

YHWH (Yahweh) and Satan, (the Adversary)

Or...is it YHWH (Yahweh) (as) Satan, (an Adversary)?

There is One True Mighty One, (G-d) **and only One**. *"Hear O Israel, Yahweh our Alueim (G-d), Yahweh is one!"* (Deu. 6:4). We are told *"Do not go after other mighty ones, the mighty ones of the peoples who are all around you, for Yahweh your Alueim is a jealous Al in your midst, lest the displeasure of Yahweh your Alueim burn against you, then He shall destroy you from the face of the earth."* (Deu. 6:14-15); *"understand that I (Yahweh) am He. Before Me there was no Al formed, nor after Me there is none. I, I am Yahweh, and besides me there is no Savior"* (Isa. 43:10-11). It is very clear from the Hebrew Bible that "there is no other Alueim (G-d) but the One" (Yahweh).

Since there is only One Yahweh Alueim (G-d), and only one, is He also the Creator?

Let's find out exactly who the Creator is. The very first verse of the Hebrew Scriptures tells us; *"In the beginning Alueim created the heaven and the earth."* Since "Alueim" is a title, (Mighty one, Strength) this does not clearly identify the Creator, so we need more information. Gen. 2: 4 reads, *"These are the births of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh Alueim made the earth and heavens."* It is quite clear here in this passage that the Alueim of Gen. 1:1 is indeed Yahweh, and that He is **the Creator that caused the Universe and all that is, to come into existence.**

Yahweh the Creator alone IS SELF-Existent, (the UN-originated original). He is First of all things (Isa. 41:4), and He alone is Creator (Ps 146:5-6). This being a basic truth direct from the Hebrew Bible, we must conclude that **ALL that has existence must have come into being caused by Yahweh.**

The Nachash (wrongly translated 'Serpent'), means, in Hebrew "a shining enchanter" must also be a product of Yahweh's Creation. *"Now the Nachash was shrewd above every living thing of the field (earth life) that Yahweh Alueim made"* (Gen. 3:1). *Note: This is the same created individual that talked the woman Eve into disobeying Yahweh in the Garden of Eden.* The offspring (descendants) of the Nachash, and the offspring, of the woman Eve (and Adam) will have hatred between them (Gen. 3:15). In other-words, the 'adversary pressure' placed upon the descendants of Adam and Eve (Adamites) by the descendants of the Nachash is to remain continuous and the result is hatred. The Nachash descendants are adversaries (are satan's) toward the Adamic descendants.

This matter of Yahweh creating the Nachash is very important and requires some very serious thought, because in it lies the whole cause of Adams disobedient entrance into the arranged plan of Yahweh's Creation (universe). You see, Yahweh is an Alueim of purpose. He says, *"My counsel does stand, and all My delight I do"* (Isa.46: 10). *"And I have created the waster to destroy"* (Isa.54: 16). The Nachash people are simply in the plan of Yahweh and were created to perform a specific purpose all in accordance with the Creator's will.

Did Yahweh create the Nachash and his descendants just as an experiment? Did He know, being the all-wise Creator what the result would be. Yes, He knew what the outcome would be, He knew the result, and it was just as **He had planned it.** Yahweh did not create a universe or our planet, and then turn it loose to see what would happen. He watches each one of His creatures very closely. There is nothing that occurs without His foreknowledge. Yahweh knows what will occur from the beginning of time, just as though it had already occurred. His knowledge is unlimited, knowing the end from the beginning (Isa.46: 10).

Yahweh in His wisdom saw the need for an adversary(s) and opponent(s) to work counter to His purpose, and to undertake attempts to overthrow His ultimate plan of the salvation and receive praise from His creation. So, we see that that an adversary and even EVIL itself, is in Yahweh's plan. Without opposition, Yahweh could never show His superiority, or His love. This fact is simple when we think of it. Yahweh needs sin and wickedness in order to have an opportunity to show to the creation (universe), His mighty power over any adversaries. If the Pharaoh of Egypt had not been motivated by an EVIL spirit he would not have held the children of Israel in bondage. All occurred so that Yahweh might show to the Creation His power over this adversary(s). Pharaoh's heart was made stubborn by Yahweh so that He could display His authority to the Israelites, (Gen. 10:1-2).

There are many events recorded in Scripture, where Yahweh used an adversary (a satan) to carry out His purpose. It is evident that even Judas of himself would not have been strong enough to have betrayed the Messiah Yahshua (Jesus), but he was fortified by the Adversary (Luke 22:3). Only then was he able to betray Yahshua. In this way Yahweh's plan was again completed.

We can never appreciate the good, if it were not contrasted with bad. Had we not known darkness, we would not appreciate the light. We must first be hungry to enjoy a good meal. Yahweh could never have worked out His great purpose without contrast in His creation, such as EVIL and wickedness. A physician would not receive any praise in his profession if he found no one sick. Neither would Yahweh be praised for the deliverance 'from sin' if no one had been lost 'in sin'. Nothing can be accomplished without contrast. But the comforting thought is that Yahweh, by whom all things exist, is not only able but will transmute all EVIL, wickedness, and sin into good. No wonder the Scriptures tell us, *"For the wrath of mankind praises You Yahweh"* (Psa.76: 10).

'Modern Christendom' would have us believe the error, that the being called Satan was first created an angel (messenger) then fell and lost his first estate. **However, John says that he sinned from the beginning (1 Jn. 3:8).** If this adversary called Satan was created a messenger, and then fell without Yahweh's knowledge, attention or control, in an independent act of his own will, would the inhabitants of heaven (or of the earth), ever be safe at any time, not knowing when one of the other messengers might *of his own authority* decide to become EVIL, and destroy the whole of Yahweh's plan and purpose? The answer is No. We are told in the Scriptures to let Yahweh be true and every man a liar.

We must believe that Yahweh is operating the whole universe, all of His creation, and is in full control, directing each occurrence. Why should we try to shield Yahweh's association with EVIL, when He says, *"Yahweh has made all for His purpose and also the wrong for the day of EVIL"* (Pro.16: 4). *"forming the light and creating darkness, making peace and creating EVIL, I, Yahweh, do all these"* (Isa.45: 7).

Yahweh Creates Adversity (the bad)

The following verses show that Yahweh creates ADVERSITY, that he threatens people with EVIL, and that he sends EVIL spirits, among other things. As you read through these verses (and please don't skim quickly over them), note that these verses make it very clear that Yahweh is responsible for EVIL, and not simply a passive bystander "allowing" EVIL to happen. In the verses that follow, we have replaced the true name, Yahweh, for the word "the LORD" and "Alueim"

We quote the first set of verses in several versions, because the newer translations try to soften the conflict by translating the Hebrew "RA" (EVIL) as "disaster" or "woe" or "calamity." But it doesn't really matter what English word is used. The hideous effects are the same, and Yahweh claims responsibility for them all.

Biblical Definitions

Satan, from Hebrew, into Aramaic, into English means: an adversary or an opponent, the word can refer to angels, (messengers) that can be both human and celestial, to men, and also refer to YHWH (G-d). It is not a personal name of someone, but a position one takes or holds.

Demons, Demonic, from the Greek “Diamon” the word means “to demonstrate” in English (to know or to distribute knowledge). See the close spelling of the word to English. In the Greek writings (New Testament), it is used of “bad” spirits, or distributing “bad” knowledge (not a super natural spirit type), but the internal spirit (breath) that comes from those that come from the mouth of people with mental problems....!

Devil, devilish, from the Greek word “diabolos” it literally means, dia= through + bolos =to throw. It is where we get our English word “dia-meter” and the word “ball” from). In other- words a “through-thrower.” Translated into English it is like a slander, an accuser, or to malign someone. Many times these words devil and demons are mixed up, but a “diamon” is not a “diabolos.” Devils in Hebrew usage refers to “idols” (manmade objects used for worship).

There is no such thing as a “Demonic realm,” There is only one realm, and that realm is under the complete control of the Almighty Sovereign Creator Power named Yahweh.

Isa 43:10 *“You are my witnesses,” says Yahweh, “With my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Before me there was no G-d formed, neither will there be after me.*

Isa 43:11 *I myself am Yahweh; and besides me there is no savior.*

Isa 45:6... *that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is no one besides me. I am Yahweh, and there is no one else.*

The correct definition of the word EVIL.

In the Hebrew, the word **EVIL** is "RA", and simply means "bad," in Greek the word is "KAK-ON" the meaning is the same (the opposite of good) i.e. bad. But, the definition is to be distinguished from sin, in that *it is not a mistake when Yahweh creates EVIL*. Thus, the word has no moral tinge.

Isaiah 45:7

NIV: I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and **CREATE DISASTER**; I, Yahweh, do all these things.

NASB: The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well being and **CREATING CALAMITY**; I am Yahweh who does all these.

RSV: I form light and create darkness, I make weal and **CREATE WOE**, I am Yahweh, who do[es] all these things.

KJV: I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and **CREATE EVIL**: I Yahweh do all these things.

DBY: forming the light and creating darkness, making peace and **CREATING EVIL**: I, Yahweh, do all these things.

YLT: Forming light, and preparing darkness, Making peace, and **PREPARING EVIL**, I [am] Yahweh, doing all these things.'

Lamentations 3:38

NIV: Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both **CALAMITIES** and good things come?

NASB: Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both good and **ILL** go forth?

RSV: Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and **EVIL** come?

KJV: Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not **EVIL** and good?

DBY: Out of the mouth of the Most High doeth not there proceed **EVIL** and good?

YLT: From the mouth of the Most High Go not forth the **EVILS** and the good.

Jeremiah 26:3

NIV: Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from his **EVIL** way. Then I will relent and not bring on them the **DISASTER** I was planning because of the **EVIL** they have done.

NASB: "Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his **EVIL** way that I may repent of the **CALAMITY** which I am planning to do to them because of the **EVIL** of their deeds.'

RSV: It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his **EVIL** way, that I may repent of the **EVIL** which I intend to do to them because of their **EVIL** doings.

KJV: If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his **EVIL** way, that I may repent me of the **EVIL**, which I purpose to do unto them because of the **EVIL** of their doings.

DBY: Peradventure they will hearken, and turn every man from his **EVIL** way, that I may repent me of the **EVIL** which I purpose to do unto them because of the wickedness of their doings.

YLT: If so be they hearken, and turn back each from his **EVIL** way, then I have repented concerning the **EVIL** that I am thinking of doing to them, because of the **EVIL** of their doings.

Additional Citations

We have shown you enough examples of how the modern versions try to soften the original Hebrew word for "**EVIL**" by translating it in various ways. We will quote the remaining verses from the RSV, unless otherwise noted, and you can look up what your modern version says if you like:

Jeremiah 36:3 *It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the **EVIL** which I intend to do to them, so that everyone may turn from his **EVIL** way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.*

Jeremiah 32:42 *For thus says Yahweh: Just as I have brought all this great **EVIL** upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them.*

Amos 3:6 *Does **EVIL** befall a city, unless Yahweh has done it?*

Jeremiah 11:11 *Therefore, thus says Yahweh, Behold, I am bringing **EVIL** upon them which they cannot escape; though they cry to me, I will not listen to them.*

Jeremiah 14:16 *And the people to whom they are prophesying, Are cast into out-places of Jerusalem, Because of the famine, and of the sword, and they have none burying them, them, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, and I have poured out upon them this **EVIL**. (YLT)*

Jeremiah 18:11 *Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says Yahweh, Behold, I am shaping **EVIL** against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his **EVIL** way, and amend your ways and your doings.*

Jeremiah 19:3 *You shall say, 'Hear the word of Yahweh, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the Alueim of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such **EVIL** upon this place that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.*

Jeremiah 19:15 *Thus says Yahweh, behold; I am bringing upon this city and upon all its towns all the **EVIL** that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their neck, refusing to hear my words.*

Jeremiah 23:12 *Therefore their way shall be to them like slippery paths in the darkness, into which they shall be driven and fall; for I will bring **EVIL** upon them in the year of their punishment, says Yahweh.*

Jeremiah 26:13 *now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Yahweh and Yahweh will repent of the **EVIL** which he has pronounced against you.*

Jeremiah 35:17 *therefore, thus says Yahweh, of Jacob: Behold, I am bringing on Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the **EVIL** that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them and they have not listened, I have called to them and they have not answered.*

Jeremiah 36:31 *And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity; I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the **EVIL** that I have pronounced against them, but they would not hear.*

Jeremiah 40:2 *the captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him, "Yahweh pronounced this **EVIL** against this place;*

Jeremiah 42:10 *If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I repent of the **EVIL** which I did to you.*

Jeremiah 42:17 *All the men who set their faces to go to Egypt to live there shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; they shall have no remnant or survivor from the **EVIL** which I will bring upon them.*

Jeremiah 44:2 *Thus says Yahweh of Jacob: You have seen all the **EVIL** that I brought upon Jerusalem and upon all the cities of Judah. Behold, this day they are desolation, and no one dwells in them,*

Jeremiah 45:5 *And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not; for, behold, I am bringing **EVIL** upon all flesh, says Yahweh; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.*

Jeremiah 49:37 *I will terrify Elam before their enemies, and before those who seek their life; I will bring **EVIL** upon them, my fierce anger, says Yahweh. I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them;*

Jeremiah 51:64 *and say, "Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the **EVIL** that I am bringing upon her." Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.*

Ezekiel 6:10 *And they shall know that I am Yahweh; I have not said in vain that I would do this **EVIL** to them.*

Micah 2:3 *Therefore thus says Yahweh: Behold, against this family I am devising **EVIL**, from which you cannot remove your necks; and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be an **EVIL** time.*

1 Kings 21:29 *Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the **EVIL** in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the **EVIL** upon his house.*

2 Chronicles 34:24 *Thus says Yahweh, Behold, I will bring **EVIL** upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which was read before the king of Judah.*

2 Chronicles 34:28 *Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the **EVIL** which I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants."* And they brought back word to the king.

1 Samuel 16:23 *And whenever the **EVIL** spirit from Yahweh was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the **EVIL** spirit departed from him.*

1 Samuel 18:10 *And on the morrow an **EVIL** spirit from Yahweh rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand;*

1 Samuel 19:9 *Then an **EVIL** spirit from Yahweh came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing the lyre.*

1 Samuel 16:15 *And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, an **EVIL** spirit from Yahweh is tormenting you.*

1 Samuel 16:14 *Now the Spirit of Yahweh departed from Saul, and an **EVIL** spirit from Yahweh tormented him.*

Micah 1:12 *For the inhabitants of Maroth wait anxiously for good, because **EVIL** has come down from Yahweh to the gate of Jerusalem.*

2 Samuel 12:11-12 *Thus says Yahweh, 'Behold, I will raise up **EVIL** against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.'*

Judges 9:23 *And Yahweh sent an **EVIL** spirit between Abim'elech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abim'elech;*

1 Kings 14:10 *therefore behold, I will bring **EVIL** upon the house of Jerobo'am, and will cut off from Jerobo'am every male, both bond and free in Jacob, and will utterly consume the house of Jerobo'am, as a man burns up dung until it is all gone.*

2 Kings 21:12 *therefore thus says Yahweh, of Jacob, Behold, I am bringing upon Jerusalem and Judah such **EVIL** that the ears of every one who hears of it will tingle.*

Isaiah 31:2 *And He also [is] wise, and bringeth in **EVIL**, And His words He hath not turned aside, And He hath risen against a house of **EVIL** doers, And against the help of workers of iniquity. (YLT)*

Prov.16: 4 *"Yahweh has made all for His purpose, and also the wrong for the day of **EVIL**"*

What about the Creation of Angels (messengers)?

Yahweh both used and sustains (both the positive and the negative ones) good and evil, this also applies to angels, as well as to man and every other created thing in the universe. We will first concentrate on the negative side of the characteristics and purposes of angels 'messengers' (since in man's experience this is the most neglected because we almost always want to associate 'celestial' angels with "righteousness" and "goodness" and not the evil side of the angelic realm). But, in the Holy Scriptures, all of the verses of the Scripture that describe the actions of angels (no matter what type of angelic creatures are being discussed: cherubs, archangels and other distinctions), the negative attributes of angels are emphasized far more in the

Scripture than their righteous characteristics. After all, we are told in no uncertain terms that the accuser is shown to have been created by Yahweh to be "a murderer from the beginning" — that is, from the very commencement of his creation he was already reckoned by Yahweh to be a murderer (John 8:44). Furthermore, he is called "a liar and the father of it [lying]" (also John 8:44). The last part of the verse means that Yahshua considered satan (adversary in the Hebrew) as the first one ever to tell a lie — that is, he was a lying murderer from the beginning of his existence. What we must realize is the fact that satan can do no more than Yahweh has determined for that angelic power to perform. Satan is completely dominated by (and even governed by) the will and commands of Yahweh the Father. Even though satan is a murderer and liar, satan can do no more than Yahweh allows him, or that Yahweh tells him to do (as in Job 1:6-12 and 2:1-6). And even if, on some occasions Yahweh does let the adversary touch our lives with evil, the outcome will always be to our benefit. The inspired Scriptures teach: "All things work together for good to them that love Yahweh, to them that are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). We will always be the winners in the end, no matter what!

It is pure nonsense and decidedly anti-biblical to state (or even to believe) that the adversary (satan) was at first a righteous angel that somehow fell from grace after his creation. This false doctrine is normally taught by some theologians and preachers because they erroneously declare that satan is the anointed cherub who covered the Mercy Seat in the heavenly House of G-d as described in Ezekiel 28:11-19. That "["King of Tyre"](#) was another personality altogether. The truth is, the adversary was created and ordained to do his role as a murderer and to be the father of liars from his first spark of his life. That is the clear teaching of the Scripture. When he performs in this capacity, he is in fact doing Yahweh's will.

The Supreme Authority of Yahweh the Creator

Deuteronomy 10:14 *"See, the heavens, and the heaven of heavens belong to Yahweh your Alueim, also the earth with all that is in it." TS*

Deuteronomy 32:39 *"See now that I, I am he, and there is no Alueim besides Me. I put to death and I make alive. I have wounded, and I heal. And from My hand no one delivers." TS*

1 Samuel 2:6-8 *"Yahweh puts to death and makes alive, He brings down to the grave, and raises up. Yahweh makes poor and makes rich, He brings low and lifts up, He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the dunghill, to sit with princes, and make them inherit a throne of esteem." TS*

2 Chronicles 20:6 *"O Yahweh Alueim of our fathers, are You not our Alueim in the heavens, and do You not rule over all the reigns of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to stand against You?" TS*

Jeremiah 27:5-6 *"I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are on the face of the earth, by My great power and by My outstretched arm. And I shall give it unto which it seemed right in My eyes. And now, I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebukadnettsar the sovereign of Babel, My servant. And the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him." TS*

Daniel 4:17 *"...the most High is ruler in the reign of men, and gives it to whomever He wishes, and sets over it the lowest of men." TS*

1 Chronicles 29:11 *"Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness, the power and the comeliness, the pre-eminence and the excellency, because of all that is in the heavens and in the earth. Yours is the reign, O Yahweh, and You are exalted as head above all." TS*

Conclusion

The Scriptural citations given here are not a complete collection of all the passages available in the Scriptures, but are sufficient to show the intent of this article, that (a) Yahweh is the Creator of all that exists, and in complete control of all His Creation and, (b) As the Creator, Yahweh is the author of both good and **EVIL**.

So you can see that the Hebrew Bible credits Yahweh with responsibility for **EVIL**. Next time you hear of or personally see or experience a calamity or disaster, or woe, or any other kind of **EVIL**, the biblical thing for you to do would be to credit Yahweh with it. Disease, starvation, natural catastrophes of all kinds are claimed by Yahweh. According to the Scriptures he often sends these pestilences out of revenge, or for correction, but sometimes he sends them for no apparent reason to us at all except his caprice.

The old Christian ruse that Yahweh simply "allows" **EVIL** to happen cannot stand up to these Scriptural citations. For the Christian to deny this, he also has to deny the subject-verb grammar of Yahweh's "Word," which is said to have been inspired down to the detail of the individual words chosen by Him.

So, either the Scripture(s) are not inerrant, or Yahweh is indeed responsible for **EVIL**, creating it and putting it to use regularly in accordance with his will, for His purpose! The false doctrine that there was a war in heaven between the Creator and his created creatures is just that, false doctrine.

The Creator is always in full control of his creation and all is in complete accord with His purpose.

Yes, the adversary(s), and the (opponent(s), satan(s) are created cunning and crafty, and would deceive the very household of YHWH if possible. Yet they will never succeed in undoing anything that Yahweh has purposed to do.

In each instance where Yahweh told the Adversary **what to do**, he obeyed. **The Adversary and his satellites are all subjects of Yahweh** they can promote **EVIL**, but for Yahweh's purpose only, and all are absolutely, at all times, under the control of their Creator.

But, let us keep in mind, that the Adversary(s) career is temporary. It will all end in Yahweh's appointed time, **but all in complete accordance with His plan**.

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