

The good and the evil behavior of humanity

I make this claim: All significant human thought results from some external influence. I firmly believe this and I'll tell you why: According to Ezekiel 28:11-17, until the fall, Lucifer was the morning star, the son of dawn, the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was the anointed guardian Cherub in God's garden (*presumably the Garden of Eden*). He walked on the holy mount of God among the fiery stones. However, his great wisdom and beauty finally led to a narcissistic pride and then complete selfish rebellion against God.

Revelation 12:3-4 tells us his beauty and influence was so great that he was able to corrupt a third of God's angels in heaven and they were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9 calls him the great dragon, the ancient serpent called the devil.

He then, being God's enemy, was able to take revenge by leading humanity, God's children, astray, enticing them to abandon the Holy Spirit in favor of yielding to an attractiveness they thought was going to be a "self directed" way of life. Agape love was purged from their psyche and replaced with emotional fear. They didn't realize the value of spiritual empowerment, the authority to "speak" their providence, a perfect plan to follow the example God provided when He referred to all of Creation as a spoken event before declaring humanity in His image (Genesis 1:26). Job provided a perfect example of the destructive nature of fear in Job 3:26 when he said, "*The things I feared have come upon me, the things I dreaded have happened.*"

Humanity's speaking authority was now distorted. God's children became agents of evil, speaking negative fear driven selfishness as their newly initiated providence. Verse 12:10 in Revelation tells us Satan is the accuser of our brothers before God. We see him as the tempter in Matthew chapter 4. In Job 2 we see him as the accuser and punisher of humanity. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 11:14 that he masquerades as "*an angel of light.*"

So, my question, do we have original thinking? Is external influence ever totally absent regarding significant arenas of our thought process, times when we are planning our agenda and being creative, positively or negatively? Did Edison create the light bulb or was it God's time, place and person, inspired by our Lord's chosen providence?

Look at Ecclesiastes 1:10 NLT: *Sometimes people say, "Here is something new!" But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly a new idea.*

.Let's look at Jesus' words in John 8:28 "*When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but 'speak' just what the Father has taught me.*"

When we possess our Lord's Holy Spirit with its incredible accompanying wisdom and counsel, do we not claim by faith our desire to follow that discipline? It is very interesting to note, until Satan surfaced, described early in Genesis, humanity seemed to live contently by possessing the wisdom and counsel of our Lord's Spirit, no evil, no fear driven selfishness, and no special needs; just Agape Love, a purpose driven verb, not just an emotional feeling. It's like it will be in heaven, total love and no fear!!!

Now, notice this, when Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit away from humanity, following Christ's return during the thousand years described in Rev. 20:2-3, the world once again returns to an Eden like environment. Then when the devil is allowed to spring upon the earth once more as pointed out in Rev. 20:7, we see the same evil results as before, a spirit of rebellion and war. The only common thread in these behavioral seasons is Satan's presence or absence. So I ask, what thought sources are guiding your arenas of thought and practice???

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