

# THE LUCIFERIAN REVOLT

## The Origin, Outworing and Obsolescence of Evil

THEODICY IS THE ONE QUESTION that supersedes all others: If God is all-powerful and all-good, why is there evil and suffering in our world? If all-powerful, it follows that He *could* stop evil instantaneously. If truly good, it follows that He *would* want to stop evil. Since He has not done so, does it follow that He is either lacking in power or lacking in goodness? Or is there another answer to the problem?

There are four main answers offered to resolve the problem of evil:

1. Naturalism (materialism, evolution, atheism)
2. Pantheism (religious naturalism, dualism, karma)
3. Classical Theism (determinism, Calvinism, monism, absolute sovereignty)
4. Benevolent Theism (freewill theism, warfare theodicy, Christus Victor)

The answer communicated in Scripture is number four. *Naturalism* says that there is no such thing as moral evil and that suffering is simply the natural process by which evolution advances and therefore ultimately necessary and beneficial. *Pantheism* says that suffering is natural and necessary to the evolution of life, and that evil is the needed opposite of good and is co-eternal with good. *Classical Theism* says that God bears absolute and exhaustive control over all events, including all evil and suffering; all that ever occurs is the will of God for some inscrutable purpose. By contrast to these three worldviews, *Benevolent Theism* says that the essential reality of God's character is love, and as such that God created beings with the capacity for love by endowing them with freewill. But there is a risk factor involved in creating free moral agents: the risk of freewill may be employed in rebellion against God and His will for love to reign supreme. Evil arose in the universe by the will of free creatures, not by the will of God, and God is now engaged in a plan to overcome evil while saving all who would choose be saved. Because God is all-powerful, He could immediately destroy evil by sheer force, but His goal is higher, namely to eradicate evil while preserving our freedom and therefore our capacity for love.

### Good and Very Good

**Genesis 1:4-31**—...good...good...good...good...good...good...\_\_\_\_\_ good.

**Ecclesiastes 7:29, NCV**—God made people good, but they have found all kinds of ways to be bad.

### An Enemy Has Done This!

**Matthew 13:36-39**—<sup>24</sup> The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup> But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the owner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?" <sup>28</sup> He said to them, "\_\_\_\_\_." The servants said to him, "Do you want us then to go and gather them up?" <sup>29</sup> But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest."

**NOTE:** Theodicy—"The branch of theology that defends God's goodness and justice in the face of the existence of evil."

Theo=God  
Dikē=Justice

**NOTE:** In order to really understand the human situation, it is vital that we grasp the pathology and structural contents of evil.

**NOTE:** The first two chapters of the Bible describe the perfection of God's original creation. The last two chapters of the Bible describe the perfection of the new creation free from all evil and pain. Everything in between is the story of the outworking of God's plan to eradicate evil while preserving human freedom and the capacity for love.

## The Fall of Lucifer

**Luke 10:18**—I saw Satan fall like lightning from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 12:3-9**—<sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon...<sup>4</sup> His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth...<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in \_\_\_\_\_: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,<sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.<sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

## A Character Profile of Lucifer

**Isaiah 14:12-20**—<sup>12</sup> How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!<sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: “I will \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven, I will \_\_\_\_\_ my throne \_\_\_\_\_ the stars of God; I will also sit on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;<sup>14</sup> I will \_\_\_\_\_ the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.”<sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.<sup>16</sup> “Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying, “Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,<sup>17</sup> who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?”

**Ezekiel 28:1-2, 12-19**—<sup>2</sup> ...your heart is lifted up, and you say, “I am a god, I sit in the seat of God (KJV), in the midst of the seas,” yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of God (KJV)...<sup>11</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,<sup>12</sup> “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord GOD: You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.<sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God... The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.<sup>14</sup> You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.<sup>15</sup> You were \_\_\_\_\_ in your ways from the day you were created, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned...<sup>17</sup> “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.”

## The Central Issue in Revelation

**2 Thessalonians 2: 1-4**—<sup>1</sup> Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,<sup>2</sup> not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,<sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

**Revelation 13:1-4**—<sup>1</sup> Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.<sup>2</sup> ...The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.<sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.<sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast.

**NOTE:** Lucifer name given the first-created and highest ranking member of the angelic order. The name means, *luminous* or *lightbearer*. It was his privilege to know and reflect the radiant light of God glorious character. When Lucifer rebelled against God, his name was changed to Satan, which means *adversary*.

**NOTE:** Rev. 17:15 defines “the seas” as people. Lucifer aspired to be the center of attention and worship.

**NOTE:** See Psalm 80:1 on Cherubim.

**NOTE:** God’s true heart and ultimate plan—“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

## “Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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