

The Auschwitz Within

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The Two Opposing Missions:

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:9-11

The **Thief** comes to . . .
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John 10:10

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John 10:10

Satan

The Contrary One, The Adversary, The Enemy, The Accuser
from the verb *saTan*, "to lie in wait"

The Thief (John 10:10) , **The Father of Lies** (John 8:44); **The Murderer** (John 8:44); **The Devourer** (Malachi 3:11), **The Deceiver** (Revelation 12:9); **The Tempter** (Matthew 4:5; 1 Th 3:5); **The Destroyer** (Rev 9:11); **The Accuser** (Rev 12:10); **The Enemy** (Matthew 13:39); **The Adversary** (1 Peter 5:8); **The Devil**

Jesus

God in the Flesh - The Resurrection and the Life - the Mighty Man of Salvation

The Creator of all things (Colossians 1:16), **The Upholder** of all things (Hebrews 1:3), **The Life** (1 John 1:2), **He that liveth** (Revelation 1:18), **The Prince of Life** (Acts 3:15), **The Tree of Life** (Revelation 2:7), **The Bread of Life** (John 6:35), **The Word of Life** (1 John 1:1), **The Beginning and the Ending** (Revelation 1:8), **The Savior** of the World (1 John 4:14), **The Good Shepherd** - that laid down his life (John 10:11), **A Strength to the needy** in distress (Isaiah 25:4), **The Word that was made flesh** (John 1:14), **A Child Born** (Isaiah 9:6), **The Intercessor** (Hebrews 7:25), **Faithful and True** (Revelation 19:11), **The Truth** (John 14:6), **The Resurrection** (John 11:25), **A Quickening Spirit** (1 Corinthians 15:45), **a Friend that loveth at all times** (Proverbs 17:17), **My Helper** (Hebrews 13:6), **My Healer** (Luke 9:11), **My Keeper** (John 17:12), **My Feeder** (Ezekiel 34:23), **My All in All** (Colossians 3:11)

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As it is in Heaven

1. God sponsors conception, He is the Author of Life
2. God brings Life unto full ripeness and readiness
3. God does not abort or miscarry Life
4. The work that God begins, He also is faithful to bring it to completion

God Sponsors Conception, He is the Author of Life

Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb . . .

Isaiah 44:2a

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee . . .

Jeremiah 1:5a

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: **marvelous are thy works**; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Psalm 139:13-18

God Brings Life Unto Full Ripeness and Readiness

And so it was, that, while they were there, **the days were accomplished** that she should be delivered . . . And **when eight days were accomplished** for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And **when the days** of her purification according to the law of Moses **were accomplished**, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:6,21-22

There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: **the number of thy days I will fulfill.**

Exodus 23:26

Thou shalt come to thy grave **in a full age**, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

Job 5:26 KJV

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days . . .

Isaiah 65:20a

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

Luke 1:57

God Does Not Abort or Miscarry Life

No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

Exodus 23:26

These twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young . . .

Genesis 31:38a

Their bull breeds without failure; Their cow calves without miscarriage.

Job 21:10

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:11

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:14

He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Psalms 107:38

That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.

Psalm 144:13

What God Begins, He brings to Completion

Looking unto Jesus the author **and finisher** of our faith . . .

Hebrews 12:2

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you **will perform it** until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:6

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning **and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty . . . And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning **and the end**. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 1:8; 21:6

Falling in Love with a Lie

- ♦ First, we **trifle** with Sin, and **meditate** upon the forbidden
- ♦ As a result, we **cease to Love the Truth** (Love Grows Cold due to distance from the Fire)
- ♦ Next, we **begin to love a Lie** Instead (This “good” can be gained only by doing that which is wrong - but the ends will justify the means)

- ✦ Then, we are not just fond of the Lie - but we now **believe the Lie** (though I'm doing "wrong," I'm accomplishing "good")
- ✦ And consequently, **what was once Wrong, now becomes Right**
- ✦ And ultimately, if this course is not repented of, we will, as a matter of course, **become an agent of the Lie**, helping others to believe as we do, and do the same.

The Fatal Agreement with Death

#1 - God Makes Clear His Commands, His Truth

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**

Genesis 2:16-17

#2 - The Serpent Inquires of your Knowledge of the Truth

Now the serpent was more subtle 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? - Genesis 3:1

#3 - The Serpent Investigates for Vulnerabilities

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. - Genesis 3:2-3

#4 - The Serpent Proposes the Temptation

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. - Genesis 3:4-5

#5 - The Serpent Oversees the Failure

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 3:6

Particeps Criminis

Participant in the Crime

Now it would seem that to make Satan pre-eminently the deceiver would make man an innocent victim and thus relax the moral issue. But according to the Bible man is **particeps criminis** in the process of his own deception. He is deceived only because he ceases to love the truth and comes first to love and then to believe a lie. This really goes to the very bottom of the problem of temptation. Men are not tempted by evil, per se, but by a good which can be obtained only at the cost of doing wrong. The whole power of sin, at least in its beginnings, consists in the sway of the fundamental falsehood that any good is really attainable by wrongdoing.

Louis Matthews Sweet

The Child Facing the Tree

- Obtaining a Toy
- Avoiding Discipline
- Peace within the Home
- Making the House Beautiful

The Adult Facing the Tree

- Taxes
- Speeding
- Sleeping in
- Eating too much

The Culture Facing the Tree

- Not yet ready for the burden of a baby?

Let us Not Forget . . .

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