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## The Testing and Fall of Satan, Part 1



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WE HAVE DEALT WITH THE TESTING AND FALL OF SATAN FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGH THE YEARS, BUT IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT SOME ARE TEACHING IN THIS HOUR OF TIME, I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO TAKE SOME TIME AND GET THIS FRESH AGAIN IN OUR MIND'S. I

HAVE FOUND THROUGH THE YEARS, THAT REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES SOME HAVE HEARD SOMETHING TAUGHT, THERE JUST SEEMS TO BE A TIME THAT THE SPIRIT QUICKENS IT TO THEM. NATURALLY WE DO NOT EXPECT EVERYONE TO CATCH EVERYTHING AT THE SAME TIME, AND SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT WE WILL TOUCH ON ARE THINGS THAT OPEN UP OTHER SCRIPTURES TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, SO WE WANT TO BE SURE EVERYONE HAS THEIR CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND WHY MANKIND IS IN THE MESS IT IS FOUND IN TODAY. WE ARE GETTING CLOSE TO THE END OF GENTILE TIME AND IT SEEMS THAT EVERY SPIRIT OF HELL IS VYING FOR THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN A CREATOR, TRYING TO GET EVERYONE SIDETRACKED WITH SOME

PERVERTED VERSION OF WHAT IS JUST AHEAD FOR BELIEVERS. I REMEMBER, BACK AROUND THE TIME WHEN I WAS IN THE FIFTH GRADE, IN ONE OF OUR HISTORY BOOKS, THERE WAS A REFERENCE MADE TO DARWIN, THAT HE HAD COME OUT WITH A THEORY THAT MAN WAS JUST A PRODUCT OF EVOLUTION, AND THAT THERE WAS NOT A GOD, A CREATOR IN THE PICTURE AT ALL, THAT THINGS JUST HAPPENED. THE WORD EVOLUTION REALLY HAD A CHILLING, SCARY FEELING FOR ME. I HAD ALWAYS BEEN USED TO HEARING CREATION THE WAY RELIGION HAD BROUGHT IT. TIME MOVED ON AND THE WAR YEARS CAME, NOTHING SEEMS TO BE DISTURBING THE MIND ANY MORE, BUT IN THE 1950'S, VERY SLOWLY THIS SPIRIT BEGAN TO CREEP INTO OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AND IT HAS REALLY GAINED MOMENTUM THROUGH THE YEARS SINCE. THAT IS WHY I WANT TO PRESENT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU AT THIS TIME. I WANT YOU TO SEE A SOVEREIGN CREATOR FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND THEN I WANT YOU TO SEE A DEVIL THAT IS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO THE TASK OF PERVERTING THE WORD OF GOD AND DECEIVING THOSE WHO WOULD DESIRE TO WALK WITH GOD;

AND I WANT YOU TO SEE HOW THIS DEVIL ENDED UP BEING A DEVIL, AN ADVERSARY OF THE CREATOR, WHEN IN HIS BEGINNING, HE WAS A BEAUTIFUL ARCHANGEL.

I am not the smartest person in the world, but when we are finished with this message, I am going to ask you, Can you find anywhere else in the world that you can hear what you have just heard, except from brothers in various places that see these scriptures as we do? You will not hear anything like this in your denominational systems of religion. When I get to a certain place in it the message, I will be talking a lot about horses, because I like horses. If you like dogs or other animals, just transpose what I am saying to the animal structure you are most interested in. You that like cats, do likewise. Or maybe you like cattle. Evolution is still going on, but that which is evolving was first created, so do not let the word evolution throw you. When we are dealing with mankind in this era since our beginning in Eden, we have to see beyond evolution, which is still continuing on in the animal kingdom, but we also have to see redemption. Evolution is a beautiful thing if you can see it with a sovereign Creator behind it. If you cannot see God behind it, as far as I am concerned you may as well go look for some place that you

can agree with, because I assure you, all that you will hear from me, will be about something that first began with an original creation of a sovereign God. I want to say these things today because I know somewhere there is some educated professor, maybe not in America, but this does go into certain colleges in Africa, that will try to tear all of it apart. I hope they will take it and analyze it. First off, scientists and evolutionists that want to believe things just happened, they have no proof whatsoever that their theory is right. Whatever they have from scientific discoveries, can easily be explained within the realm of creation by those who have a proper understanding of the scriptures. I want to take and use a certain position which represents the planet as it has moved out of time past into our era of time, to start this message. Now that we are living over here in the closing of this Grace Age, we can look back through the binoculars of spiritual revelation, because we can see what has been going on from here to here, (pointing to chart, from creation until now). We can see exactly how to look at and interpret certain things that have only been theories before now, and we can make them express reality. We can compare it to certain things that are taking place over here. Keep in mind, back in this era, (before Genesis 1: 2) there was such a thing as prehistoric man. This is a drawing, an illustration of the last stage that the prehistoric creature supposedly evolved to. He is

referred to as the modern man. Because evolutionists do not want to believe in God and what they read in the Bible, they are trying to say this creature is still evolving, and that we are the result of it. Well, God played a trick on them, but they still do not want to admit it. Before I read any scripture, I want to make a few comments. This symbolizes the planet earth (Pointing to chart) somewhere in the eons past. We are using a proximity of sixty five million years ago. I do not really care if they want to say it is billions. That is alright with me. I will not argue that point, because being so exact on that, is not essential to what we are going to talk about. If they want to go into trillions, that is O.K., but when they try to bring it all about without God in the picture, I pity them. Do you know why I pity them? Because this last state of evolution over here in this creature, was the serpent that was resurrected to be at the head of the animal kingdom given to Adam. Do not get the idea that the animal kingdom God gave Adam was just a new bunch that God fashioned from a mud hole somewhere. No. Think of it like this, They had already existed in eons past, so God just resurrected them in whatever stature of size He wanted them to be. What scientists call the modern man, they claim to have traces of ninety thousand years ago, and they want to think we evolved off of that. That was the serpent that had been resurrected along with the rest of that animal kingdom. I realize the critics

can say, Why do you say He resurrected them instead of creating them? All because it establishes this, if we can look forward to a resurrection, listen to me, if we look forward to a resurrection, what would hinder God from resurrecting something that has evolved through millions of years of time and has been brought to that progressive state? Then God destroyed it all in a catastrophic state of judgment. Then for Adam's sake He revived it, that which He wants to use to start this new process. There are those that will say, Well you have no trace of anything that proves there is a broken interval between that modern man of millions of years ago and man as he is today, living here in the closing years of Grace Age time. I believe the Bible gives it to us. While it is true, the Catholic Church is now saying some things, and I will read it to you, I still hold to my understanding of the prehistoric era. This was given to me a few weeks back, taken from one of the News Papers. It is a release from the Vatican.

### **READING**

Cardinal John O'Connor of New York said this, "Adam and Eve may have been some other form than human, and it is possible that the first living creature was a lower animal. Cardinal

John O'Connor told worshipers at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The comment Sunday by the head of the New York archdiocese came a month after Pope John Paul II said the theory of evolution was more than just a hypothesis. It is possible that when the two persons we speak of as Adam and Eve were created, it was in some other form and God breathed life into them, breathed a soul into them. That is a scientific question, O'Connor was quoted as saying in today's daily news. Perhaps the spirit of God that brought forth life into the earth was a lower animal, he said."

I would be ashamed of myself to represent a universal religion that is supposed to believe in Jesus Christ, to go so far as to say Adam and Eve might have been created first in a lower form of life. That is a terrible thing for such a man to say. Let us turn to Genesis 1, and read something. If I cannot have confidence in what I am about to read, why have confidence in any of the rest of the Bible? While it is true, it was not written at the time Adam was created, it was written by Moses when they came through the wilderness journey, between 1400 and 1300 B.C., but I have total confidence in the accuracy of it. He wrote the first five books of the Bible as the Creator instructed and enabled him. A lot of people might say, Don't you believe a lot of this can be legendary? No, because God said that

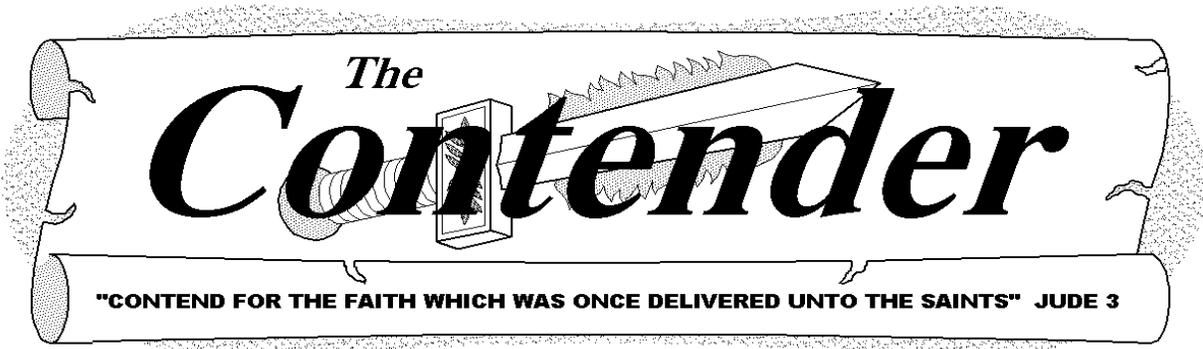
of all the men that He had spoke to, there was not a man like Moses. He spoke to him face to face. If God wanted His word, the story of the planet and so forth, and what has been progressing from the beginning of this era of time until then, I do not believe God just let this man wander through the wilderness, leading a group of people to a promised land, and let him base his historical writing upon a bunch of legends handed down through time. I believe God spoke to him exactly in the fashion He willed it to be recorded, and Moses wrote it as he heard it. Notice the first verse of the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (It does not say how long ago that was.) The religionists of today want to say that in six twenty four hour days God created the heaven and earth. That is not the way I see it. The Bible itself proves it was not like that, and that the religionists are reading it wrong. In fact I cannot understand how they can go to those colleges and universities and seminaries and get their degrees in theological learning, and become so blinded and naive. The next verse gives us a clue. "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." That second verse tells us this, that at the time this verse applied to, according to the record that was being written by Moses, the earth was without form and void. Void means it was rendered useless: It was uninhabited: There was nothing alive on it. Darkness was upon

the face of the deep. The word deep does not speak of a hole in the ground: It speaks of the vastness of space. Darkness was upon space around the planet. "And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Why is it important at this time that He move upon the face of the waters? Where are the waters he spoke of? They are everywhere around the planet. There was not only water upon the earth, there was water in the air all around it. That is why these excesses of water so filled the space in the area around the earth that darkness, sunlight which was still out there millions of miles away, could not penetrate all the clouds of fog that was generating from the planet, because the planet was cold. That is why it took the Spirit of God to move on that, first of all. With that in mind, we realize this is enough to give you and I something to provoke our thinking, that time for us was not back before here. (Pointing to chart showing the earth before Genesis 1:2) Here is where our time started. When God reached a time that He was going to use the planet for us, at that time, darkness (There it is.) was upon the face of the deep. The earth was formless, shapeless and void. With that in mind just remember, there are many prophecies in the Bible which speak of that and give us a true description. First, when we go through the Genesis record, how God began to move upon the deep, then He began to separate the waters that were above the firmament, (That is the heavens which He was

going to allow to be the atmosphere around the planet.) from the waters that were below. The waters that were below, He gathers together on the earth itself. In other words, the fog definitely had to settle as light broke through. He pulled that which was up here, on out into outer space and there is where He formed a vapor belt that you could not see with the natural eye. That is definitely what God put there to protect the earth from the extreme ultra violet rays of the sun as it is shining on planet earth. When you read it, that is exactly the picture you will get. To say that was a day of twenty four hours is merely hypothetical. When you come on over to the 2nd chapter and 4th verse, after He has finished the seventh day and has rested, it says, These are the generations. How can you use a day of twenty four hours and refer to it as a generation? You cannot do it. "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens." That goes to show that this process involved generations and generations of time. Therefore I hope you will forget this day of twenty four hours kind of thinking and look at this record the way God wants the bride Church to look at it. That is all the denominational religionists have used, because they have been blinded by their own education. As we move on here, there are so many things I want to get started on, and each one starts down a long road that I do not want to

go too far on just yet because it leaves to many unanswered questions back here. As you get down the road a way you think, Well what about this, what about this, and what about this? That is why I ask for your prayers, because I do not want to present this just for my own interests, but for the glory of God, and to give Christian people something to really look at and realize God will not leave His people in ignorance when we see what the devil, in the closing of Gentile time, is doing his utmost to accomplish. If we can accept the fact that right here, as God begins to deal with the planet and bring it back into relationship with what He wants to use it for, (which was our beginning) it was still in a judged state from judgment on a prehistoric creation, the rest of it will make a lot more sense to us. Our beginning, when it starts, read the 2nd chapter and 8th verse. "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden." (That gives you the geographical direction of where Adam was placed.) The word Eden means paradise or beginning of God. Not His beginning, but the beginning of whatever He is purposing to project. It is in relationship to how God wants to form a beginning for man. It tells you here, that in the midst of this garden, He put the man. Then out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree. Here comes the plant life, vegetation. Then the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life, but they did not grow out of the ground. They are two mystery trees that were in the

MIDST of the garden. They existed in the spirit realm. "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads." This garden is not a small place in God's back yard. No sir. Right here, (pointing to chart) in this area, is where the garden was. Here is the Nile River. It refers to the Nile, the Euphrates, the Havilah that runs cross wise of this area of Saudi Arabia. Keep in mind, that is the geographical description before the flood. It is not like that now. So this is the territory that Eden bounded by for your and my beginning. Did you notice, Not a thing is mentioned about diamonds, sapphires, rubies or anything else like that in this garden? It is a garden in the natural, that portrays the geography and the plant life, or vegetation. There are two of these gardens in the Bible. Therefore I want to say to these carnal religionists and the scientists that doubt God, How come you have overlooked this fact?



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