

NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly declaring the **new things** of Isaiah 42:9 and the **greater things** of John 14:12 in this rapture generation

THE WORLD THAT WAS A Fallen Lucifer On The Loose Part Four

Why and how it happened

There is always a reason for the activities of Jehovah God. When that reason is revealed by the Holy Spirit, I have always found it to be so simple a child may understand it. In this case, I want us to explore *why and how it happened* that a kind and loving God of grace, mercy and peace, would, in His fierce anger, completely obliterate the Earth One civilization.

That did not happen because of some cataclysmic collision in a cosmos gone berserk! God is a God of order. The cosmos is a well-ordered whole in complete harmony.

The breakdown of God's perfect order on Earth One began after many years of perfect unity and harmony. In the beginning, Earth One had a perfect ruler with support staff in perfect number and with perfect qualifications. The lush ecosystem/botanical garden of God in Eden¹ on Earth One had been perfectly prepared as the garden of Eden² on Earth Two was prepared for Adam. For many years, man on Earth One was exactly as were Adam and Eve before sin, as they are described in Genesis chapters one and two.

Because of God's perfectly created civilization on Earth One, in the absence of death, the population increased rapidly. God was therefore pleased, that for a long time, he was able to lavish himself upon His creation, which was the purpose of Earth One.

Because the Earth One model was perfect in principle, it will be replicated, but only after the rebellion of Lucifer caused our God of love, mercy and grace *to grieve unmercifully*. Only to those who are willing to listen to Him continually for a period of time according to His standard, are such things revealed. And remember also, confession of faults endears each party to the other, *regardless of rank*.

As I have previously written, something new occurred on Earth One. Perfect Lucifer took credit for something God had done. God corrected him without further incident for some time. Then Lucifer did the same thing again. He took credit for something God had done and again accepted God's correction. But pride had made its mark on Lucifer.

As he thought on the effect of claiming credit **himself** for something that God had done, Lucifer liked the result thereof. It made *him* feel important. Hence, the origin of **self-worship**, otherwise known as pride.

Lucifer liked taking credit **himself** for something God had done. Therefore, one day he refused to accept God's correction. He liked the fleshly feeling of claiming credit **himself** for something God had done. Pride (and lust) had taken its first victim.

This was the first time God had ever experienced such deliberate disobedience. And that deliberate disobedience came after God had anointed and appointed Lucifer, with all of the attributes of the Godhead it was possible to put in an angelic being. In talking to me about Lucifer, God said, "He was like Me."

When deliberate disobedience occurs under such circumstances, there is no way to bring such a one to repentance, since he has already experienced *and rejected* all of God's supernatural blessings without measure.

Hence, Lucifer forever set God's deliberate disobedience consequence for angels, from which there may be no repentance.

But deliberate disobedience did not end with a fallen Lucifer. Remember, God's responsibility on Earth One included Lucifer, his support staff of angels and man as a finished perfect work, never to be amended, altered nor modified to any degree whatsoever. This meant that God could not rescind Lucifer's authority to rule Earth One because the gifts and call of God are without repentance³ (or irrevocable).

Knowing this, Lucifer, with God-given authority to govern, little by little began to deceive man into self-worship on Earth One. Once that began, Earth One man began to self-destruct!

Man is made to worship God. As that occurs in its purest form, fallen man becomes purified (of dross of the past) and is made pure (present tense) as he continually worships God. That is the way God created man.

On the other hand, the alternative is for man to be deceived by Satan. The way that happens is simple. Satan sends his demons to distract one's focus (one's thinking in the mind) from God to self – to what self can do, just as he deceived Adam and Eve.

As that occurs without repentance, one who turns to self *without restraint*, will corrupt into uncontrolled pride and lust (self) such as men with men and women with women. Thereafter man will corrupt into inexplicable conduct too lewd to mention. Satan targets man's sexuality. That is what happened

¹See Ezekiel 28:13.

²See Genesis 2:8.

³See Romans 11:29.

to man on Earth One.⁴

That is what happened to man on Earth Two immediately prior to Noah's flood.⁵

That is what happened to man in Sodom and Gomorrah.⁶

In each case, destruction was the only way for God to deal with man possessed by evil beyond recovery – evil that began with a distraction by the evil one. And the distraction initially seems so simple and *natural*, its subtlety is easy to accept. The distraction begins as a thought in the mind that does nothing but change one's focus from God to self. Self was the bait Satan used on Adam and Eve and it worked.

Isaiah gives the antidote for such distraction with these words, "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."⁷ When your mind is stayed (focused or fixed) on God, you may not be distracted by the enemy *to focus on self*, the god of Satan.

On his first trip up Sinai mountain to be with God, Moses stayed so long the Israelites thought he was not coming back. They then went to Aaron, the future high priest of Israel, with a request. They wanted an Egyptian idol to worship and guide them in the absence of Moses. Aaron then took gold from jewelry of the Israelites from which he fashioned a molten gold calf to worship, as he was requested to do. The next day, the licentious, idolatrous worship rites of Egypt around and before the golden calf, were introduced to God's chosen people. If left unchecked, both Moses and God had another Earth One, another Earth Two prior to Noah's flood or, with time, another Sodom and Gomorrah with which to deal.⁸

That is why God, in His fierce anger, wanted to destroy the whole two to three million descendants of Jacob and start all over again with Moses.

When this occurred, God said to Moses, "Let Me alone (or Get out of My way!) that my wrath may burn hot against the Israelites and I will make of you a great nation!" Only Moses, the man, stood between Jehovah God and another catastrophic destruction of a small nation that corrupted into licentious, idolatrous worship in less than forty days. Moses changed he mind of God. This is a good thing to remember. God has not changed. He did not foreknow of the licentious worship of a golden calf in the wilderness or He would not have reacted in such a fashion. God knows everything from the end to the beginning *of everything He designed*, but not of every mistake of his creation.

⁴See Jeremiah 4:26.

⁵For the record of Noah's flood, see Genesis chapters six through eight.

⁶See Genesis 19:1-29 for the record of God's destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for their terrible sins.

⁷Isaiah 26:3.

⁸See Exodus chapter thirty-two for the story of the golden calf and the circumstances surrounding that occurrence.

I have put these illustrations before you again for one reason. That reason is to show you the methodology of the enemy. It is simple, it is ever so subtle, but ever so beguiling and destructive. All the enemy does is to distract your focus (attention) from God to self – to what self can do, to what self has done, to what has been done to self, to what self can do in retaliation, to what self should have done, to how deserving self is, ad infinitum.

Self indulged is the enemy's way. *Self denied* is God's way. Please realize I have just preached the Gospel to you. Or said another way, Lucifer demonstrated the Gospel through his conduct on Earth One for millennia before the bible was written. That is why God said to me, "When you understand about the failure of Earth One, you will understand everything else I have done since then."

Notice how the Gospel was preached through Lucifer's failure (self denied versus self indulged) for millennia before Dr. Luke recorded the following words of Jesus from chapter nine of his Gospel. I have added the parenthetical enclosures in verses twenty-four and twenty-five as explanation of the text:

23 If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

24 For whoever desires to save (*to preserve or keep*) his life (*his self-indulgent life*) will lose it, but whoever loses (*or denies*) his life (*his self-indulgent life*) for My sake will save it.

25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world (*through self-indulgence*) and is himself destroyed or lost (by refusing to deny self)?

Notice verse twenty three states the positive fact, while verses twenty-four and twenty-five are an explanation and commentary, respectively, on verse twenty-three. These verses state it clearly. Man has two choices: (1) worship God, the Father or (2) worship self, the god of Satan, who than becomes your father. Notice also that self-indulgence (as compared to self-denial) was Lucifer's way of corrupting Earth One.

The only ammunition Satan has is lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life.⁹ Those three temptations were used successfully with Adam and Eve¹⁰ but unsuccessfully with Jesus of Nazareth.¹¹

The reason Jesus was able to withstand the temptations of Satan (as compared with Adam and Eve) was because scripture reveals that He was infused with the Spirit, the Word, (the second Person of the

⁹See 1 John 2:16.

¹⁰See Genesis 3:6

¹¹See Matthew 4:3-10.

Godhead), and with the Godhead bodily (that includes all Three) immediately after He was baptized by John.¹² While scripture lists each of these three infusions separately, they all occurred simultaneously immediately after Jesus was baptized by John. If that had not happened, Jesus would have been no match for Satan.

It is interesting to note that the consequence of deliberate disobedience (without repentance) of **believers today**, under circumstances similar to those surrounding Lucifer's failure, has also been forever set by God, as revealed in the sixth chapter of Hebrews:

- 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
6 if they fall away to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

These verses of scripture state plainly, that in principle, obedience to God today does not differ from obedience to God when Lucifer was the absolute ruler of Earth One. When one today tastes or experiences everything that God has in His spiritual arsenal to woo man to Him through love, who then deliberately rejects that for lust or pride (the god of self), Satan then becomes his father. Thereafter, God has nothing to offer that man to bring him to repentance *that he has not already experienced and rejected*. The end of that one is the same as that of Lucifer, the author of self-indulgence, the god of Satan.

If Lucifer had not failed, Earth One (*The World That Was*) would not have been destroyed. If Earth One had not been destroyed, there would have been no bible, nor would there have been a need for one. With that in mind, hear the words the Lord gave me on that subject on September 17, 2010 beginning at 10:46 A. M.:

The bible is God's divorce decree from Satan, administered by the Holy Spirit. No divorce was necessary on Earth One in the beginning. No divorce decree was needed for Adam before sin.

The divorce decree is administered only in the presence of sin. Thereafter, it is no longer needed.

No divorce decree is needed to teach love. You cannot become divorced from one to whom you are not married.

Satan is the reason we have the bible.

The Gospel is like a highly contagious disease. It is spread by personal contact.

The bible was written because of sin. Jesus said

three times to Satan, "It is written." To whom did He say that? To Satan *who introduced sin* to Earth One, Earth Two and Earth Three.

The reason Jesus said to Satan, "It is written," is because Satan was attempting to divorce Jesus from God.

Satan was successful in divorcing Adam from God through temptation.

Both Satan and God have divorce papers ready to be issued on a moment's notice.

One born in sin needs to be divorced from sin.

One who is not born in sin needs no divorce decree.

Satan's divorce proceedings are begun and sustained with demons who draw attention to self.

God's divorce proceedings are begun and sustained by the Holy Spirit who draws attention to the Lord.

And there you have the reason for the bible.

One may not be divorced from one he has not married.

No bible was needed on Earth One because, for many, many years, Lucifer governed by love in the total absence of sin.

Adam and Eve needed no divorce decree to love one another until sin entered into the heart of both through Satan, who issued their divorce decree from God by calling attention to self.

Self is the god of Satan who becomes your father through temptation.

One does not need a law book to love.

Only as one is married to Satan does he need a divorce. That divorce decree is issued and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Today, everyone born of woman is born in (the Adamic) sin.

Consequently, the Gospel is given to delineate between good and evil. When sin enters, good and evil become diffused within the heart of man so that he is unable to distinguish between the two. That diffusion (confusion) will continue until one hears a sufficiency of rhema words from the mouth of God according to His standard.

Then, as that time standard is fully met, those spoken rhema words administered by God, will pronounce the divorce final. Thereafter the divorce decree is no longer needed.

He who has an ear to hear, hear the word of God today for these few remaining years before the rapture of the church.

These words are for the church from the Bridegroom. The Bridegroom woos with spoken words as the bride listens to His voice. That is the way the betrothal is consummated.

Beware of complacency today. The time is short. Live each day in the excited expectancy of His soon coming for those are the ones who will be taken. The complacent, the slothful, the indifferent believer will not be taken. Only those who are attendant to the

¹²See Matthew 3:16, 17; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9.

voice of the Bridegroom will be taken.

The old wine of convention may be discarded today for the new wine of listening to the voice of the Bridegroom continually.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

The worship of self, the god of Satan, caused the downfall of Lucifer *and the destruction of Earth One* in God's fierce anger. Hear these words the Lord gave me on on this subject the morning of August 28, 2010:

Yes, My son, criticism is of self, not of Me. When you criticize others, you exalt self that must be denied to follow Me. That is why I condemned criticism.¹³ Criticism exalts self and is of the enemy and is Satan's way to distract your focus from Me.

This is a good thing to teach. It is one thing to obey by rote law but another thing entirely to understand why disobedience is wrong and actually harms you. Then it is more easily obeyed.

You have just observed another advantage of listening to My words daily. Only as you do so will your way become clear and will My way become understood. Understanding is an aid to obedience. Understanding is also the difference between knowledge and wisdom.¹⁴

Criticism is the enemy's way to distract you from Me to self which is the basis of his power and authority. That is the way he woos his followers.

I woo My followers by love. My ministry is about being drawn to Me. The enemy's ministry is about being drawn to self that must be denied to follow Me.

I am the way to the Father. Self is the way to Satan. That's the choice. If it exalts self, Satan is in authority. If it exalts Me, God is in authority.

Be not concerned about letting it be known that you hear My voice. It is **NEW** for this time and it is

¹³Criticism is worship of self instead of God. God legislated against criticism in His young Jewish nation in the wilderness. Here is the setting: God gave Moses detailed traveling and provisional instructions for the Israelites before they departed from the base of Sinai mountain. When Moses then gave God's detailed traveling orders to the Israelites, they complained about God's provisional instructions. The result of that criticism (complaint) is recorded in Numbers 11:1, 2: "Now when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; for the Lord heard it, and His anger was aroused. **So the fire of the Lord burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.** Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the Lord, the fire was quenched." Notice that God's answer to criticism of His instructional provisions for His people was fire that burned some of the Israelites to death. **Let me repeat, Criticism is of self, the god of Satan, who then, in the process, becomes your father – and that is applicable on both sides of the cross!!!**

¹⁴Spiritual truth may be mathematically discerned

Knowledge + understanding = wisdom (2 + 2 = 4)
wisdom - understanding = knowledge (4 - 2 = 2)
wisdom - knowledge = understanding (4 - 2 = 2)

important for My body to know this.

In writing about this you might start with Eve and Adam. They are good examples.

Satan's attraction comes through lust and pride. Mine comes through love and humility.

To lust after something is to want something that is not yours and to be willing to pay whatever price it takes to get it, including the compromising of your body, your integrity, your honesty or your principles. That is Satan's rule – He comes to steal, kill and destroy man by drawing him to self that must be denied to follow Me.

One who is drawn to self will be governed by lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. One drawn to Me must deny self through which comes these three temptations (all evil).

Only as self is denied may all evil be denied and overcome.

There, in summary, is the spiritual war defined.

Satan draws one to self, through whom all evil originates in fallen man. I draw one to Me through whom all good is obtained, but only as self is denied.

My son, isn't it simple when seen by revelation?

All arguments draw attention to self.

When self is exalted. Satan is in control.

Fallen man, in and of himself, is no match for Satan and never will be. He is easy prey for the enemy. Fallen man is easily drawn to self. **The whole earth** is polluted by the sin of selfishness versus selflessness.

My world is about giving – which is of self denied.

Satan's world is about getting, which is of self exalted.

When self is indulged, Satan is your father.

Choose you this day whom you shall serve.

It is important to know this today because Satan's activity has been and will continue to be stepped up.

Self must be denied to follow the Lord.

Self must be indulged to follow Satan.

When self is in charge, Satan is in control.

The only power Satan has is the power of suggestion. His suggestions focus on self. My suggestions focus upon self denied to follow Me.

Only as you surrender to self does Satan have authority in your life. The more you surrender to self, the greater authority Satan has over you.

It works the same way with Me. The more of self you surrender to Me, the greater influence I have over you.

Serving both sides may be taken to the extreme so that one may be totally possessed or controlled, either by Satan or by God.

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