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Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

...Including all the angels

Staggering intellectual and physical capabilities

Had been witnesses and co-workers in creation for billions of years

Had seen the orderliness and genius in God's design and creation of the universe, from sub-atomic to super-galactic.

Psa_19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

This should have inspired unfailing confidence in God' ability to work out his own will for the blessing of all.

The creation of Man was the ultimate, physical creation in the universe.

Psa 8:5 For thou hast made him (man) a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

SPIRITUAL AND HUMAN NATURES SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ...

A201p1: "The character of the mental operations of each is the same. With the same data for reasoning, and under similar conditions, these different natures are able to arrive at the same conclusions."

God's intelligent creation all have reason, memory, free will, and can make decisions.

So, God can say, to mankind:

Isa 1:18 "Come, let us reason together."

There had never been any discord, disharmony, or "failure" in the outworking of God's will, until Gen 3.

But, ambition, pride, and sin were in Lucifer's heart

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Lucifer's plan was to separate perfect man from God, to show his superiority over God, and to be worshipped above God.

He presented Eve with accusations against God's motives and character and then presented her with a tempting proposition to gain knowledge with no effort.

Eve had no direct experience with God, or with lies and deceit. She succumbed. Adam followed, and it seemed that God's wonderful plan had been foiled by this simple ploy of Lucifer, now Satan.

God had revealed himself only by the outworking of his plan, but not the plan itself.

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

So, this perceived failure by God to preserve His human creation, along with His death sentence on humanity was a conceptual challenge to the angelic creation.

After all, no angel had ever died!

What had happened? Could this be corrected? Who would correct it? And How?

Did this shake the angels' confidence in God?

Would they trust God or take matters into their own hands?

Paul Tells us that:

Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

The inference is that the "world that was"... before the flood, was under the ministrations of angels.

Unlike the angels, mankind had the capacity to procreate, to reproduce.

This was an intriguing opportunity to some of the angels.

They may have thought, "some new blood could possibly correct the dying condition of mankind." After all, no angel had ever died.

They materialized for procreation...

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

When they materialized as humans, even with their superior intelligence, they were likely subject to the same passions as other humans.

Gen 6:4 There were Nephilim in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

This destructive, hybrid race was unauthorized in God's plan...

Maybe these angels began with a desire to help, but this, mixed with a lack of confidence in God, and the carnal desire for the daughters of men, led them in a sinful direction.

They now had their own children, their own offspring.

They were now, in a way, like God, in bringing forth life by doing their own will.

Whatever their intent in bringing forth their Nephilim offspring, God put an end to it.

God' response...

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,

Gen 6:7 ...I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

God would preserve the pure strain of Humanity

Gen 6:9 ...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Uncontaminated by the fallen angels

Noah's faith in God was manifested by building the ark in obedience to the God's covenant and instructions.

Result of the Flood

Only 8 humans lived through the flood – Noah and his family.

All the fallen angels were still alive, but all their "children" had been destroyed by God through the flood.

God's punishment of the fallen angels...

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains (supernatural restraints) under darkness unto (until) the judgment of the great day.

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (tartarus – earth's atmosphere), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

No more materializations.

Now what?

Whose example will they follow? Satan's? or God and the Holy angels?

The vindictive ones, would follow Satan, the usurper, the prince of this world, also called the prince of devils or demons

They had no further interest in rescuing mankind.

Now want to manipulate and alienate mankind from God and God's truth.

Enter Nimrod...

Gen 10:8 And [Ham's son] Cush begot Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

Gen 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD:

Gen 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Nimrod trusted his own strength as a hunter and protector rather than having any faith in God's power. Many followed Nimrod.

Josephus says in confirmation:

“The multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God.”—
Ant. 1:4:2

Nimrod was the son and husband of Semiramis – who together – began the great false religion promising – life-after-death, along with carnal pleasures now.

Edgar's Faith's foundations: “Mythology and the Bible”

Edgars: “Nimrod lead men into sensuality, teaching them that they might enjoy the “pleasures of sin” without fear of retribution from a holy God.”

Nimrod was killed in a violent death.

Later, Semiramis taught that Nimrod had been resurrected and was alive again, that Nimrod was the promised, "Seed of the Woman," (Gen 3:15)

Probably by suggestion by the father of lies...

Gen 3:4 Ye shall not surely die:

This was the origin of the most ancient, apostate, "Mother-Son", Life-after-death religion.

With this new belief... and fearing another flood, they began building...

Gen 11:4 Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Gen 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language...

Gen 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth...

They carried their new beliefs to all corners of the earth...

Religions around the world...

Greece - Ceres the great mother, with the babe at her breast

Pagan Rome - as Fortuna and the boy Jupiter

India - Isi and Iswara

Egypt: Isis and Osirus

in Tibet, China, and Japan, missionaries were astonished to find the exact counterpart of the Madonna and her child as devoutly revered as in Papal Rome itself!

Nimrod and Semiramis are known by many names: Look at Jeremiah

Tammuz, Baal were other names for Nimrod...

Astarte, Diana of the Ephesians, Queen of heaven – names for Semiramis

Paul tell us...

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator...

These life-after-death religions provided fertile opportunities for the fallen angels to continue their rebellion against God by enticing mankind further into these doctrines of devils.

Socrates and Plato taught the doctrine of immortality of the soul

But others, the Holy angels, and some of mankind maintained their confidence in God.

Job had said,

Job_14:13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, until thy wrath be past.

Job 14:14 ...all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Job spoke of death, and sheol, NOT life after death, but life after resurrection.

He knew that God would use the catastrophe of sin... as a blessing to mankind. (Permission of Evil)

But the fallen angels would promote of life-after-death by personating the dead.

They would communicate though mediums and necromancers.

People would think they were talking to deceased, but still-alive, people.

This would be almost irresistible evidence of life after death.

Most of mankind flowed along in this direction.

But this provided a way to identify those who wanted to think for themselves. They would go in the opposite direction. They would make waves. Like Abraham.

Abraham followed the one true God, left his home, the house of his father, and his pagan surroundings.

Later, God gave the Law to Israel to keep them separate, teach them righteousness, and prepare them to eventually be the bride of Christ.

Keep separate from the idolatrous people of the land and their pagan religions – most of which involved spiritism in some form.

Law

Lev 20:27 “A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer shall surely be put to death.”

Lev 20:6 “If a person **turns to** mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I ... will cut him off from among his people.”

After God had forsaken Saul – Saul was desperate - sought other means of information...

1Sa 28:3 Now Samuel had died, Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land.

1Sa 28:7 Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, ...and inquire of her.”

1Sa 28:11 Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He said, “Bring up Samuel for me.”

1Sa 28:15 Then Samuel (the spirit personating Samuel) said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?”

Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore, I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do.”

This lying spirit thinks – Saul, I’ve got you now!

The spirit knew that Saul’s army was outmatched, and God was not fighting for him.

1Sa 28:19 Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me.

This was not true, some of Saul’s sons lived.

According to:

Isa 41:21 Set forth your case, says the LORD; bring your proofs...

Isa 41:23 Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods;

These were impersonators, lying spirits.

How did Saul know that he could ask for a necromancer?

Because they were all around in Canaan, and many believed in them, despite the laws of God, and the lessons that the dead are really dead.

The fallen angels had done extensive, convincing, destructive work all around.

God says through Isaiah..

Isa 8:19 ...should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

Forbidden Pagan influences:

Deu 7:1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

Deu 7:2 .. thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them:

Terrible influences of pagan rites and demonism

Deu 18:10 "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses

divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,
Deu 18:11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

Spiritism, and child torture and sacrifice were found together.

Solomon ignored these laws...

1Ki_11:7 Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

2Ki 21:2 And Manasseh did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.

2Ki 21:6 And Manasseh burned his son as an offering and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers.

Once people are desperate, have no faith, and no hope... and think that some unseen malevolent force has control over them, they will do anything through fear... even torture their own children to death for Molech, Baal.

Perhaps the fallen angels thought, "Well, God told Abraham to kill and burn Isaac." And... God killed our children the Nephilim in the flood. So, we'll get these worthless humans to kill their own children too."

Medium & Possession...

What is a medium? A means through which an expression made.

A medium must first give themselves over to the control of the spirit. They must welcome the spirit to communicate through them.

Possession happens when the control of the person's mind and body becomes absolute. Identity is destroyed.

Fallen angels lost the power to materialize. They want the carnality, the sensuality, the pleasures of humanity... as close as they can get.

They look for people who are unsatisfied, curious, desperate, and searching, and willing to compromise their wills, to lower their resistance, and invite the spirit take control.

They work through friends, churches, self-help groups... any way to get a foot-hold.

They offer the "answers." But what they give is lies, deceit, betrayal, destruction.... For their own amusement.

They offer deeper "answers" and deeper "truths" and "powers."
"Beyond" the scriptures.

Spiritual gifts, speaking in tongues, healing, etc. are all deceptions and lies.

A deeply religious friend in a so-called church; "speaking in tongues" was promoted. She told me she had spoken in tongues on several occasions.

I asked, "what more have you learned about the word of God through this."

"Nothing."

I asked, "Who would want you to spend time and focus on this, thinking you are pleasing God, but get nothing at all out of it?"

Then she realized the source and never did it again.

Spiritism in many forms:

Ancestor worship – spirit guides

Indian fakirs – doing the undoable

Stigmata – bleeding from hands and feet

Seances – many fakes, but many are real – spiritism booklet:

Voodoo, witchcraft

Bleeding & weeping statutes

Ouija boards

My teenage Ouija board experience – simple curiosity

(Ignorance and curiosity are linked!)

Two sessions. The seducing spirit real, powerful, and malevolent, and scary.

Thankful for the lesson. I needed that. I never did it again. 16 years later found the truth.

Spiritism takes many forms. Modern entertainment promotes it.

Movies, books, holidays, internet, even school lessons.

Witchcraft, wiccan, etc. to promote religious freedom, tolerance, diversity.

It can flood into your homes through tv, movies, internet.

We must keep it out. Not become desensitized to it.

Br Ric Cunningham gave a wonderful public talk in New Albany, Louisville – Christian resources. “Angels and Demons in the World Today”

Paul talked about doctrines of devils.

1Ti_4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats (foods), which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know

Why would these seducing spirits want to marriage and meats to be forbidden?

Catholic priests and clergy...

To create an unsatisfied desire, need, or craving, then an offer to satisfy that desire in sinful ways, such as fornication (...infanticide), pedophilia.

Alienate the person from God, further and further. They then look for answers & solace outside of their relationship with God – just like Saul did.

Note that Martin Luther was a celibate priest, but he read the bible, followed it, and later married.

He learned of these “doctrines of devils,” and what Paul advised about marriage...

1Co 7:9 ...it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Is there hope for the Fallen Angels?

Yes

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

Jesus showed that spiritual power was not to be used in a selfish way; that the temptations of Satan can be rejected; that sacrifice on behalf of others and doing God's righteous will is the best path.

Then saw Jesus raised by God to the Divine Nature. What a lesson! Jesus preached by his actions, by his example.

The fallen angels could reform themselves; pattern themselves after the holy angels. They could stand strong against the influence of the prince of devils and his followers.

Jud_1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness until the judgment of the great day.

Implication is that many of these chains may be removed after the Lord's return. This increase freedom would then show if they have reformed themselves or not.

1Co 6:3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels?

The Spiritism Pamphlet (R2169-2189): Indicates their judgment (trial) may be in the Mediatorial phase of the Kingdom

"under the reign of Christ and the Church, "the Kingdom of God" in exalted power"

Later

R4292 JUDGMENT OF FALLEN ANGELS: “No test or trial would be possible for those demons during the Millennium, when nothing shall hurt or destroy”

R4880: “We cannot think that God will allow this trial of the angels during the Millennial reign, for then, Satan will be bound, and all evil influences restrained.”

The big lessons:

Have confidence in God, don't seek other answers, other safety, other solace, etc.

Be watchful, circumspect

Remember the vow: “resist everything akin to Spiritism and Occultism”

Our protection and safety:

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Guardian Angels

Mat 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Where do you live?

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Psa 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. (Where you abide: in Christ)

We want invite in the proper spirit into our hearts and minds

Eph 5:18 be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

1Co_3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Rom_8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

God wants us to retain our identity, to base our lives and our identity on the righteous principles, and influences that are being used to transform us into the character likeness of God's dear son.