

## SATAN'S EFFORT TO DEHUMANIZE GOD'S MAN

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Since man was first made in God's image, Satan has been active trying to change the true relationship between man and his Creator.

God created man in his own image, and breathed into him the breath of life. Man became a living soul. Man was responsible to his Creator to obey, honour, worship, and to be in fellowship. God gave him dominion over all his creation.

You can see why the devil hates man and want to bring him into bondage with his wiles of lies and deceit.

Satan wants to destroy the relationship God desires for his special creation of man. Since he cannot deceive the Creator, he instead deceives the creature made in God's image.

Think on the word "dehumanize." The first deception Satan used was, "Ye shall be as God's...." In a sense, the devil said, "No longer be just a man, but be as God himself." This was the cause of Lucifer's fall. Through pride he wanted to be like the most high. But God cast him down.

That is one direction of deception: making man think higher of himself than he ought to think. Feeding the pride, man thinks he is better than his fellow. This is the self-righteous way. Sometimes he thinks he is a god. And such man falls to the deception of the king over all the children of pride.

And when that does not always work, then in contrast, Satan inspires evolution. For there is no doubt Darwin was inspired by satanic wisdom.

If being a god was not a viable tactic, the devil can now tempt man with the deception that he "evolved" – that there is no God. Man is only answerable to himself. And as a natural brute beast, he can do as his flesh desires, without accountability to his Creator.

If man *thinks* he is merely an animal, he will *behave* accordingly: he will seek to only indulge his base desires.

But animals are like chattel that can be bought and sold. Hence the trafficking in souls of men as mentioned in Revelation. There we see the buying and selling of slaves as mere property of the wealthy. Man has no rights, especially those "inalienable rights" granted to him by the Creator.

When man thinks he is an animal, he has no reservations marking his body as a branded animal (have you noticed the abundance of tattooing lately?). A ring in the face symbolizes servitude. During the tribulation period the false prophet causes all – whether great or small – to receive a mark, which is the name or number of the beast – it shows allegiance, submission, and ownership.

From a worldly view, knowledge of the word of God is deemed unnecessary for the dehumanized culture. Simply teach them the base things, and if the people do not have enough education to pass a sixth grade exam, no matter – they are just animals that we can profit from their labor one way or another. Or we can use them as we would use rats in a lab.

From a worldly view, holiness need not be taught to animals – make them think they are incapable of living a sanctified life. If they are able to mate, there should be no restrictions. We can always destroy the unwanted offspring or use them for experimentation.

The value of a human life – whether it is a baby in vitro or an elderly person – is only calculated by the supposed return on investment that can be made by their owners. Consequently, we have worldwide genocide accomplished through war, starvation, vaccines, created diseases; and the poisoning of the air, water and food. The best of our children, at the height of their beauty and strength, are thrown into the meat-grinder of war, used many times as mere cannon fodder; as the bankers who make high profits off the war machine (the military industrial complex) see them as an expendable “cost of doing business.”

They are “owned” – lock, stock, and barrel – by the devil. They walk according to the “prince and the power of the air,” the spirit of disobedience. They are “dead in trespasses and sins.”

### **The Irony**

But here is the irony: Satan cannot accomplish this oppression without the express permission of man. As when he tempted Adam and Eve in the garden through deception – he did not force the fruit into their mouths. They had to willingly go along and take the fruit and eat it.

They could have easily resisted by simply obeying their Creator. God gave only one commandment: do not eat of that tree. The first man and his wife could have simply said, God said we shall not eat of that tree. Jesus showed us the means to victory when he was tempted in the wilderness by the devil himself: “It is written...,” he thrice said. By simple obedience to God’s word he overcame victoriously.

And so it is today. Whether you are a young person or an older one, you bear the image of your father Adam. You are created by the Lord Jesus himself (John 1:1-3). You have responsibilities and promises. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,” the Bible records the words of the Apostle Paul. John said, “And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his dear Son.” As the Saviour himself said, “Ye must be born again.”

James said to “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Peter warned us that our adversary, the devil, “walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith.”

You do not have to consider yourself an animal. You are special to God, and your Creator desires that you live a godly, sanctified, and victorious life. You were created to worship and glorify the Father. And with the knowledge of God’s word (the Holy Bible) you will know the truth and the truth shall make you free. But you must be redeemed, you must be bought back.

You must be purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. And this is done through faith in Jesus Christ. Here are the words of Jesus Christ himself in John chapter 3:

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Awake thou that sleepeth, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (Ephesians 5:14). The Light of the world is Jesus.

The End.