

The Word's Eye View

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Is Satan a Liberal? (Article 69)

One day last week while driving down the highway I tuned the radio into one of those non-White House approved conservative talk programs. A caller from Alabama made a statement in passing that clearly stunned the host momentarily. In the midst of a discussion about liberal thinking, he declared that Satan was the first liberal. Vehicle confinement was immediately relieved as I began to contemplate that brief theological assertion. My mind raced in a chronological order of satanic events in the Scriptures which are our only real source of authority on the behavior of the Wicked One.

Over the years the definition of liberal has been tinkered with to the extent that it has changed dramatically. In yesteryear liberal was akin to generosity; today that may still be true, but it generally is government generosity with the taxpayers' money. Any examination of liberal thinking in the light of satanic influence must be done with contemporary definitions.

The first mention of Lucifer beyond his creation occurs in Isaiah 14 which documents his rebellion and fall from the Heavens. Five times he announced his abhorrence for God's authority and his intentions to elevate himself to the extent that he would be accountable to no one. Because this mindset has always appealed to the leftist, the growing majority of Congress despises the idea of being held accountable to the voters who put them there. The sixties were characterized by a certain cultural revolution which included Woodstock, hippies, etc. The war cry for so many of that generation was "do your own thing." Their behavior strongly suggested that any blankets of traditional values be thrown off in favor of societal nakedness. That mindset has provided the soil for the present trees of leadership in our nation.

The next appearance of the devil is in the Garden of Eden. He approached Eve with a simple strategy... just question what God has said and sow seeds of doubt which will eventually erupt into the same rebellion that Satan himself manifested. The "Yea, hath God said" society seems to be alive and well to this day. In the case of Adam and Eve it had to do with a forbidden fruit; liberals seem to favor putting the crosshairs on just about anything that is forbidden. These time-honored values such as marriage and religion must be classified as anchors that weigh down the ship of human experience. The Serpent promised that disobedience to the single commandment of God would result in eyes being opened with an incredible ability to be like gods. There was the bait...like a bear going to a September apple tree. Just think...if we can be like gods, we would be highly intelligent, able to forecast the future, admired by everyone and accountable to no one.

The narrative immediately preceding the garden episode is the account of creation. It seems that regardless of how much science is produced to verify this marvelous explanation, it is dismissed and rejected from even being presented as a competing theory. Why is this narrow minded, prejudicial modus operandi constantly being demanded? Is it because it is truly unscientific or rather because creation, spoken into existence by the word of God, has an enemy that casts a wide swath of influence? It's obvious that liberals favor evolution no matter how many holes it may have in it. Who originated, "Yea, hath God said?"

Jesus launched His earthly ministry by fasting forty days and nights in the wilderness. The tempter came to Him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." The temptation was obvious...you deserve a break today. Burger King is available at Your command. You should be provided for---health care, welfare, and all the other amenities should be yours. Jesus resisted the temptation to do what He clearly had the power to do, even if it meant a denial of His own comfort. Liberals would have accepted the invitation to dine without reservation, but Jesus was just too conservative to accept a dinner that wasn't prepared by someone who worked in the kitchen.

The second temptation finds the devil daring Christ to cast Himself off the pinnacle of the temple in the belief that the angels would intercede in His behalf. To live in a reckless fashion with the expectation that it is the obligation of others to salvage all of our personal insanities is ungodly. Should I be responsible for those who choose to become addicted to destructive behavior? Satan would say, "Yes;" Jesus votes No!

The third seduction is the most covert of all. The devil takes Jesus to a high mountain and offers Him the kingdoms of the world if He will just fall down and worship him. Christ knows that all these kingdoms will all one day be His, but He must first follow the path of the cross before He can wear the crown. The tree of enticement is so evident that it is usually missed for the forest. Sacrifice the permanent upon the altar of the immediate. Liberals are good at that--get a bill through, pass a stimulus package, cap and trade sounds good...but there is no real concern for long term ramifications.

Many would consider any caller from Alabama an ignorant redneck, but he may have captured a profound truth? Who was the first liberal?