put in subjection the world to come** [when Satan found this out this might have been what triggered his rebellion], whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified [a quote from Psalm 8], saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels [for now]; thou crownedst him with glory and honour [at the future resurrection], and didst set him over the works of thy hands [mankind’s future job, or at least one of them]: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet [resurrected mankind will evidently help the two Jehovahs manage the universe]. For in that he put all in subjection

under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ...

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage** [and evil]. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham [the Word, aka Jesus Christ became flesh John 1]. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things

pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

Hebrews 2:5-11, 14-18, KJV

The above scriptures tell a lot about Jesus Christ's saving sacrifice and resurrection and what God's plans for man are. And they are for us to help manage the universe, under God the Father and Jesus Christ, and man will ultimately be over the angels themselves. Satan did not like this. I personally believe his wisdom, beauty, high management position in the government of God, and familiarity with the two Jehovahs, tainted his thinking (or lack thereof) toward believing he was, for all intents and purposes, the third Jehovah. And therefore entitled to keep this number three position for all eternity. In this regard Satan was a static thinker. Life was good, until the two Jehovahs wanted to go in a different direction, which was their prerogative. After all, they (not Satan) were the original appropriators of the universe, i.e., they created it and own everything in it and are forever entitled to manage it.

After mankind is resurrected and perfected

(I Corinthians 15 and I Thessalonians 4), we will judge the angels.

“Know ye not that we shall judge angels?
how much more things that pertain to this life?”
1 Corinthians 6:3, KJV

So Satan goes from probably a de facto number three in the universe to someone who will be far lower than a resurrected mankind. To add further insult to injury, from Satan’s point of view, man was graced with the privilege of being made in the image and likeness of the Creator God himself (Genesis 1:26). The angels were not. My guess is that Satan’s familiarity with the two Jehovahs, along with his wrong assumptions of their plans for the future, and this apparent future demotion and the further insult of weak mortal men being made in God’s image and likeness were too much for him to bare. So he rebelled. Satan viewed all of the above as chaos and he wanted to re-establish, or create order again out of this chaos. His way to do so was to attempt a coup. He wanted to overthrow the two Jehovahs and take over the control and management of the universe. Unfortunately, he sold this idiotic bill of goods to about one-third of the angels, who bought it.

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon [Satan], having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth ... ” Revelation 12:3, 4, KJV

Were the two Jehovahs surprised? I doubt it. They were probably more disappointed than surprised. There are two very interesting scriptures, in the book of Job, relative to God’s view of his angels.

“Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:”
Job 4:18, KJV

“Why, God doesn’t even trust the angels! Even the heavens cannot be absolutely pure in his sight.” Job 15:15, NLT

I realize that the above two verses could be a depiction of God’s views toward only the fallen angels, the ones who helped Satan attempt his coup. In any case, the coup did not even come close to succeeding as the below scripture from the Good News Bible makes plain. In this scripture, Rahab, the sea monster, is a

metaphor for Satan. The enemies referred to are Satan's army of fallen angels.

"God's anger is constant. **He crushed his enemies who helped Rahab, the sea monster, oppose him.**" Job 9:13, GNB.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars [the angels] sang together, and all the sons of God [again, the angels] shouted for joy?" Job 38:4-7, KJV

Perhaps at the time the earth, and maybe the physical universe, was created, the angels were all right with what God was doing. It was so far, so good. But something changed and Satan and one-third of the angels rebelled. Was it God creating man in his image and likeness? Was it God admonishing Satan to not be too proud of his wisdom and beauty? Did Satan's system of trafficking prompt a correction from God? The Bible does not explicitly say. What the Bible does say is there is an age-old war

that has produced and is producing many casualties. Satan, not God, is the source of evil.

How Did Evil Expand Its Reach?

Evidently Satan used cunning and arguments to convince one-third of the angels to rebel against the two Jehovahs. Perhaps Satan used his mercantile trafficking system to gain "ownership" over one-third of the angels and conned them into believing they must obey him because he now owned them. Who really knows? What is clear is that Satan obviously did not care about right and wrong, justice, truth, etc. We will get to Satan's values in a later section of this book. For now, the fact that Satan did not have proper values and acted with a "might makes right" mentality transformed him from a beautiful, wise Cherub into the "god of forces." Principles no longer mattered to Satan. Perhaps he thought he would outsmart the two Jehovahs, but for sure he thought he would use superior force on them. He declared war and led one-third of the angels into a military, spiritual, and physical disaster. Below are some scriptures and some comments that cast some light on the subject:

“And the king [likely a reference to the Anti-Christ at the time of the end] shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. **But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces [Satan]:** and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.” Daniel 11:36-39, KJV

The Anti-Christ serves the “god of forces.”

Remembering Job 38, quoted previously in this book, the universe was evidently created beautiful and perfect. The angels shouted for joy, but then notice that in Genesis 1:1-2 the earth (and likely the universe) had become without form and void. It was in a ruined state,

almost certainly as a result of a judgment from God upon Satan and the fallen angels.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.** And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”
Genesis 1:1, 2, KJV

“The deep” is likely a reference to a judgment of God upon the rebellious as evidenced by the two scriptures below:

“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.” Genesis 7:11, KJV

“Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.”
Psalms 36:6, KJV

Evidently the earth and the universe were created beautiful. However, there was a judgment from God and the earth, and likely the universe, were without form and void and

darkness was over the earth. When one looks at the surface of the earth's moon, and Mars, there is evidence of asteroid hits and cataclysmic destruction.

There is a possible reference to the destruction of a planet as part of this judgment from God upon Satan and the fallen angels. This is mentioned in Isaiah 51 and Psalm 89. Some people believe that the asteroid belt between Jupiter and Mars was Satan's headquarters prior to his rebellion and that a planet named Rahab was actually destroyed by God in one of his judgments. The asteroid belt is what is left of Satan's planet. And God gave Satan the name Rahab and mocked him throughout the Bible as a result. While this is all speculation and not provable, it is interesting and it is worth noting. Remember the reference in Ezekiel 28:14 where it was said that Satan walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (other planets). Please further note the reference to God's judgment at the Exodus as using the waters of the great deep.

"Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, **as in the ancient days**, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou

not it which hath dried the sea, **the waters of the great deep**; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?"
Isaiah 51:9, 10, KJV

"Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them."
Psalms 89:10, 11, KJV

If all of the above is correct, and the universe was ravaged by a war started by Satan and his evil angelic team, which God responded to by destroying Rahab the planet, Satan's base, which also led to the concurrent destruction of the earth, the moon, and Mars, etc., then what happened next?

Some time later God re-created the earth, including man and woman, and the beautiful Garden of Eden (Genesis 1-3). Unfortunately, Satan was also in the Garden of Eden as the serpent. Satan's next step was to get Adam and Eve to sin against God, which he did. And while God may not have been surprised, he was displeased and God evicted mankind from the Garden of Eden.

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” Genesis 3:1-6, KJV

“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the**

ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee**; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread**, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Genesis 3:9-19, KJV

Satan, the serpent, enticed Adam and Eve to sin. Satan also got the earth cursed so that mankind would have to work hard to be able to have sustenance and he got Adam and Eve (and all mankind) expelled from paradise. From Satan's point of view, this was a successful effort. Men were corrupted with Satan's evil nature through sinning, men now had to work hard in order to just stay alive, and men were thrown out of paradise. It is also likely that natural disasters, e.g., hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, etc., would now afflict the earth and the people who live on it. In other words, it was far worse than the earth producing thorns and thistles. Now there were natural disasters to also deal with. And perhaps this was also the start of animal and insect and other biological problems, too.

Even worse, instead of following the Creator God, men would be susceptible to every flavor of false religion that Satan could dream up and con men into believing. These false religious systems have enslaved virtually the entire world and have wasted untold lives. Part of enticing Adam and Eve to take from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was Satan's false promises that they would not die (because you have an immortal soul) and that you will become gods (you can become an avatar and ascend into godhood, or you can become one with "the one.") These false promises, or derivations of them, provide the main ingredients for all kinds of false religious systems.

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world (Satan) 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."
2 Corinthians 4:2-4, KJV

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
Acts 4:10-12, KJV

Satan’s various flavors of false religions permeate the earth. Rather than list them all, the Acts 4 scripture above points the only true way to be saved, which is through Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Any other religion, or religious system, is wrong. The lie told by the one-world-religion ecumenical movement, however, is that all paths lead to the truth – except the path of Jesus Christ. What a hypocritical lie! **All paths lead to the truth, except the one true path.** Satan has done his work well and the whole world is deceived. Mankind’s character has been corrupted and the one true path to the truth has been poisoned. Who else could be responsible, but an evil being (and his team) full of hatred for the two Jehovahs and the beings made in

their image and likeness. Satan's team includes the fallen angels who are also on the earth deceiving mankind.

"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, KJV

"They [Israel and by extension the nations of the world] provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not." Deuteronomy 32:16, 17, KJV

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:4, 5, KJV

In addition to the many flavors of false religious systems, Satan has a mercantile trafficking system (Ezekiel 28:16-18) that has now enslaved mankind (Habakkuk 1:14-16). Now that man has to work hard to sustain himself, fear and greed come into play. Satan

evidently has "perfected" his system of trafficking. This system of trafficking includes banking systems and government and non-government debt (Proverbs 22:7), printed money (Haggai 1:6), and the souls [lives] of men (Revelation 18:13). And it allows Satan, the fallen angels, and their human team to buy and control governments, news media organizations (Ephesians 2:2), and legal systems (Isaiah 10:1-2, Habakkuk 1:4). With the control of world governments, their education systems, their legal systems, their banking systems, etc., the righteous and all mankind are oppressed by the wicked and uncaring. Since Satan cannot defeat the two Jehovahs, his next best idea was to corrupt and torture and kill men made in their image. Satan's basic method of operation is "join me or die." What else would you expect from the "god of forces" and a deceiver?

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; **for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**" 2 Corinthians 11:13, 14, KJV

Destruction is not the same as creation, but this is what Satan is left with. He cannot really

be the third member of the Godhead, but he thinks he can render invalid the plans of the two Jehovahs and in so doing somehow make himself an equal. However, he cannot render invalid the plans of the two Jehovahs and he is not their equal. He is an unprincipled, maniacal, and dangerous goon - certainly no equal to the two Jehovahs.

The Executive Summary is that Satan has craftily taken over much of the world. Sometimes his ill-gotten gains came from deception – by appearing as an angel of light. And sometimes his gains came from his evil debt-based mercantile trafficking system. And sometimes his gains came from force. I am sure other tactics and means have been used as well, but the basic point is that Satan has systematically extended evil throughout the spheres of influence available to him. And since, for the most part, it appears that Satan and the fallen angels are presently confined to earth, Satan is doing his spreading of evil throughout the earth. He has done a “good” job of this and this affects all of us in a very negative way.

My personal belief is that Satan views the creation of mankind in God’s image, and the

further granting to men of free moral agency, as chaos that has to be stopped. Which is why the various religions of the world and the various governmental systems of the world are all different flavors of people control systems. It leads to people being used as sacrificial fuel for various religious, or governmental fires. Satan does not want men to exercise their freedom of choice to follow the two Jehovahs and he works ceaselessly to prevent this from happening, or to torment the people who actually dare to follow God.

Time is running out for Satan and his team. They may have spread evil throughout the earth, and they may currently be able to make the lives of the servants of God difficult, but God reserves the right to intervene and set things straight, which is the subject of a later section of this book.

Why Does Evil Continue?

Throughout time, philosophers and theologians have debated whether the universe has been ordered in a deterministic way - where everything that happens has been either, in essence, programmed, or somehow determined as a result of natural causes. Or, is there free

will, where the beings in the universe with minds can make their own decisions and live with the consequences?

Your author comes down on the side of free will, **with time being linear** and the future unfolding as a result of the choices independent minds make. This is not to say that the two Jehovahs have checked their brains at the door, are eating popcorn, and never intervene. They obviously reserve the right to intervene to accomplish their goals, the same as men make choices and trades in order to achieve, or attempt to achieve, their goals. The entire process, to say the least, is complicated. I will write more on this later.

Regarding evil's existence, one of the determinist thinkers, Augustine, has put forth one of the most famous points of view. It is where things in the world, including evil, are unfolding according to a master plan. In the Augustinian view, you have the responsibility for evil deeds being ascribed to the evil agents, but the ultimate reason behind why the evil occurred is ascribed to God. In other words, there is a divine plan that is being executed and God is the planner behind it all.

What has always puzzled me, if the Augustinian determinist viewpoint is correct, is what is the divine justification for God judging and then punishing Satan? If God is using Satan as a tool in order to accomplish something, what did Satan do wrong? How could Satan have resisted God, even if he wanted to? So there are obviously some problems with the Augustinian point of view. I personally am convinced that this Augustinian determinist view is not correct and is in fact, incoherent.

One of the reasons for writing this book is because I think we have entered an era when evil is going to be on the increase. And I believe that it is going to be a great test of faith for the ekklesia (God's called out ones). And I believe that probably every one of us is going to be negatively touched, in some way, by this increased amount of evil that I perceive is coming. Ergo, I think it is important that we understand it better so as to not end up blaming God for it, and that we end up not letting our love grow cold and that we end up still having faith, because I do think it is going to be a great test for all of us.

God's agents, which He created, can and sometimes do resist God's will. This is true of men and of angels. In Daniel 10 there is a section of scripture that is quite interesting to read.

“Then said he [one of God’s holy obedient angels] unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia [one of Satan’s evil fallen angels] withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.” Daniel 10:12, 13, KJV

The context of the above passage of scripture is that Daniel had fasted for 21 days and prayed, but the answer didn't come right away. This was because there was a powerful and evil fallen angel who successfully resisted one of God’s holy angels - who was on a mission from God to Daniel to answer Daniel. And this holy angel, who was successfully resisted, required help from Michael, an archangel, to get through to Daniel. To me, this is stunning to read! In this particular case, it was not just

God's will, the dispatched angel's will, and Daniel's will that entered into "the equation." There was also, at a minimum, the will of an evil angel, referred to as the Prince of Persia and also, in all likelihood, Satan's will that played a role in what happened. And Michael's will played a role, too. There was a lot going on and the only reason we know anything about it is because God chose to lift the curtain and give us a glimpse of the ongoing war of wills.

Scripture does not teach that God controls all of the behavior of free agents, whether human or angelic. Men and fallen angels are able to grieve God and to some extent frustrate his purposes. The below scripture from Genesis 6 is telling.

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Genesis 6:5-6, KJV

As an example, from the New Testament, Luke 7:29-30 reveals that some of the people

did God's will, but the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God to repent.

"And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him." Luke 7:29, 30, KJV

God has given men and angels so much freedom and so much time and then the freedom is up and then the time is up and then everyone has to give an account for their lives. Saying that God has granted freedom and time to men and angels does not mean that God himself does not retain freedom to intervene. He does. And this is why prayer can be effective. God has obviously reserved the right to continue to intervene. This intervention can be personal, e.g., answered prayer (James 5:16). This intervention can be national, e.g., the captivity of Judah by the Babylonians (Jeremiah). This intervention can be worldwide, e.g., God's intervention in the end times (Revelation).

God had to reserve overall sovereignty in order to govern the universe and God himself has goals and plans of his own. Actually God

has courage to grant so much freedom to untested beings. A major part of the reason for granting this freedom, and the time to use it, was to allow for men and angels to develop good decision-making character, which character it is impossible to form without the grant of freedom and time.

How men and angels decide is based on what they actually value. Our actual values determine our choices and our choices have consequences. Those consequences can be good, or evil, or sometimes neutral. Explaining this process is the subject of a different book by your author entitled, *Values, Choices And Consequences*. The amazing thing about all of this is that men and angels can and do frustrate the God of the universe, who is referred to as "the God of patience and consolation." We will get to the "consolation" part later in this section.

"Now **the God of patience and consolation** grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:"
Romans 15:5, KJV

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any

should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9, KJV

The choices that result in evil, pain, and suffering are to be attributed to the person, or being that made the wrong choice. Ultimately the bad choice is based on the wrong value system, which wrong value system can be traced back to Satan and his perverted value system.

"Ye are of your father the devil [Satan], and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a **murderer from the beginning**, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**"
John 8:44, KJV

If, according to the Augustinian view of determinism, God is the one actually using evil, then how is it that God himself is sometimes frustrated and has regrets? And what would the rationale be for judging some man or angel for resisting God if they were actually somehow programmed or manipulated by God to make the choices they made?

God will use his override button to eventually get things the way he wants, e.g., his plan for Israel (Jeremiah 31 and many other places), but some men and angels will resist God to the end. And there will be an end, but this will be discussed later in this book. In other words, God's general plan for the world and universe will largely succeed (Revelation 21 and 22 and many other places), but not everyone will be around to enjoy it. God does want everyone to make it, but not all will.

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”
Revelation 21:7, 8, KJV

Right now it is a struggle for mankind and, in particular, for the ekklesia as the below scripture section highlights:

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil [Satan]. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against

powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand **in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:11-13, KJV

The above scripture takes on a different meaning when it's viewed against the backdrop of a cosmic war. Satan, the fallen angels, and humans in league with them are making choices designed to thwart God and his purposes and they are making choices to hurt the ekklesia. Satan has erected entire religious and other systems designed to wear down mankind. Satan wants to either con, or force, or bribe men into serving him, or to attempt to actually kill the resisters. Fortunately, God sets limits on how far Satan can go (Job 1:12 and other places). Also, fortunately, Jesus Christ overcame Satan (Mathew 4 and other places). And Jesus Christ, in the Lord's Prayer, told us to pray concerning evil:

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Matthew 6:13, KJV

Jesus Christ knew that Satan's basic method of operation leads to: "Serve Satan, or die (Revelation 13 and other places)." What else would you expect from a murderer and the god of forces? Satan and his team are serious and the evil they engender is so very hurtful and painful to all of us. But, as previously mentioned, the source of this evil is Satan and his team and the decisions they make. They are the ones who are responsible for it. Some evil also comes from men, not in league with Satan, but who sin through weakness, or ignorance, or bad character traits. All of this has created a hostile environment for peaceful, productive, God-loving people.

In a war there are victims. "Victims" is a word that I almost hate to use in this day and age because it's been so mediafied. Being victimized has almost become a modern day excuse for non-performance by lazy people with poor character, a poor work ethic, and other bad habits. I hate to use the word, but in this case I think it applies. In a universal war of rebellion against God and his laws, there are most decidedly victims and casualties. God, knowing this, provides consolation, comfort, and works to help his people.

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”
2 Corinthians 1:3, 4, KJV

“But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.” John 5:17, KJV

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28, KJV

Because God the Father and Jesus Christ knew that there was a war in heaven and they knew that they gave men and angels freedom to choose and so much time, they also knew there would be bad choices, bad consequences, outright evil, many victims and much suffering. Fortunately, they have compassion for us and they are workers who constantly work to comfort us and they also work to build good out of the evil caused by these bad values and decisions. God the Father and Jesus Christ can heal spiritually, emotionally, and physically and will do so completely at the resurrection. The

responsibility for the evil lies with the being that chose to do it, not with God the Father or Jesus Christ.

As a sidebar, some improperly use Isaiah 45:7, or Isaiah 54:16 to “prove” that God is responsible for creating evil. The context of these scriptures, though, is the same as Jeremiah 31, in that God is going to finally force Israel to come to their senses, repent, and be converted. If they do not do so, God can “create evil” by raising up a nation, or someone to punish Israel and Israel will regard this punishment as an evil sent from God, which in this specific case it would be. And, in the past, God did just that, e.g., when he used the Assyrians to invade and carry off the Northern ten tribes, (e.g., Isaiah 7:20), or used the Babylonians to invade and punish Judah, (e.g., Jeremiah 27:6). Both of these cases were specific cases of God using his freedom to choose to get an overall result he wanted. Most of the time God just allows for men and angels to “spend” their time and freedom to choose as they see fit and to reap the resultant consequences (Galatians 6:7). God does not create evil, as a general case, and use it like a dentist uses a drill. This is simply not the case.

What God is saying to Israel, in Isaiah 45:7 and Isaiah 54:16, is, in essence, "If you worship me it will not be in vain. If you do not worship me, I am going to create evil and bring it on you."

Some people also use Jeremiah 29:11, improperly believing it to "prove" God has an individual personal plan for your physical life. Once again, the context of the whole chapter shows that God is speaking of Israel as a whole. God has clearly retained the right to intervene regarding Israel as a nation, but conceding that point does not concede that God has a plan for all individual lives. The Bible does not speak to this and, in fact, cannot because by God granting free moral agency to men and angels he decided that the future, in essence, would be co-determined. God is sovereign, but just because he has the power to intervene does not mean he will choose to exercise it on all occasions. And, in fact, he cannot. He cannot exercise total control because God requires men and angels to have freedom and time because he wants us to come to the place where **we choose to do the right thing at the right time for the right reason**. Without freedom this kind of good character and good decision-making is not possible. Sovereignty and omni-control should not be confused. God does not exercise

omni-control because to do so would defeat God's own purposes and would also frustrate that part of his creation, men and angels, who have minds of their own.

In point of fact, I think most of the time God chooses not to use his power to prevent evil. Instead he is watching to see how men and angels use their freedom. God does not want people-bots, or we would have just been pre-programmed for certain types of behavior. He also does not want actors.

Many times, when I have spoken before a group of the ekklesia, I have referred to God the Father and to Jesus Christ as, "The Big Entrepreneurs In The Sky." The audience usually laughs when I do this, but I am actually not kidding. They created the universe and all that is in it, including our solar system, earth, and mankind. They created the angels. They are working on an entrepreneurial plan and they gave angels and men free moral agency as an important part of this plan. **And those free moral agents make choices that are causes in their own right.** Determinism among thinking and acting beings is nonsense. Time is linear. Free moral agency had to be granted because God the Father and Jesus Christ want

to know whether each free moral agent will make choices that build right character. Will that free moral agent come to place in their lives where they will do the right thing at the right time for the right reason? Will that free moral agent, when no one else is around, correctly apply the proper principles, in context, to the current situation they face, and will they do so consistently? Will that free moral agent consider not just the short-term, but also the long-term consequences of their choices? Will that free moral agent consider the effect that their choice has on, not just themselves, but others also – as those others also have hopes, dreams, and feelings that are important to them? In other words, The Big Entrepreneurs In The Sky took a big risk by granting free moral agency. They really are entrepreneurial risk takers.

It is always amazing to me when people, on the one hand, refer to and believe that God exercises omni-control over everything and yet, on the other hand, treat the perfect life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ as some awesome event. There is an inconsistency in some people's thinking. If God is in omni-control of everything and Jesus Christ could not have sinned then what is the big deal about him not sinning? They want to treat Jesus Christ's

perfect non-sinning life as a great risk taken on behalf of all mankind (which it was), but then adopt the Augustinian omni-control perfect plan of God point of view regarding free moral agency and determinism. They are correct on the former and wrong on the latter.

One-third of the angels rebelled. They used their free moral agency wrongly. All of mankind, other than Jesus Christ, has sinned (Romans 3:23). They, too, used their free moral agency wrongly. Psalm 2 refers to the nations of world actually being in league against the two Jehovahs at the end of the age. Other places in scripture, e.g., the book of Revelation, show the incredible damage that can result when men, Satan, and fallen angels band together to try and impose an evil system over the entire earth.

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them **in his**

sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Psalms 2:1-6, KJV

The Psalm 2 passage of scripture shows that God is displeased. But why would he be displeased if he willed and controlled everything? It is clear that mankind can, not only individually thwart God, but also band together in a mass rebellion against God. And, no doubt, Satan and his one-third of the angel rebels are also involved. God just laughs, but it also probably hurts his heart. The rebellion will be put down. God the Father will establish Jesus Christ as king of the earth, irrespective of all of the wills of the individual rebels involved, but those individuals were and are free to rebel. God took a risk to find out things about us. He had to. He does not want people-bots, angel-bots, or actors.

In Deuteronomy 30 God commands the Israelites to make the good overall choices of 1) loving God and 2) choosing life and 3) keeping his commandments.

"In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply:

and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." Deuteronomy 30:16-20, KJV

"Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but **thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:17, 18, KJV

God would be a liar if he said the Israelites had a choice between life and death if God had beforehand already pre-programmed an omnicontrol choice into them. We have a choice. Our choices have consequences. Time is linear. The Big Entrepreneurs In The Sky took a risk when creating the universe and putting beings into the universe that have free moral agency. But, God wants us to choose life and to choose to love him and to choose to love each other. He wants us to grow mature and to be capable of correctly applying right principles. **To make a simple point simply, we must be free to choose in order to choose.** We build good character one good decision at a time. We construct a good life one good decision at a time.

The rebels and those who choose irresponsibly, or viciously, cause damage to, not just themselves, but to all of us. Their sins and bad choices pollute our planet and cause pain, suffering, and death. However, God has already chosen to give each free moral agent so much freedom and so much time and then the freedom is up and then the time is up and then the free moral agent has to own up to the responsibility they have for their decisions by providing an answer for their lives. By God

granting so much freedom and time to each free moral agent it also means that God took a risk that he would have to witness others suffer. God probably had a good idea of what would ultimately happen and so God built suffering into his overall plan.

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
2 Timothy 3:12, KJV

The suffering we experience can build empathy and patience and make us more fervent teachers to others of the importance of doing right. And the suffering we experience as a result of our own bad choices is also an excellent teacher, as we have no one to blame but ourselves for that kind of suffering.

All of the well-intentioned promises of various apologists for God will not change the fact that God himself granted men and angels free moral agency knowing full well that some might rebel, even to the point of having a death wish. And their rebellion and sins and bad choices can compound into a lot of evil that pollutes all of our lives.

“But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: **all they that hate me love death.**”
Proverbs 8:36, KJV

God is patient, but he has empathy for our suffering and he will eventually end Satan’s war against him. In the meantime, God has reserved to himself freedom to intervene as he sees fit, which is why he can answer prayers, heal, forgive sin, give the Holy Spirit, etc. And God has sometimes used the freedom he has reserved to push the reset button on mankind, e.g., the flood during Noah’s time on the earth (Genesis 7-8). God also changed his mind regarding destroying Nineveh (Jonah). And God can say, “Time’s up.” (Revelation 19).

“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.”
Proverbs 15:3, KJV

The above scripture from Proverbs shows that God sees the evil and the good. The Bible does not say that God sees the evil, which only looks like evil but is really good, and the good. There is good and there is evil and God sees both. The Augustinian view, or explanation of evil, can short-circuit our minds. And we need those minds to function as men. Per the

Augustinian view, evil is not evil. It is somehow really good that just looks like evil.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28, KJV

Why, if God caused all evil according to the Augustinian view of evil, would he need to work to bring good out of it? The evil itself would have to already be defined as good. God would already be done and not need to work to bring good out of an evil situation. The answer is obvious. Evil is evil. Good is good. And God, in his compassion and kindness, works to offset as much of the damage which evil does that he possibly can. And he also works to build character, wisdom, and empathy into us through suffering. And he also works to build into us a hatred for evil and its consequences.

To bring this section of the book to a close, I believe it is a mistake to attempt to explain evil from an Augustinian point of view, or to look to God's purpose for the evil in the first place. In most cases God did not cause the evil. The cause of the evil rests with the being that made the bad choice, whether it's Satan, a fallen

angel, a demon, or one of us. Only they know why they made the choice to do evil. The cause lies inside the being that chose to do wrong.

The reason God does not usually intervene to stop evil is because the free moral agency God has given is, for a time, irrevocable. Once God gave the free moral agency he himself has to live with the results. In other words, God made a self-limiting choice and is living with the consequences, good or evil, for a time. And that time includes the time period we are living in now. God does love us and he does work to bring as much good out of each situation as is possible for those that are his. But, all of us have experienced, and will experience, evil until God, in his wisdom, declares that time is up.

God cannot say choose life versus death, good versus evil, love versus hate, etc., and then just as a free moral agent was about to choose and do wrong to jump on them, hold them down, and then take away their freedom to choose wrong in order to prevent evil from occurring. It would not work and so God has to live with evil coming into his universe - for now. And all this is why evil continues to exist at this time.

The Values Evil Is Based Upon

Jesus Christ did not mince words when describing Satan the Devil.

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was **a murderer** from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth**, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**”

John 8:44, KJV

Satan is the father of lies. There is no truth in him. Truth cannot be Satan’s main guide, as Satan knows that the two Jehovahs created and own the universe. He knows that they are alone are God. Since Satan is a created being, he owes everything to the two Jehovahs. The fact that at one time he was beautiful and wise does not make him God, or entitle him to own or manage the universe. The fact that at one time the two Jehovahs entrusted him with an important leadership position does not entitle him to a permanent such position – especially now that he rebelled against them. If Satan were honest, which he is not, he would have to admit all these things and submit to the two Jehovahs. But, he would rather lie to himself

and to others in an attempt to evade reality. Satan is as much in rebellion against reality and against reason as he is in rebellion against the two Jehovahs.

The same rebellion, no doubt inspired by Satan, is occurring today. Men, with their various ism systems, are usually in some form of rebellion against reason and reality. They got this from Satan himself, who no longer has truth in him, and is the father of lies.

Further Satan is a murderer. Again, he has to be. He has no legitimate claim to the universe, so if he really wants the universe he will have to attempt to take it, from the two Jehovahs, by force. And the two Jehovahs are simply not going to let Satan just take the universe, ergo Satan is forced to attempt to murder the two Jehovahs and to take the universe by force. This is why the Daniel 11 reference to the end-time Anti-Christ shows that this most evil man worships a most evil being, the god of forces, i.e., Satan.

“And the king [end-time Anti-Christ] shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of

gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.”
Daniel 11:36-38, KJV

It all makes sense, if you think about it. Since Satan has no honest claim to the universe he cannot be honest in his attempt to make a claim for it. Ergo, he has to resort to lies and so he became the father of lies. And since the two Jehovahs are not buying any of his lies, or idiotic claims, Satan is left with only brute force to achieve his goal. Ergo, without right on his side, he chose might as an evil substitute. So Satan adopted a “might makes right” attitude. Satan adopted a “the winners write the history” attitude. And he actually tried to conquer the two Jehovahs. And his rebellion was put down.

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer [the being now known as Satan], son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For

thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:12-14, KJV

Satan rebelled against the two Jehovahs. When Satan rebelled he could no longer, in any way, be described as being in the right. Further, his rebellion against truth caused him to become the father of lies. And he became the father of war and murder by irrationally adopting a might makes right, the winners write the history, method of operating.

The two Jehovahs are the rightful owners and operators of the universe and all that is in it. Having created reality, they are in touch with it, and having created the laws of logic and right thinking, they use right reason. The values and virtues of the two Jehovahs, e.g., love, justice, social harmony, mercy, peaceful production, etc., and their methods of operation and management, work to produce flourishing life.

Summarized below is an Executive Summary of the contrast between the two Jehovahs and Satan:

The two Jehovahs are **right, rational,** and their ways produce **peace and prosperity,** i.e., **their ways work.**

Satan is **wrong, irrational,** and his ways produce **war, lack of social harmony, pain, suffering, and death.** Satan's ways and systems cannot work, no matter who operates them, because they are in rebellion against reason and reality and because they are based on force and fraud. It is not a question of having a better leader, or a smarter dictator. Satan's ways cannot work no matter who is in charge and no matter how much power the goon of the moment is exercising.

My personal belief is that Satan is enraged with the two Jehovahs because they changed things up on the angels. The two Jehovahs decided to make man in their image and likeness and they decided to let the angels know that resurrected man would some day be over the angels and, in fact, judge them. Satan had become a largely static thinker, at least in this regard, and he could not handle this big operational change. And so he rebelled. His

hatred for the plan led to a hatred of the two Jehovahs and any other angels remaining loyal to the two Jehovahs. And it led to a profound hatred for man.

Satan's pride in his wisdom, beauty, accomplishments, and management position led him to believe that he could run the universe better than his Creators, the two Jehovahs. There is a place for the proper kind of pride, e.g., pride in one's honest achievements and pride in the development of one's character. Satan's pride went far beyond this to the point where he considered himself as the third God in the universe. This is one of the reasons there is such an emphasis on the number three by the various false religions of the world. Satan wants to portray himself, if not better, at least equal to the two Jehovahs.

Satan is now so out of touch with reality that his rebellion has rendered him as an insane, powerful, dangerous, perverted genius. My personal opinion is that the two Jehovahs changed his originally created beauty into the ugly, cold form of a dragon, or serpent. Reptiles are notoriously cold, cruel, predatory, cunning, and uncaring about anyone, or anything but themselves. This fits Satan the dragon and how

the Bible consistently portrays him as some kind of reptilian monster.

Satan, the fallen angels, the demons, and the humans in league with them are out to thwart the two Jehovahs and the angels and men loyal to them. Since Satan and his team have no legitimate claim to the universe, and since they cannot trade with the two Jehovahs for ownership or control of the universe, they are left with force and fraud, aka murder and lies. If Satan and his team cannot murder, they seek to be cruel, or at least to hurt. Since they cannot change ultimate truth, they seek to obfuscate, hide, confuse, or lie – if they think they can get away with it. Or, Satan's philosophers pronounce that there is no truth, there is no cause and effect, there is no identity, there are no objective ethics, language is subjective, etc. Their motive is hatred. They would rather destroy everything and everyone rather than to admit they were wrong, ask forgiveness, and seek for a genuine peace. If what they have done is unforgiveable, to the two Jehovahs, they should give themselves up for extinguishment. But there is no honesty, or honor, or sense of justice in them. They have the wrong values. They will not change. They are the enemy in an eternal war against the two

Jehovahs and they are in complete rebellion against reason and reality as are all those who willingly follow them. And Satan is so cold and cruel that he will even use and discard those who have followed him, but are no longer of any use. Fortunately, Satan will lose, as the next section of this book will explain.

Satan hates light because light shows the truth. And he has manipulated himself into a temporary "ownership," or control position over the world - which Jesus Christ did not dispute, while being on the earth and tempted by Satan.

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

Matthew 4:8-11, KJV

“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.” 2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

“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. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Revelation 12:9-11, KJV

Satan is the current “god of this world,” who, as the father of lies, deceives the whole world. He, out of his hatred for the two Jehovahs and out of his hatred for man, accuses the brethren constantly. The brethren are the ekklesia, Christ’s called out ones. However, these accusations against the brethren, to the two Jehovahs, do not work as outlined in Romans 8:1:

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
Romans 8:1, KJV

Since Satan cannot kill the two Jehovahs and take the universe by force, and since he cannot con the two Jehovahs out of the universe, he must feel his next best move is to try and invalidate the plans of the two Jehovahs to create characters with righteous character. Satan, out of hatred, wants to kill, or corrupt, or enslave men made in God’s image and likeness because he can at least hurt the two Jehovahs in effigy by hurting men made in their image. However, please notice Revelation 12:11. It shows the way out, even in world that has gone almost totally dark. And that way out is to have the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) cover our sins rendering Satan’s non-stop accusations void. Further, the way out is to live God’s way as a testimony and to be willing to die, if necessary, for the truth. We all have to die of something and there is a resurrection of the just to life (1 Corinthians 15).

When Saul, who became Paul, was struck down and blinded he wanted to know who did

this to him. He not only found out who did this to him he also found out the specific reason why.

“And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**”
Acts 26:15-18, KJV

The two Jehovahs save. Jesus Christ, the number two Jehovah, is mankind’s Savior. He saves and gives life. Satan kills. Satan’s values are hatred, slavery, murder, obfuscation, lies, fraud, and his ways produce pain, suffering, death, and destruction. His rebellion against the two Jehovahs and against reason and reality can produce nothing other. The values and virtues of the two Jehovahs are based on love, truth,

mercy, social harmony, peaceful and honest production, mutually rewarding interaction, etc., and their ways produce life, peace, joy, social harmony, and prosperity. The contrast could not be more obvious.

When Satan gets done using someone on his team, i.e., after they are completely used up, he discards them in disgust and disdain, as they are no longer useful to his evil designs. He does not care about life, or about the hopes and dreams of others. What else would you expect from the being who originated the lie and murder and who believes might makes right?

Will Evil Ever End?

Yes, evil will end. In the meantime, the Bible says we should do the following:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
James 4:7, KJV

As previously mentioned, the two Jehovahs gave each being, angels and men, so much freedom and so much time and then the time is up. And then we have to give an account for our lives. Time will also be up for Satan and he

will be, at the first, bound and chained for 1,000 years. Then, after being loosed for a little season, time is finally up for him.

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”

Revelation 20:1-3, KJV

Some people assume that because Satan and the fallen angels are spirit they cannot die. Your author is not so sure about that. Take a look at the following scriptures:

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28, KJV

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into

everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" Matthew 25:41, KJV

"In that day **the LORD** with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he **shall slay the dragon** that is in the sea." Isaiah 27:1, KJV

Jesus Christ will return to the earth (Revelation 19) and teach men to objectively choose the values of God the Father and Jesus Christ (the two Jehovahs). He will start with converting Israel (Jeremiah 31 and other places), but he will also teach all mankind how to live differently (Isaiah 2:2-4 and other places). He will teach men that your decisions flow from your values and if you want good consequences, you have to objectively pick the right values and then make decisions according to those right values and then you will get good consequences. Jesus Christ will heal men, and the earth, as many scriptures show. Below are several of them:

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate

land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, **This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden**; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited." Ezekiel 36:33-35, KJV

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Isaiah 2:2-4, KJV

When Jesus Christ comes to establish his world government his ways will be taught. Notice that the people of the earth will not learn war any longer. Who did they learn war from in the past? Satan. But he will be in jail for 1,000

years, per Revelation 20, and Christ will be ruling on the earth. And when Jesus Christ rules and his ways are taught war will not be taught. This will completely revolutionize society, as the history of mankind is the history of war. It is the history of force and fraud, learned from Satan and his evil team.

Evil will end with Satan, and his team, being either completely destroyed, or completely imprisoned (your author believes they will be completely destroyed). Either way, they will no longer be a factor in the functioning and operation of the universe. **Satan, the father of evil, will have his person and his ways completely repudiated.** He will see his team destroyed, or imprisoned.

The two Jehovahs will be completely victorious as they have the power to heal physically and they will (Mathew 4 and numerous other scriptures). They have the power to heal spiritually and they will (Jeremiah 31, Hebrews 10, and many other scriptures). They can heal the earth and make it like a Garden of Eden and they will (Ezekiel 36, Genesis 2 and other places). And eventually the two Jehovahs will resurrect the faithful to

eternal life (1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4).

Further, the two Jehovahs will recreate the heavens and the earth so that there will be a new heavens and a new earth. Only the righteous shall remain with the two Jehovahs.

“And God has also commanded that the heavens and the earth will be consumed by fire on the day of judgment, when ungodly people will perish.

But you must not forget, dear friends, that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment.

Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living! You should look forward to that day and hurry it along - the day when God will set the heavens on fire and the elements will melt away in the flames. But **we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world where everyone is right with God.**" 2 Peter 3:7-13, NLT

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a beautiful bride prepared for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, the home of God is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. **For the old world and its evils are gone forever.**"
Revelation 21:1-4, NLT

Summary

The original source of evil is Satan, who has led one-third of the angels into an age-old

rebellion and war. This rebellion and war is against the two Jehovahs, the rightful creators, owners, and managers of the universe.

Evil first expanded its reach through Satan conning, or in some other way getting, one-third of the angels to follow him. Satan also enticed Adam and Eve to sin, which spiritually corrupted the human race. This had the further consequence of mankind being expelled from the Garden of Eden. And it had the further consequence of the earth being cursed, which also likely began natural disasters, diseases, etc. Satan has also used various flavors of false religions and false religious systems to confuse and lead men away from the true God. He further taught men war and wrong philosophies. Satan also uses an evil mercantile trafficking system to gain control of the world's governments, banking systems, educational systems, legal systems, economic systems, etc. And he has also had the help of both deceived men and also men who have actually sold out to him and who actively help him. All of Satan's false religious and other systems are ultimately designed to get men to worship Satan as god (Revelation 13), or to destroy those men who will not.

Evil is allowed to continue for a variety of reasons, including the fact that the two Jehovahs do not want people-bots, or actors. They want men with good character who have learned to agree with and adopt the values of the two Jehovahs. They want righteous men who have learned to do the right thing at the right time for the right reason. This formation of good character and right values and virtues in men required that God give each of us so much freedom and so much time and then the freedom is up and then the time is up and then we must answer for our lives. The two Jehovahs reserve the right to intervene at any time, but their basic method of operation is to let men (and angels) spend their freedom and their time as each sees fit. This means that wrong choices have bad (and sometimes evil) consequences. The responsibility for the choices made is upon the being who made the choice, whether for good or for evil.

The values that evil is based upon also came from Satan - as he was a murderer and a liar from the beginning. Because the two Jehovahs are not about to surrender their universe to Satan, Satan had to attempt to use force to take it from them. He adopted a "might makes right" and "the winners write the history" method of

operating. He also must use stealth, lies, and fraud, as he has no honest claim to anything. Satan is wrong, irrational, and his ways produce pain, suffering, destruction, and death wherever he goes. Satan uses bribes, threats, in short – whatever it takes, to trick men into following him. If men will not willingly follow Satan then Satan will attempt to enslave them. If that fails, he will try and kill them. Satan and all who follow him are engaged in a cosmic rebellion against the two Jehovahs and they are further engaged in a cosmic rebellion against reason and reality.

There will be an end to evil with Satan either exterminated, or imprisoned. The same goes for the angels who foolishly followed him. The two Jehovahs will establish Jesus Christ as the king of the earth and he will heal men spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. Men made right with the two Jehovahs, through Jesus Christ and his sacrifice, men who have learned to willingly adopt and live by God's values, will live forever with the two Jehovahs and the loyal angels. Jesus Christ will further heal the earth to make it become like a Garden

of Eden. And ultimately there will be a new heavens and a new earth where, as it poignantly mentions in Revelation 21:4, " ... **the old world and its evils are gone forever.**"