



Evil, Part 6

***The Bible is a
Catalogue of
Divine Visitation
and Satanic
Infiltration.***

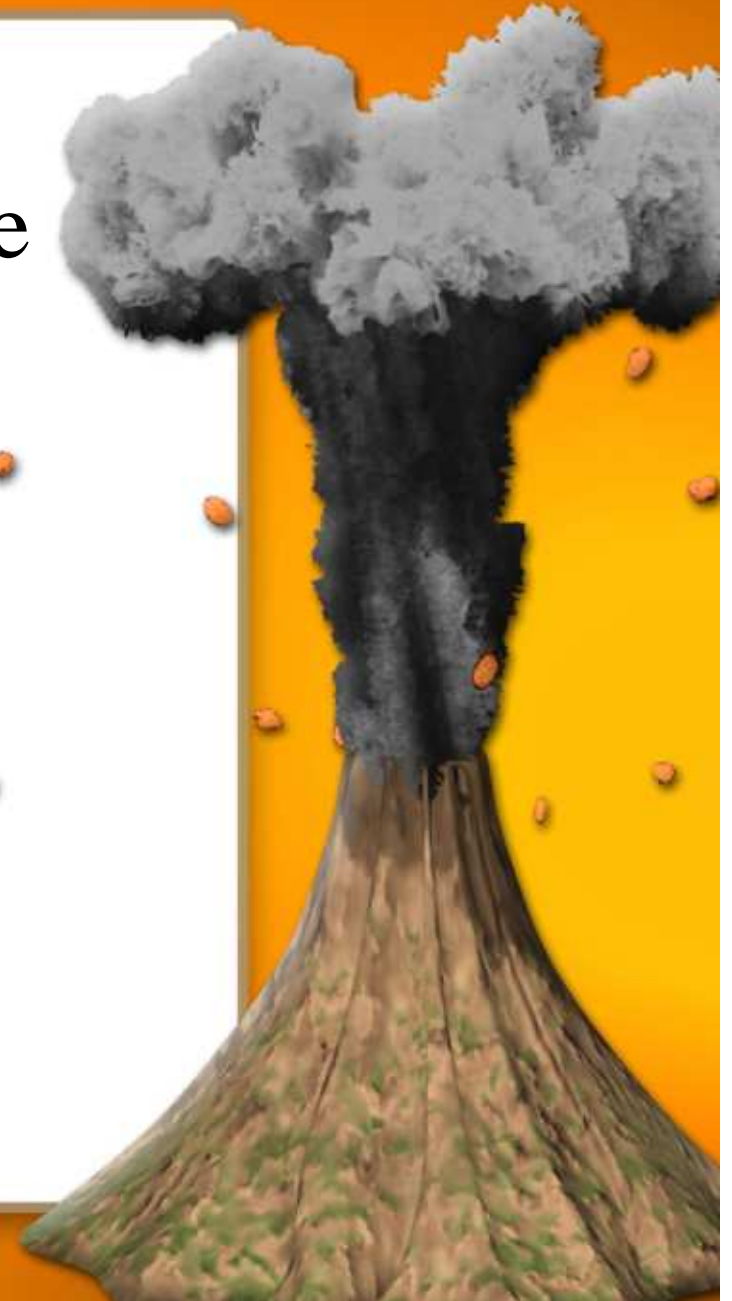


Divine Visitation



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- In **Genesis 3:7-21** God visited Adam and Eve in the garden immediately after their fall.
- The *grace provision* of animal skins replaced the *works provision* of fig leaves.



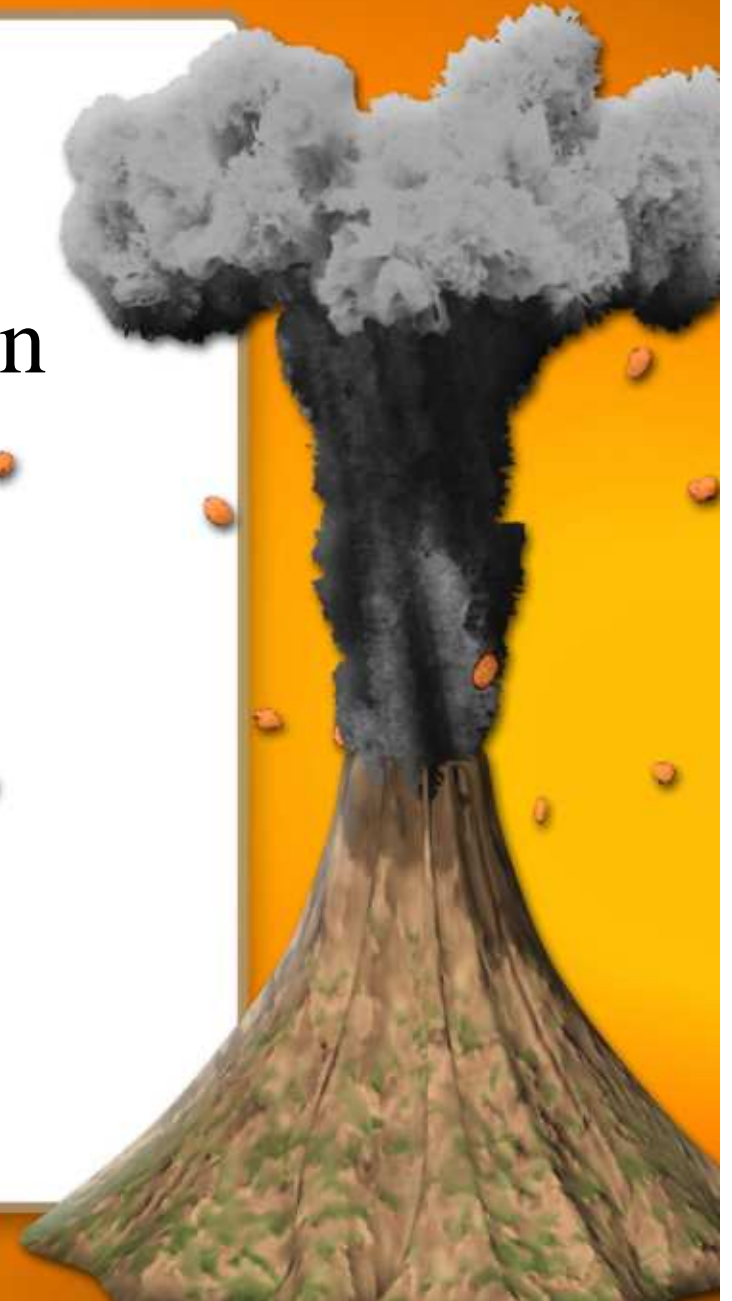
Divine Visitation

- God visited His people in a “a blazing fire from the midst of a bush” to rescue them from Egyptian (**Exodus 3:2**).
- **Exodus 3:7-8a**: “And the Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt . . . So, I have come down to deliver them.’”



Divine Visitation

- God visited His people in a “pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.”



Divine Visitation

- Likewise, the indwelling of “Christ in you” today provides us with direction and illumination so that *we* might “travel by day and by night” – (that is, advance toward spiritual maturity throughout every circumstance, whether difficult or easy) – **Colossians 1:27.**



Divine Visitation

- The most important divine visitation is found in **John 1:14**: “The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.”
- **Luke 1:68** says: “[The Lord] hath visited and redeemed His people.”



Divine Visitation

- **Isaiah 9:6:** “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.”
- **Luke 19:41-44:** “And when He [Jesus] approached, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes”



Divine Visitation

- **Luke 19:41-44:** “For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”



Divine Visitation

- Human history as we know it will culminate with a divine visitation.
- **Revelation 1:7:** “Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced Him [those whom He visited]: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.”



Divine Visitation

- **Zechariah 12:10b:** “And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for His only Son.”



***Satanic
Infiltration***



Satanic Infiltration

- In **Genesis 3:1** Satan visited Eve by indwelling a serpent and prompted her to question God's motivation regarding His plan for humankind.



Satanic Infiltration

- Satan struck to nullify the divine promise of **Genesis 3:15** (that the Savior would come from the “seed” of the woman) by attempting to corrupt the human race (**Genesis 6:2**).
- God snuffed out this infiltration with a universal flood, preserving only Noah and his family.



Satanic Infiltration

- When it became evident that the Messiah would come through the seed of Abraham, Satan began earnestly working to destroy the Jews.
- He motivated Pharaoh to murder all Hebrew male infants (**Exodus 1:15-16**) and later to destroy the nation of Israel at the Red Sea (**Exodus 14:5-12**).



Satanic Infiltration

- Satan motivated Haman's attempt to murder every Jew in the Persian Empire (**Esther 3:6ff**).
- Haman was subsequently impaled upon the 70' pole that he had erected for Mordecai (**7:10**), his 10 sons were hanged also (**9:14**), and every anti-Semite was executed (**8:11, 9:5-16**).



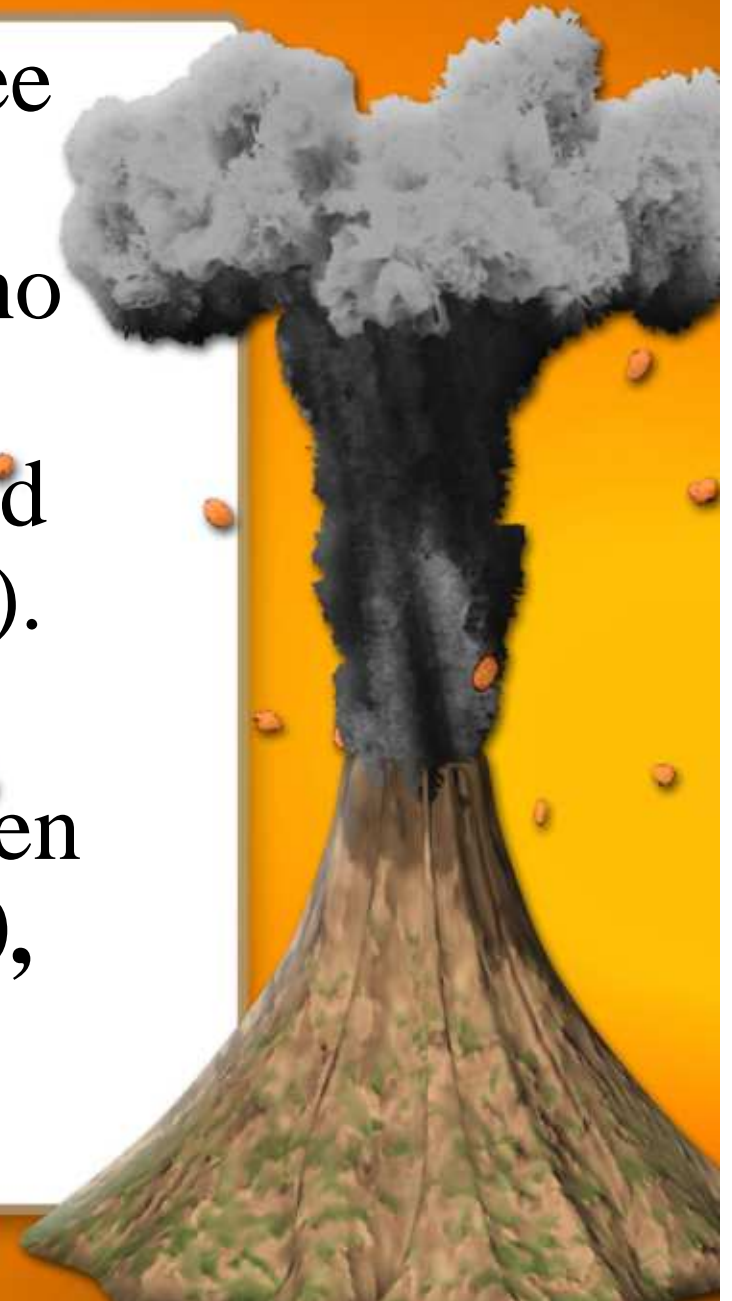
Satanic Infiltration

- The *greatest of all satanic infiltrations* took place during the *greatest of all divine visitations*.
- In approximately 3 BC, when Jesus appeared, Satan began working feverishly to destroy the humanity of Christ.



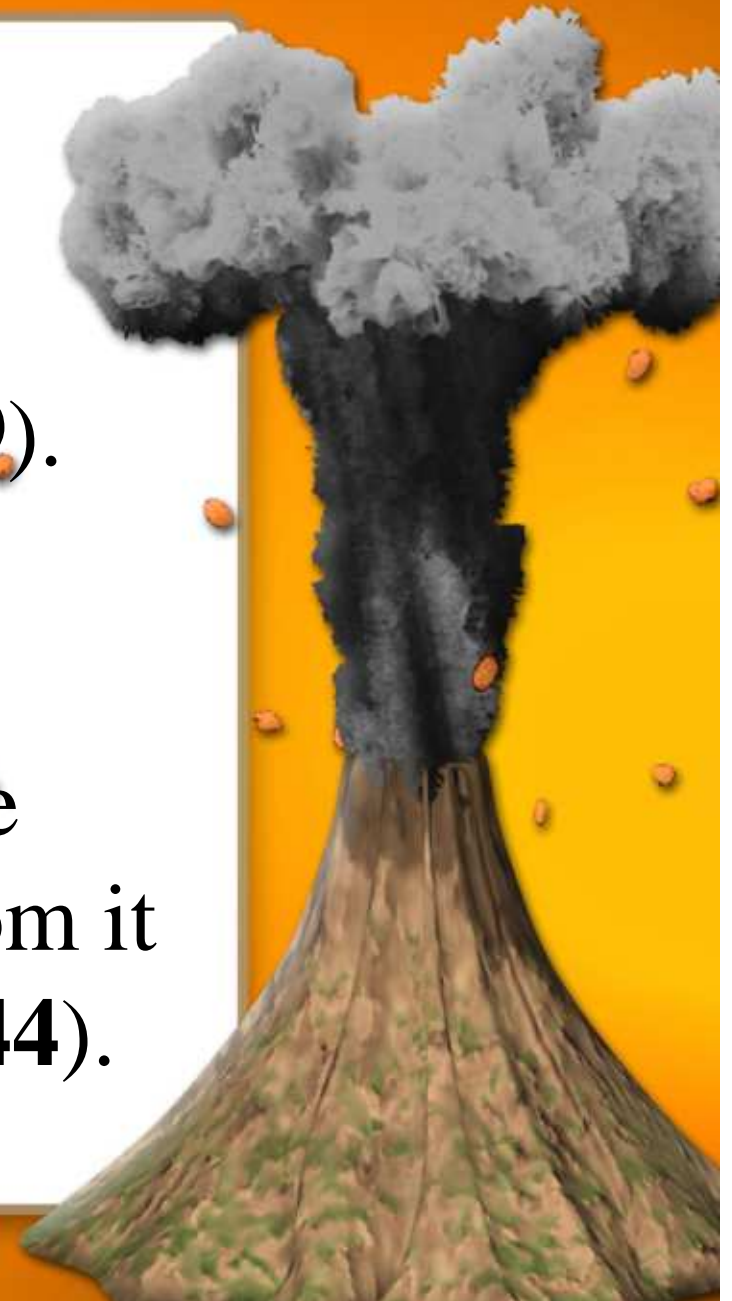
Satanic Infiltration

- He motivated Herod's decree of infanticide – the murder of “all the male children who were in Bethlehem and its environs, from two years old and under” (**Matthew 2:16**).
- He tempted Christ in the wilderness and tried to hasten His death (**Matthew 4:4-10**, **Luke 4:1-12**).



Satanic Infiltration

- Satan motivated numerous attempts to stone Jesus and bring Him to a premature death (**John 8:59, 10:30-39**).
- Satan spearheaded the “last temptation of Christ” – the temptation *NOT* to go to the cross and to come down from it (**John 12:17, Luke 22:39-44**).



***Satan
Continues to
Infiltrate Human
History Via
“The Lie”***

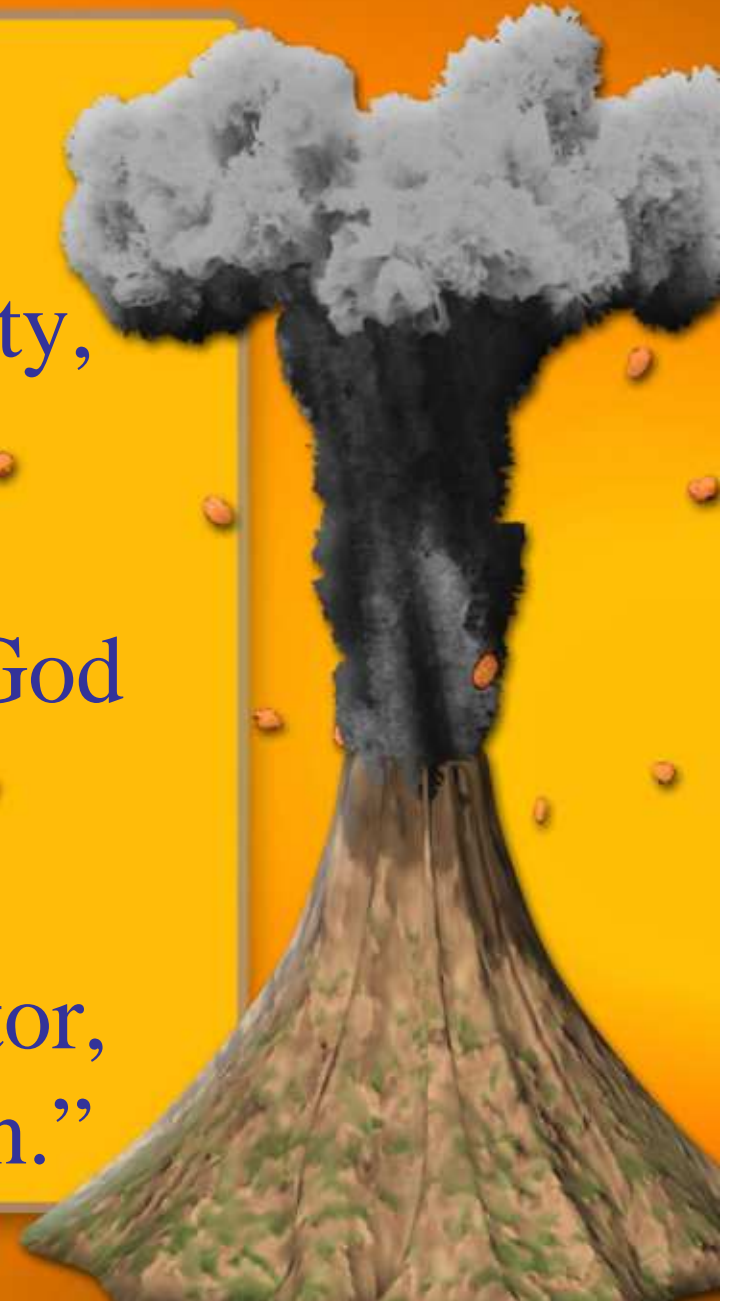




What is “The Lie”?

The Lie – Romans 1:24-25

“Therefore God gave them [homosexuals] over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie [τὸ ψεῦδος], and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”



The Lie Defined

***Romans 1:25
defines “the Lie” as
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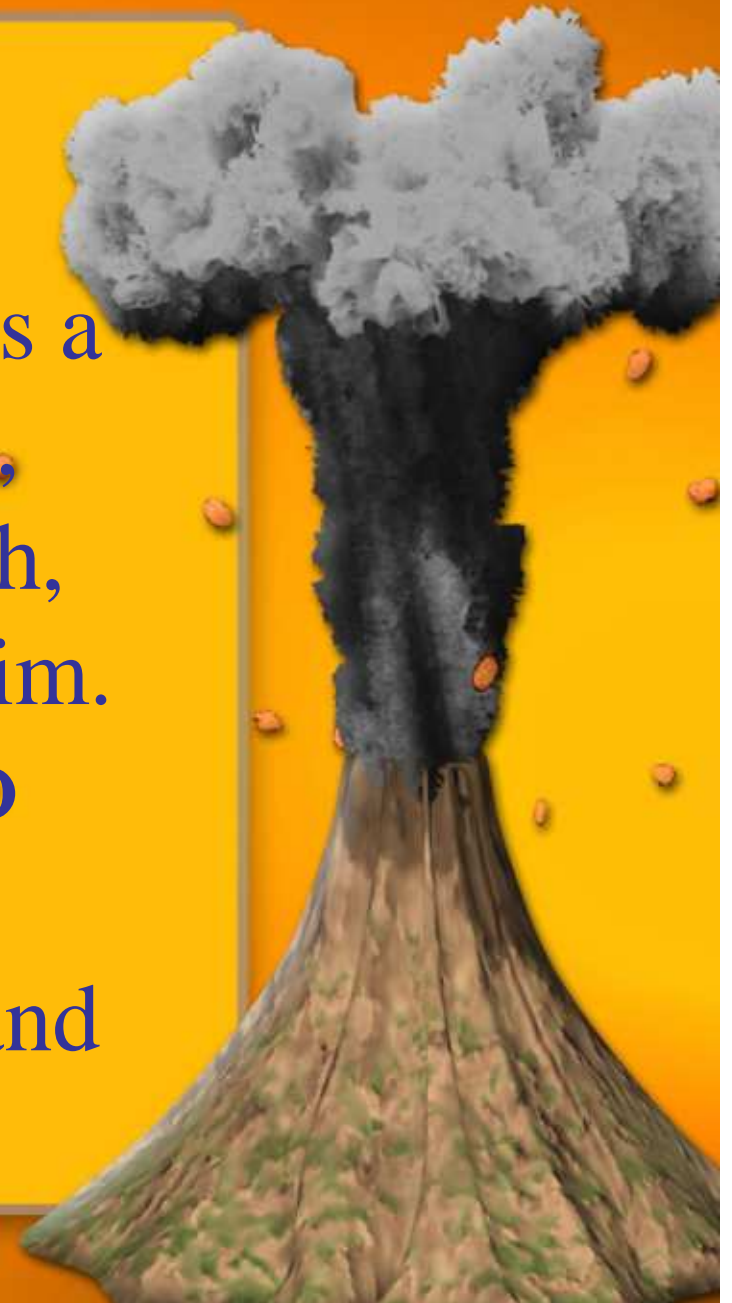
The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil

When iniquity was found in Lucifer, he conceived *the lie*, that is, that he, the creature, rather than God, the Creator, is worthy of worship, praise and glorification.



The Lie – John 8:44

“You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie [τὸ ψεῦδος], he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies [lit. *of it*].”



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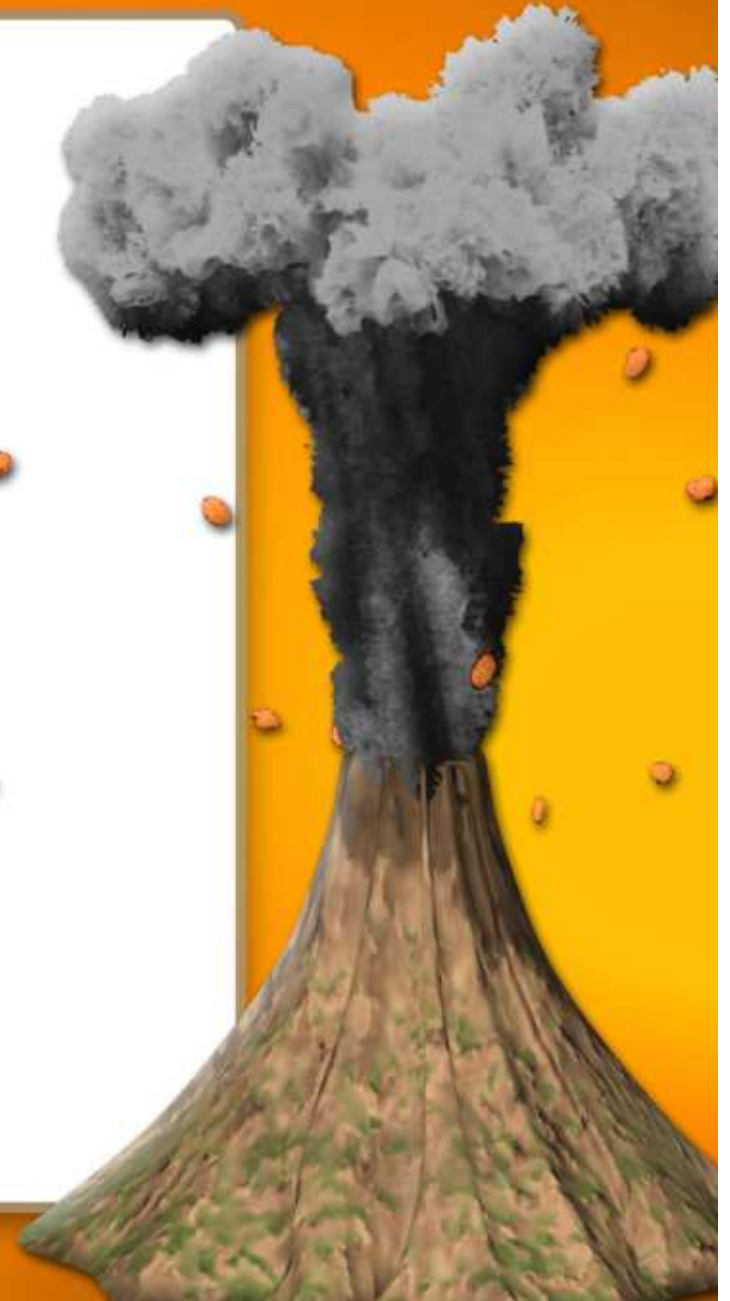
- Satan has been sponsoring “the lie” throughout human history since Eve. He spoon-fed her *the Lie*:
 - “You *surely* shall not die! . . . the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God” (**Genesis 3:4b-5**).



The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil

Eve not only bought “the Lie” hook, line and sinker, but she immediately became its co-sponsor, bringing it to her husband:

“She took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband”
(Genesis 3:6b).



The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil

- Satan continues to manufacture and promote “the Lie” with great effectiveness today.
- **Ephesians 2:2b:**
“...according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working [ἐνεργέω] in the sons of disobedience.”



Sin and Evil

- Evil is not the same thing as sin; Jesus paid for our sins on the cross; He did not pay for evil.
- Evil can include moral “good” as well as “bad”.



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“Satan’s dominant purpose is not, as the popular impression supposes, one of attempting to be *unlike* God. Satan has explicitly asserted concerning himself, as recorded in Isaiah 14:14, that his transcendent objective is to be *like* the Most High . . .”



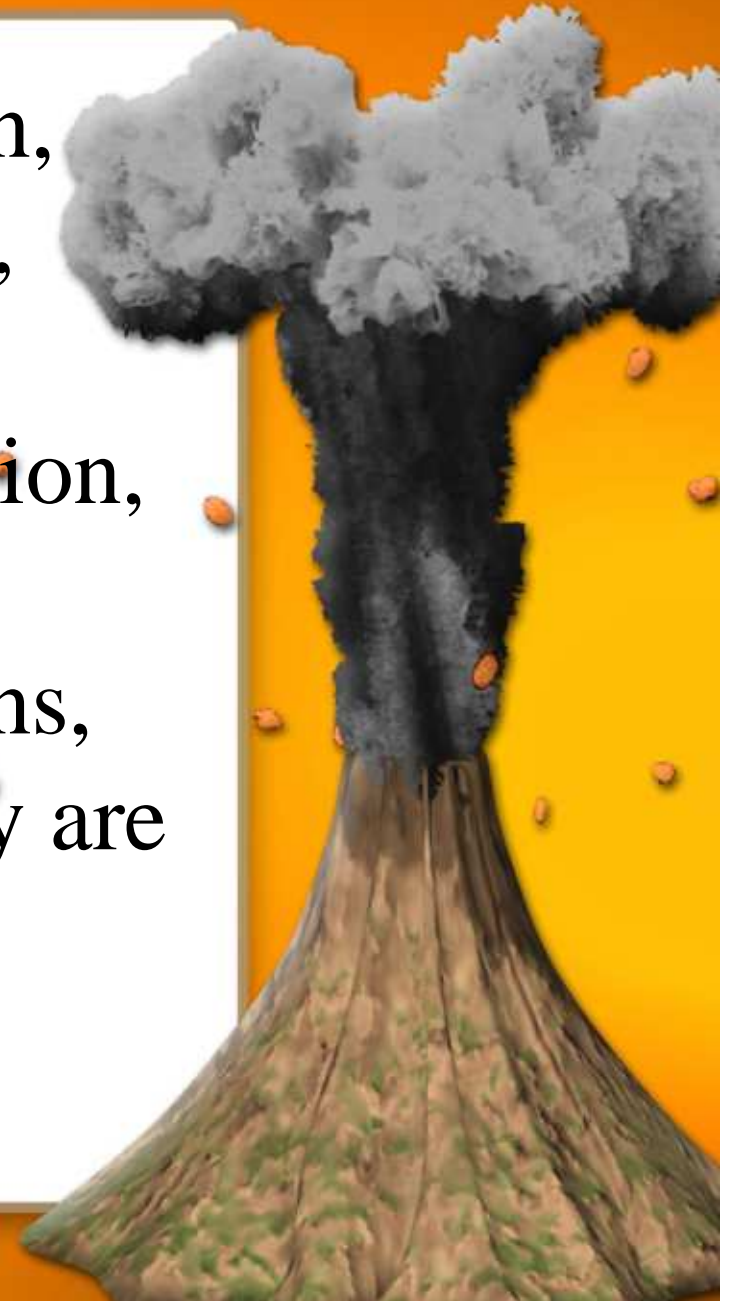
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“Next to the lie itself, the greatest delusion Satan imposes – reaching to all unsaved and to a large proportion of Christians – is the supposition that only such things as society considers evil could originate with the devil – if, indeed, there be any devil to originate anything . . .”



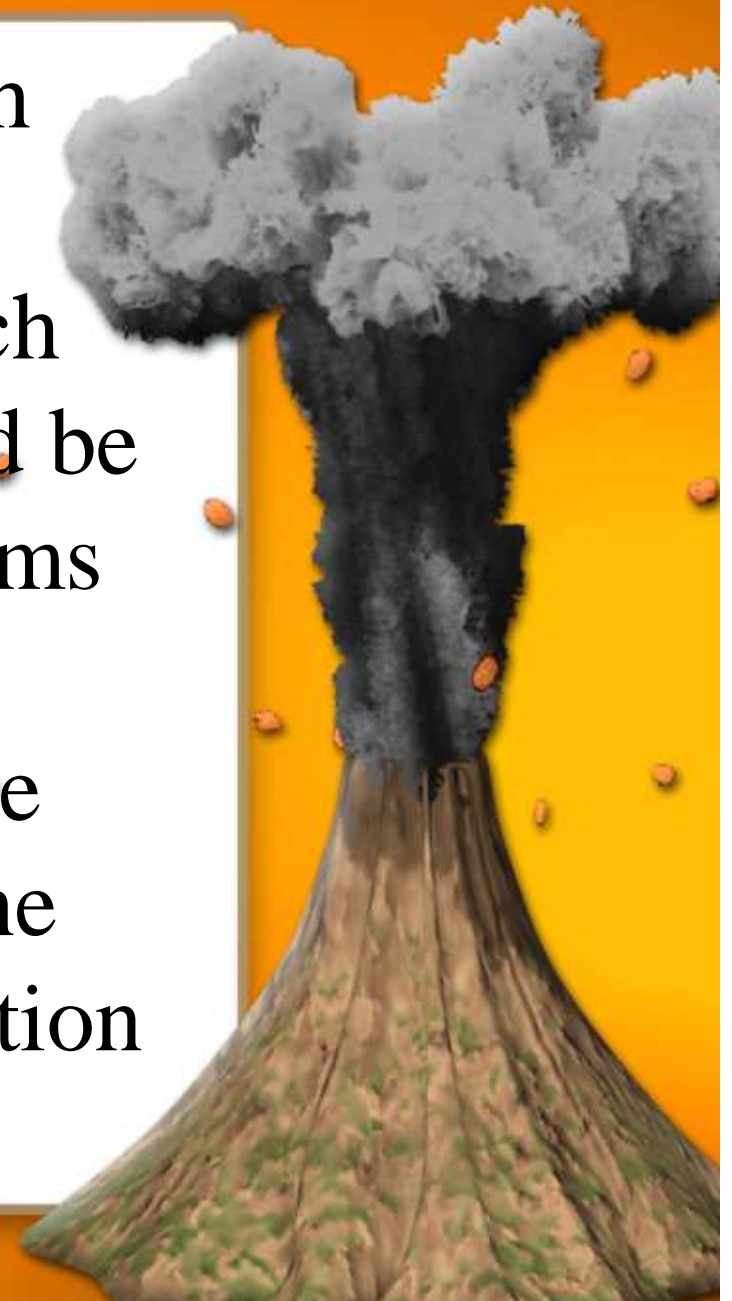
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“It is not the reason of man,
but the revelation of God,
which points out that
governments, morals, education,
art, commercialism, vast
enterprises and organizations,
and much of religious activity are
included in the *cosmos*
diabolicus . . .”



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“That is, the system which Satan has constructed includes all the *good* which he can incorporate into it and be consistent in the thing he aims to accomplish. A serious question arises whether the presence of gross evil in the world is due to Satan’s intention to have it so . . .”



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“... or whether it indicates Satan’s inability to execute all he has de-signed. The probability is great that Satan’s ambition has led him to undertake more than any creature could ever administer”



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“Revelation declares that the whole *cosmos-system* must be annihilated—not its evil alone, but *all* that is in it, both good and bad. God will incorporate nothing of Satan’s failure into that kingdom which He will set up in the earth. The *cosmos diabolicus* must be ‘broken in pieces’ . . .”



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“... and become like the chaff of the summer threshing floors which the wind carries away, and all this *before* the Smiting Stone – Christ in His return to earth – will set up a kingdom which shall fill the whole earth (Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45).”

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at All?
Why Does Evil
Continue Today?



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