

The Satanic History of the World

To consider history one has to have a framework upon which to build. There are basically two perspectives from which to view history. The first is that it is a sequential record of man's achievements and progress from his primitive origins to his ultimate enlightenment. While this is the most popular view today, a second view paints a less flattering view of man. History then becomes a sequential record of man in a fallen state, largely unable to restrain his destructive and selfish nature, goaded by Satan to enslave himself in a global collectivized system through which Satan will be able to leverage his influence and control over the whole world.

The view that the world is run by Satan (for now and insofar as he is allowed by God) is not a popular view even among Christians. However, it can be interesting to look at historical events using this perspective as it often explains otherwise mystifying historical events as well as current social directions.

The purpose of this book is to describe various threads through history culminating at the present time to show how Satan has worked and continues to work to manipulate us to do his will. It is hoped that some may be roused from the Matrix-like slumber Satan has been so effective in inducing in Christians. It is hoped that some may learn to recognize entanglements and avoid or extract oneself and family so that a more effective life for Christ can be led.

The first and perhaps most effective strategy Satan has used is to make the idea of his existence seem ridiculous. This gives him the room to put forth all sorts of other ideas regarding existence alternative to the one found in the bible. Once people can be divorced from a knowledge of God and the truth about our creation, existence, and ultimate fate, they are vulnerable to being herded into whatever direction Satan desires. As we come to understand how significantly Satan has shaped the world to his will, we can see how important it is to avoid his contamination.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. - James 1:27

The first thing to do is to define what is meant by "the world". Mostly excluded from this definition will be the physical planet and most biological organisms. What is more considered are the activities of humans such as commerce, exploration, military, and social activities.

Christians are called to not be "of" the world;

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. - John 15:19

We are further warned that to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God;

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. - James 4:4

We are also told that we will not be able to “go out of the world”. By this presumably, we might infer that much of Christian labor is to be within the world.

I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. - 1 Corinthians 5:9-10

A better way of looking at the role a Christian plays in the world might be like an ambassador of another kingdom;

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. - 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

We have described for us a program that God is administering for the reconciliation of the world. We can see that the bible describes the problem of the world that man has fallen into sin (trespasses) which accrue penalties that condemn us to punishment. God sent Christ to pay for sin so that we would have the possibility to be reconciled (have our sins forgiven) by trusting in Jesus.

Most of the world is populated by people who do not think they sin or do not care.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. - Matthew 7:13-14

Christians then can act as “ambassadors” and can testify as to the kingdom of God should any be seeking it. This would seem a rather straightforward proposition and history might be a rather boring recitation of most people being disinclined to seek after the things of the Lord.

History however, is a record of events that seem larger than just people lost in sin or disinterested in the forgiveness of sin available through faith in Christ. This is where the consideration of Satan can greatly aid in understanding these events.

Satan was created by Christ;

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. - John 1:1-3

Satan was created powerful and perfect;

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast

sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. - Ezekiel 28:14-17

We get a glimpse of the causative factors of Satan's fall. Because of "beauty" and "brightness" his heart was lifted up and his wisdom was corrupted. It may have been pride that caused him to see Jesus not as his creator, but as another created being and thus (in his mind) freeing him from any obligation to his creator, and acting as a free agent he felt he was justified in exercising his power in whatever way he wanted to.

We can see some of Satan's ambitions;

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. - Isaiah 14:12-15

We know that Satan has an angelic (now demonic) organization;

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: - Revelation 12:3-4a

If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. - Luke 11:18

We also know that Satan exerts influence over people;

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. - John 8:44

We can also see that Satan directs events in the world according to his own plans;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: - Ephesians 2:2

We can also know some of Satan's Plans;

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. - 2 Corinthians 2:11

The bible is the only document that successfully describes future events. Many of the events described have yet to be fulfilled. One is a description of a future event where the entire world economy is controlled.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. - Revelation 13:16-17

This event implies a technology to be able to implement such global Draconian measures. There is also technology implied in a related future event;

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. - Revelation 11:7-10

In previous times one might have wondered how the entire population of the world could see an event in the streets of Jerusalem. One needs not only television, but orbiting satellites to get the signal around the world. With the pervasive use of cell phones, how this possibility could come about is no longer a mystery.

These descriptions of future events give us a little insight into some of Satan's objectives. He wants to bring the whole world under his control. He is going to use advanced technology to do so. The rise and fall of civilizations might be seen as attempts by Satan to build a social collective that can be both stable and innovative. The rise and fall of charismatic leaders (i.e. Caesar, Napoleon, Mao, Hitler) might be seen as attempts to experiment with configuring a proxy for himself on earth. Our review of history in the context of Satan working out his plans will give a different emphasis to historical events than is usually encountered.

Chapter 1 - The early years

Creation might be seen in three parts. The first would be that which gives location such as the heavens and the earth. The second, the inhabitants of the heavens, the angelic realm. The third the inhabitants of the earth, the human realm. We do not have much information about when and how the angels fell, but we do know that their fall would have to be prior to the temptation of Adam and Eve.

Since Satan seems unable to create, it may be that he attempts to take over creation through his machinations of humans. We can see with the temptation of Eve that Satan has a pretty good understanding of how to manipulate us.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? - Genesis 3:1

The question Satan posited was crafted to be toxic to Eve. By being phrased as a question it was designed to engage Eve and position her to make an evaluative response. By couching an error in his “question” he entices Eve to make a correction. His “question” is also an attempt to express doubt about God, get Eve to take a critical look at God, and even speak for God.

If Eve had responded, “Let’s ask my husband” or “Let’s ask God”, things might have gone differently. Instead her response (assuming it was an attempt at correcting the error inserted by Satan) contained its own error;

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. - Genesis 3:2-3

Here we have demonstrated a major problem for humans. Enticed to step out in our own understanding, we are disconnected from God and prone to error. We also become more vulnerable to deception;

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. - Genesis 3:4-5

Here we see the Satanic big guns, calling God a liar. In order to get Eve to take a rebellious act against God he had to first soften her up with doubts and questioning, then get her to step out from under God’s protection in her own strength, then he hits her with declarations to bully her into taking action.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat - Genesis 3:6

The phrase “with her” indicates that Adam was not the leader he perhaps should have been. We are also told that Adam was not deceived by Satan. While this illustrates the greater vulnerability of women to deception and their proportional greater need of protection, it also shows what can go wrong when men fail in providing that protection.

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. - 1 Timothy 2:14

It can be useful to take a closer look at this first sin because it contains many of the elements Satan has used over the centuries to lure us into working to advance his plans.

1. Leaving the protection of God.
2. Questioning or judging God.

3. Leaning on our own understanding.
4. Accepting false information.
5. Applying inadequate measurement criteria.
6. Forming erroneous conclusions.
7. Acting to accomplish our own objectives.

We might surmise that the Satanic and demonic influence over humans goes beyond just the manipulative and reflects a component of maliciousness. Many tribal people with traditions of contacting “spirits” report information that is obtained that misleads and deceives with no apparent purpose other than to torment.

Those who are held captive by Satan are bound to his will;

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. - 2 Timothy 2:25-26

We see with the example of Samson that even those who desire to serve the Lord can be drawn into relying on their own understanding and become chumps to be used by Satan. However, they also have the opportunity to “repent”;

And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. - Judges 16:28

Samson is an interesting character to consider. It is easy to read about him and dismiss him as foolish. However, we should learn from his example how easily we all can be seduced into similar foolishness. Samson does give us a picture of the mercy of God that responds to our repentance when the light of truth breaks through our foolishness.

Satan’s first encounter with humanity demonstrates what happens to people individually when they are manipulated to serve his purposes. We do not know if Satan was working to manipulate the children of Adam and Eve directly. We do know that God dealt directly with Cain and that by the time of Seth’s son, people were beginning to call on the name of the Lord.

What becomes readily apparent is that history is a record of how Satan uses groups to carry out this manipulation with the increasing numbers of humanity.

Chapter 2 - Group dynamics

We do not have a record of Satanic meddling with humans from the fall of Adam and Eve to the flood. It may have been taking place with various individuals. We do know that humans degenerated almost completely to their basic fallen nature;

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. - Genesis 6:5

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. - Genesis 6:11-12

The extermination of everyone on earth except for eight people tells us several things;

1. There is a limit to what God tolerates.
2. God can and does take what can seem to us as drastic action.
3. It is in our nature to completely degenerate.
4. Trusting in God is our only hope.

After the flood we have the first recoding of man's collective action.

And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, 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. - Genesis 11:3-4

We do not know if this process of collectivization was instigated by Satan or not, but we do know that God did not consider it a good thing;

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. - Genesis 11:6-8

It would seem that the prospect of human collective effort was alarming to God. In particular, unrestrained action driven by imagination. If we consider what humans were created for, we can see that uniting together to go our own way was not what God intended for us;

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. - Ecclesiastes 12:13

The world before the flood is a good illustration of what we accomplish apart from God on our own. If our imaginations run wild and we unite in collective effort, how much worse would be the result;

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. - Romans 1:21

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. - Psalm 9:17

While we do not have a specific record of Satan stirring mankind to collectivize themselves for his use, it seems logical to deduce his involvement. Satan is unable to be everywhere at once;

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. - Job 1:7

In order for Satan to have any influence over humanity he has to get individuals to form groups that will act in such a way as to use social momentum to carry people in the direction he would have them go. His use of groups is designed to amplify his influence beyond what he could exert individually or even through the agency of the demonic forces at his command.

Our examination of Satanic involvement throughout history is going to be largely deductive. Using the biblical description that Satan sets the course of the world and that we are not unaware of his devices (schemes) provides the latitude for seeing in the record of human activity not the ever evolving and growing nobility of man, but the exploitation of man to accomplish Satanic objectives.

Chapter 3 - Religion as a manipulative tool

We might imagine that the first generations after the flood were strongly impressed by what God had done. However as life expectancy shortened and new generations arose, even something as dramatic as world wide destruction began to fade into the realm of myth.

It is from around this time that we start to find archaeological evidence of human activity and records describing that activity. The area of Sumer (in present day Iraq) gives us the earliest record of this activity. Featured prominently are religious activities.

We do not have a detailed account of how Satan crafted the false religions of the world. However, we can see that he and his agents are fully engaged in their operation;

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. - 1 Corinthians 10:20

Demonic possession has not been common in Western Civilization. However, as more and more people dabble with the occult, this is beginning to change. When Satan wants to influence people he (or his agents) can suggest ideas to try to mentally "nudge" people. However, when he needs more direct contact he may use a person who has become demonically possessed. Today this can be observed with those who channel demonic voices. The establishment of false religions gives Satan a good cover for those who are more directly controlled by him. The possessed person does not have a natural or persuasive communication so that when declared to be receiving information from the gods, this strangeness then becomes an asset for him. This can be seen in videos of people "channeling" spirits such as Elizabeth Claire Prophet, J.Z. Knight, or Jane Roberts.

People on the edge of survival know that weather significantly impacts both agriculture and animal husbandry. If people can be made fearful, they can be made to accept almost any proposition offered to allay their fear. While gangsters usually threaten physical harm if not paid off, priests can threaten the anger of the gods (usually poor harvests) if they are not paid off. In this people are seduced with the illusion that they can control their environment through appeasing the gods.

Satan finds willing agents such as those who would be priests to propagate his deceptions because it profits those agents. In contrast to laboring in the fields, the religion racket offers those who administer it a much more comfortable life, elevated status, and even relative wealth.

Over time Satan may repackage the manipulative dynamic from the ancient "It is your fault there is a drought because you have failed to appease the gods" to the more modern "It is your fault there is global warming because you have used oil and coal". However, the tools and process are pretty much the same.

It is impossible to over-estimate the influence false religions have had over mankind in getting us started and continuing down the paths Satan would have us travel.

1. The elevation of "important" people we look to as a source of truth. While early religious division simply separated the gullible from the exploitive, the inclination of people to accept those designated "worthy" or "superior" would eventually spread to include the wealthy, aristocracy, educated, and even famous.
2. Seeing ourselves as being able to influence the "gods". God wanted us to trust in and accept his provision. Satan offered a view that things like rainfall variation were due to successful religious effort or punishment for religious negligence. As a result, we can be made to ignore the real God and attempt to manipulate false gods.
3. Accepting the burden of supporting those who claim to protect us. The idea that we should set aside the fruits of our labor to provide a comfortable life for a person who tells us that the weather is our fault seems at first glance to be foolish. However, once ritual, tradition, and peer acceptance has been established, few seem to question it.
4. The introduction of ritual. For people to be effective in a collective, they need to adapt themselves to procedures, scripts, and repetitive, almost mindless, execution of instructions. This facilitates Satan's desire that what he sets in motion will continue with minimal demands from him to sustain it.
5. Raising children to conform to religious requirements. As a population grows from clan to tribe to a people, a religious tradition can become an established mechanism that helps shape families into what will become "society". Even subtle manipulations of religious practice can leverage many people into directions they would not have chosen for themselves.
6. Difficulty and hardship are punishment. Hardship and difficulties in life were consequential to mankind falling into sin. They often keep us from the damage we do ourselves when we are

comfortable and prosperous. Most religions describe difficulty as punishment and ease as reward. This perspective serves to motivate people to seek ease, often at the expense of others.

7. Cultivation of ambition for social prominence. Divisions in a society serve to cultivate envy and desire such that much effort is expended to advance oneself.

Religion has proven to be a formidable tool for Satan. In addition to getting people to murder their own children and each other, he frequently wove male and female prostitution into his religions. We can understand some of Satan's character from a description given by Jesus;

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. - John 8:44

As the father of lies, religion is a particularly effective tool to help him create a false understanding of the universe within which he can more easily lead people to do his bidding. Woven into his various tapestries of lies are the manipulations of all sorts of human desire and lust.

The view that there was only one God and he took a personal interest in each person and each person could depend on him was something Satan had to destroy if he were to get people collectivized under his control. His alternative presentation was of a universe ruled by many gods who were just as vain, capricious, and evil as people. However, since they were so powerful, they needed to be appeased, appealed to and placated by intermediaries such as lesser gods and priests.

Chapter 4 - Rulership

Unlike false religions which are wholly Satanic and meant to create a false understanding of the world, the administration of public life for a group of people is a necessity. One can observe the function of administration as one considers the progression from the father of a family to the patriarch of a clan to the chief of a tribe. All benefit if the leader of a group first seeks the welfare of the group for which he is responsible. Things do not go well if the leader is weak, seeking to indulge himself, or vulnerable to the manipulation of others.

Satan's plan is to collectivize the entire world. To achieve this he works to prod people to accept increasingly greater levels of collectivization. He has made use of various rulers throughout history in an attempt to find the right combination of factors that will achieve his objective. While religion seeks to entice compliance, institutionalize it through ritual, or achieve it through manipulative fear and greed, a leader who can use physical force is able to establish a much more cohesive collective. This can be seen with any street gang, warlord, and most governments.

The establishment of a monarch, emperor, dictator, tyrant, or other leadership position creates a control system for a collective that is much more tangible than can be achieved through religious systems alone. Through rulership, elements of more significant coercion (such as taxation, judicial ruling, imprisonment, and even capital punishment) can be employed. The contrast

between a capable leader and a weak one can be seen in the example of Marcus Aurelius and his son Commodus. Marcus was a capable administrator and his son was a fool and a coward. As a result, various political intrigues flourished under Commodus finally resulting in his assassination.

History contains an almost endless series of rulers who were maneuvered into positions that advanced Satan's plans often to the disadvantage of the ruler himself. In the nation of Israel the first king, Saul, was intemperate and was finally killed. The second king (David) initially had a heart for the Lord, but towards the end of his reign, he had grown so arrogant he had a man killed so that he could take the man's wife for himself. His son Solomon also made a good initial start, but came to be influenced by his many wives into idolatry and away from God. As a result, God split Israel into two nations to see if one might remain faithful (neither did). We can see that one of his sons (Rehoboam) didn't even make a decent start of his rulership;

And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 1 Kings 12:11

The main purpose of rulership is to keep order primarily by the use of physical force to punish crime.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. - Romans 13:3-4

The emergence of civilizations (those groups of people with written records) seem to indicate those who were first being guided by Satan in the direction he would have them go. This seems to have been in Mesopotamia. The fact that some other people groups were left at a sort of tribal level of existence (some for thousands of years) might indicate that Satan was concentrating his manipulative efforts in only a few selected areas. One might surmise that much of this human experience was the result of experiments conducted to learn what would be needed to get humans to collectivize themselves for his use.

One can imagine that some of Satan's earliest frustrations was in how difficult it was to keep people working for the benefit of the collective when people often saw opportunities to seek after their own interests at the expense of the collective he was trying to build. In an attempt to control a ruler that might act impetuously for his own interests Satan often added a second tier that sometimes evolved into an aristocracy which would act as a moderating influence on the leader. This is sort of like adding a governor to the design of an engine to insure that problems do not arise from getting out of control. In conjunction with a religious system, the collective can then more approximate stability.

The structure of a society along the lines of hierarchy allows for most people to be designated as subservient or components for use. However, there are positions required to administer some of the control functions of a collective especially as the collective increases in size. The saying "everyone wants to be Hitler" captures a little of the desire humans have to direct and control

others. This characteristic is often found among those attracted to positions of administration giving us what is known throughout the world as the bureaucratic mind-set. Having the possibility of increasingly greater control allows the ambitious to channel their efforts within the constraints of the collective.

Chapter 5 - War and the Military Class

The orchestration of war allows Satan to achieve many objectives that would otherwise be difficult.

1. He can periodically remove a large number of males from a population and thus make it more vulnerable to deception.
2. He can use the threat to family, possessions, and life to generate enough fear sufficient to keep people dependant upon his "solutions".
3. He can motivate groups to merge into greater collectives either in fear of an external threat or through outright conquest.
4. He can get people to transfer their desire for protection and even sometimes affection (in the form of patriotism) from their families to the state further strengthening the collective.

Another element to the Satanic use of war is that there is something about killing humans that is attractive to Satan. Jesus calls him a murderer (John 8:44). Whatever it is that draws Satan to kill humans, it must be secondary to his need to form us into the collective he feels he needs to advance his plans.

With a single ruler war can be initiated for any number of reasons such as greed for acquisition, fear of being attacked, wounded pride, even religious duty. A significant effect of war or the threat of war is that each collective becomes more and more willing to accept greater restrictions on individual freedom because the collective is seen as protection against the damage that would be inflicted by an attack from another collective.

Young males have a natural desire to show off and demonstrate their strength. This makes them vulnerable to be enticed away from their families (before they become invested in families of their own) with visions of glory and opportunities to test their abilities. The inclination of rulers to so exploit young men was cited as one of the things the nation of Israel could expect when they rejected God and wanted a king.

And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. - 1 Samuel 8:11-12

When we consider what Satan achieves through his orchestration of conflict between various collectives (peoples or nations), we can see that he is mostly seeking to move the members of collectives to be willing to accept increasingly greater control of their lives.

The difficulty Satan has using humans to build a global collective he can take over is that human organization usually falls apart. There was a humorous TV commercial once showing cowboys attempting to herd cats (notorious for being independent). This is illustrative of some of the problems Satan has guiding people into a collective suitable for his purposes.

Bickering, betrayal, in-fighting, and even disinterest eventually cause collectives to fall apart. War is useful to Satan in that it can keep a population more inclined to accept the infringement of their liberty in order to sustain the collective. It is also useful to cull males out of a population so that it is less likely to act in its own best interests and more susceptible to manipulation and deception.

Even when war is not an active or looming event, an armed force is useful to keep a population more compliant. The attraction of military service over the years has been a favored social status, loot obtained in conquest, and an advantageous position should one survive to retirement.

The St. Crispin day speech from Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth resonates with some at an emotional level regarding the intensity with which one can become bonded to military service and how such an appeal becomes a goal to which the next generation of young men strive. There is also a reinforcement between a religion and the ravages of war such that each strengthens the other. Satan has made significant use of this to attempt to hold his collectives together.

This exploitation of the human tendency to see oneself in lofty terms has been used by Satan in other arenas such as social and political causes over the centuries. However, its effectiveness may be seen more clearly in its military application as it has been used to seduce millions to their deaths.

Chapter 6 - Slavery

Prior to the Industrial revolution and the advent of technology most of the work that was accomplished in the world was through muscle power. While most modern perceptions of slavery today come down to us from imagery extending from the book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (a fictional story intended to inflame abolitionist passions), actual slavery throughout history was very diverse.

If a person had no family to support him and owned no assets like land, he only had his own labor to exchange for food, clothing, and shelter. Warfare often brought people to circumstances of destitution. Being a captive of a conquering army and sold as a slave could be seen as a kindness if the alternative was starvation or execution for banditry.

We can get a little insight into the world of slavery by considering the word "dispensation" That Paul uses to refer to the work Jesus had given him.

If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: -
Ephesians 3:2

The Greek word “oikonomia” is translated dispensation. We get the word “economy” from it. The root is “oikos” meaning house. The idea is that a house was the business center of the family. There was no commuting to a suburban residence. The chief steward would “dispense” monies, materials, tools, and assignments to the servant staff for their daily work.

While the ownership of the property remained with the family, everyone (including slaves and servants) were invested in the economic survival of the family enterprise. Living together also created a bond of familiarity that can seem difficult to imagine today.

In a non-technological world, those who are incapable, unwilling, or unable to own and administer property only have their labor to exchange for sustenance. In a way, slavery and servant-hood could be considered the employment as well as the welfare system of the ancient world.

Like any other human activity, there were abuses. However, it is not in one’s best interest to harm someone upon whom you depend. Satan was able to take these living arrangements and use them to foster resentment on the part of those who serve and entitlement on the part of those who were served. By polarizing people Satan often gets two groups of people for him to manipulate.

Some of the diversity of slavery can be seen in the consideration of two types of slavery. Barracks slavery practiced by some Romans was a sort of attempt at an “industrial” approach to using human labor. It was similar to the plantation approach to growing cotton in southern America in the 18th and 19th centuries. It had many inefficiencies some of which came from the “family” type arrangements the slaves would seek out for themselves.

A second type would be the serfdom in Europe of the middle ages. This system made greater allowance for slave family formation but still had them under the authority of those who owned the land. Frequently there was kindly administration from Christian land owners who sought to follow biblical injunctions;

Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. - James 5:4

As the medieval ownership class abandoned Christianity, it became apparent that slavery and serfdom were impractical as it placed burdens of provision for the non-productive on the land owner. The new secular class of land owners saw payment of wages only for work done as a more profitable use of labor. This was also manifest with the institution of sharecropping. The laboring classes were then left to fend for themselves in regard to food, clothing, and shelter.

Slavery and serfdom were essentially the way employment was handled in most of history. This was largely due to a lack of mobility that tied people to the land and the region where they were born. There were upheavals such as war and famine that could force mobility. However, for the

most part people remained where they were born and the circumstances of their birth determined their future.

Like rulership, slavery was fairly easy to corrupt. Both offer power over others from which comfort and ease can be extracted. The bible calls riches “deceitful”. One reason is that like having control over others, we start to think that we are self-sufficient, entitled, and superior. We become distant from God and vulnerable to manipulation by Satan.

Chapter 7 - Israel - God’s tool of intervention

God’s plan for the reconciliation of the world lost in sin required Jesus to be put to death and raised again (in this way all of the sins of everyone could be placed on him and paid for). However, since the reconciliation was to be through those who trusted (had faith) in Jesus, a mechanism had to be established through which people could come to know and understand what God had done. This mechanism would be a nation called out to serve God, keep his word, and serve as the means by which the people of the world could hear about the salvation that was offered through Jesus (the Messiah).

To build this nation God selected one man, Abraham;

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. - Genesis 15:5-7

The land that was to be given for the nation that would be Israel was occupied by people who were following a false religion which practice included infanticide. There is a process of accumulating the penalty for evil until it reaches a point of judgment. The people in the land that the nation of Israel would take required an additional 400 years to accumulate enough evil so that as a result of judgment they would be completely exterminated (similar to the penalty of the flood).

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. - Genesis 15:13-16

It is interesting to note that during the 400 years for the evil of the people of Canaan to come to fullness, the descendants of Abraham would be multiplying in adversity in Egypt. God had Moses lead the people out of Egypt. The Israelites were supposed to exterminate the people of Canaan. Instead, they saw the comforts that could be obtained from keeping some of the inhabitants as slaves.

Satan attempted to keep Moses from being born;

And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. - Exodus 1:16

As God did not allow Satan to kill Moses, Satan was then able to get the Israelites to disobey God using his tactic of the appeal of a life of ease facilitated by keeping some of those who were to be exterminated to serve as slaves instead. Through this Satan was able to inject false religion into the nation of Israel attempting to frustrate God's plan of reconciliation.

Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. - Joshua 9:23

And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. - Judges 3:5-7

God sent many prophets to tell the people of Israel that they needed to reject their false religions, but few were interested in the words that came from God. The nation split in two and the northern tribes were plundered by the Assyrians. Some refugees escaped to the southern kingdom (Judah). However, Judah was also not interested in giving up false religion.

The practice of false religion was finally removed from the nation of Judah (which contained the remnant of Israel) when it was taken captive to the city of Babylon for 70 years. A little over 400 years later Jesus was born. Again Satan tried to kill him as he had done with Moses.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. - Matthew 2:16

Even though Israel had been purged of idolatry because of their time in captivity, they still as a nation had no interest in Jesus and the promised kingdom and new covenant. Some of this disinterest could be attributed to the influence of Greek philosophy in what is called Hellenization (Greek influence). This influence has come down to us today as secularism which is often called the absence of religion but might rather be called the worship of man in general and self in particular. It is with the guiding of man to worship his own intellect that Satan's false religions perhaps gained the most ground.

There is a time coming when a remnant of Israel will joyfully receive Jesus at his return. However, they will have to go through extreme difficulty first.

Chapter 8 - Secularism in Greek culture

Satan used Greek culture as a toxic tool to cripple Israel and later Western Civilization. While making use of most of the cities in Greece, he made special use of Athens. Transitioning from the false religion with which Satan had infused the Greeks he promoted homosexuality with the gymnasium (gymnós meaning "naked").

Demonstrations of physical prowess in games was augmented with intellectual pontificating by those more intellectually inclined. Given the involvement of youth, both physical and intellectual training and development became a focus. By the time of Plato, the intellectual aspect would divert into what was called the academy.

Athenian society was a showcase of the activities of the idle rich. However, they had a passion for urban activities. This can be seen with the etymology of the word idiot. It was used originally to mean someone who did not participate in the activities of the polis (city). It eventually came to mean someone who did not participate because of inability.

A market existed for training the youth of the rich, and competing for these plush assignments were philosophers who would expound on any topic. Essentially many of the Greeks spent their idle hours attempting to impress their fellow citizens with how learned, skilled, wealthy, and influential they were. This caldron of sophistication (from the Greek sophists, self-proclaimed teachers of wisdom, excellence, and virtue) was prepared by Satan to be ready to flow out into the Eastern Mediterranean and mid-East regions on the heels of Alexander the Great's conquests. Hellenization (making things Greek-like) was the term used to describe the pervasiveness of this influence.

Alexander died at a relatively young age and the empire he established fell to four of his generals. Two of them, Ptolemy in Egypt and Seleucus in Persia, alternatively held influence over the nation of Israel located between them. This tended to allow rival political factions to emerge one favoring the Ptolemys and the other favoring the Seleucids. The result was that most people's interest in the God that made them a nation faded and was replaced with a worldliness that seemed more practical.

Chapter 9 - Recycling false religions

Cicero (a Roman statesman) wrote that he thought it was impossible for two augers (people whose profession it was to predict the future by reading the entrails of animals) to pass each other on the street without laughing. A small but growing portion of the population was ready to abandon false religions and Satan had prepared various philosophies as a substitute.

Africa and the Americas would continue to be governed by false religions. India was managed with religion until recently. However, China was diverted with Buddhism and the teachings of Confucius into a path that emphasized familial and civic duty. The cultures that emerged in Korea and Japan might be seen in light of the limits to which people could be pushed into and held in a collectivist state. A culture could be configured with rigidity, but was limited because the development of technology required flexibility.

Prior to the arrival of Jesus, Satan had about 14 mystery religions circulating from Egypt through the Mid East to Greece and Rome. Most had elements of a virgin birth and the death and resurrection of the central figure. It was almost as if Satan had sought to have the story of Jesus lost among various other similar sounding religions.

For those raised in a technological society, the various religions of the world can seem foolish and primitive. They often feel that “science” has successfully replaced religion as the true and only way to understand the universe. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries saw a massive development of technology. However, towards the end of the twentieth century, some were beginning to question what seemed the limitless march of progress. Borrowing terms from the art world, there was a sense in which modernism transitioned to post-modernism.

In the late nineteenth century Satan had elements from Hinduism brought from colonial India to England. This was kept percolating until it was ready to burst forth as “New Age” philosophy in the last half of the twentieth century. Ironically this sort of “spirituality” would involve communication with demonic agents as it had 4,000 years earlier. Satan would make use of this false religion for those who found no comfort in the cold pragmatic materialism characteristic of the modernistic world his technology had created. These resurrected religions would be useful to Satan as an “opiate” for the people as Marx had observed.

Chapter 10 - Israel on Hold

The first 300 years of Christianity saw significant growth under periodically very adverse conditions. The Christian era or “church age” was never intended to be “plan A”. Israel had a window of opportunity from the announcement of the birth of Jesus until the destruction of the temple 70 years later to accept the offered kingdom and be the means through which the world would hear about Jesus.

When the nation of Israel failed to accept the offer of the kingdom, gentiles were being brought to Christ without them. This was another example of how God still achieves his purposes regardless of man’s failings. A biblical principle we can see is that God is not limited by our choices. He will accomplish his will.

And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. - Luke 19:39-40

And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. - Exodus 32:9-10

But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But

to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people. - Romans 10:19-21

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. - Romans 11:25

Even though Israel failed in the work God had planned for her, God still was able to bring people to himself out of the gentiles. We have the promise of God that Israel will be restored and a faithful remnant will accomplish the work that God had intended.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. - Revelation 12:13-14

The book of Revelation uses literary imagery to describe a future event where the dragon (Satan) will persecute a woman (a faithful remnant of Israel) who had given birth to a child (Jesus), for three and a half years. God has promised that this remnant will survive and receive the new covenant promised by Jeremiah.

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. - Isaiah 66:8

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. - Jeremiah 31:31-34

It is important to have a clear understanding of the role, history, and future of Israel so that Christians do not fall into the error of thinking they have replaced Israel in God's plan to reconcile the world to himself. When we consider the damage Satan was able to inflict on Israel and seeks to inflict on us, we should be humble, grateful, and cling to our Savior.

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. ... Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. - 1 Corinthians 10:6 & 11

Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of

unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. - Romans 11:18-21

The gentile world did not consider early Christianity to be anything but a Jewish variant. However the persecution by Nero and the diaspora of the Jews after the destruction of the temple created a situation where Christianity came to be seen as a distinct entity.

Chapter 11 - The early Christian Era - Persecution

Satan has never been shy about using brute force such as his attempts to kill baby Moses and Jesus. The persecutions of Christians in the early years may have had the hope that they could be exterminated. However, Satan is skillful and incorporated in his stirring up persecution was a plan to guide the beleaguered Christians into actions that would grow to become hindrances and then stumbling blocks.

One of the first acts Satan took was to infiltrate Christianity with false teachers.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. - 2 Peter 2:1

The book of Galatians is pretty much entirely devoted to the problem of false teaching. What is described is not so much a failure of leadership, but the failure of individual Christians to walk by the Spirit instead of the flesh. This can be instructive as it illustrates that the Christian does not have to be smart, learned, or defensive to withstand false teaching, just walking depending on God (faith) by the power of his Spirit (the Spirit of truth).

In addition to periodic persecution from Roman rulers, false teachers including Gnostics infiltrated the church. People often responded to threats from within, as well as external, defensively (in the flesh rather than by the Spirit), and as a result turned to creeds, bishops, and rules to protect them. Satan was able to get Christians constructing the foundation of the organizational systems he would require to enslave the world.

As people became Christian, they presented Satan with a new opportunity. To understand this, it is important to consider what makes a Christian different from other humans. From the point of view of the Christian, he has new and eternal life and his sins are forgiven. From the point of view of Satan, there are people who now have their selfishness limited because of the indwelling Spirit of God. This makes them more useful in building a collective that can grow large enough and still retain more stability than other collectives he has attempted.

The problem Satan faced was that Christians who grow closer to Jesus and are more led by the indwelling Spirit of truth are less useful for his purposes. Satan had to make sure that Christians could be kept in a state of retarded spiritual development. Initial persecution was useful for Satan to drive Christians to accept and even seek traditions and practices that would hobble them and their children.

Chapter 12 - Contaminated Christianity

Some of the effects of persecution and false teaching can be seen in how new believers and children were introduced to Christianity. We can see in the book of Galatians how easy it is to slip into a focus on a list of rules. This is often combined with a reduction of an understanding of faith to salient “bullet points”. In a way, information about Christianity is substituted for actual Christianity. This can be seen a little in reference to knowledge;

Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. - 1 Corinthians 8:1

One of the major problems of Christianity over the centuries is knowledge apart from love. Sincere Christians would even come to build universities to train their leaders only to find the institutions they created serve to foster pride and arrogance even to the point of denying the existence of God.

When Christianity becomes what you do or items with which you agree instead of how you live, we are distant from God, unable to recognize the leading of his Spirit, and vulnerable to all sorts of deceptions.

A combination of feeling intellectually inferior about their faith in the face of Hellenistic philosophers, wanting their leaders to be “educated”, and providing instruction for converts resulted in some early Christians adopting a sort of classroom instruction such when Pantaenus, a converted Greek Stoic, became head of catechumenal instruction at Alexandria, in 179 A.D.

We see in these early years the development of practices that would come to cripple Christianity. These practices taken together resulted in the formation of an organizational system (collective) that could be used by Satan to further his ambitions.

1. The elevation of important people. Even the Israelites wanted a king to rule over them so that they could be like other nations. Hellenistic culture already had reverence for those skilled in rhetoric, logic, and sophistry. It was not long before those who excelled in these worldly characteristics were seen as more worthy than those who excelled in humility, piety, and wisdom.
2. Lazy laity. The book of Revelation rebukes a group called the Nicolaitans. We do not have any record of these people, however, the word is a combination of two words that can mean power over the people. It is unlikely that some cabal conspired to take over Christianity. It is more likely that individual Christians either through neglect or ease started to put themselves at the disposal of those who would tell them what to do.
3. Ritual. Those who do not understand how to live for Christ can often find comfort in being told what acts to perform to meet religious criteria. Eventually the acts of a ritual are seen as the totality of the religion such that Christianity seems like every false religion based on works (bargaining what you do for what you get).
4. Disconnection from God’s word. When one adopts a system of religious practice, there is little need to do more than follow the rules. A problem in the early church was not so much illiteracy so that people were unable to read God’s word. The illiterate always could find someone to read

to them. The major problem was a very human one. People do not like to read or even listen to God's word because it is presented in such a way that it makes demands on a person. It is much easier to receive praise for having been faithful in doing some ritual correctly.

5. Prevention rather than correction of error. The bible advocates the correction of error. This process requires an active level of participation particularly in seeking truth and openness to correction on the part of each Christian. When people go on a sort of automatic pilot religious practice, they only seek to function within what is permissible. As Christianity transitioned into an organizational system from a relational way of life, error was defined in terms of works such as ritual that either was or was not in compliance to defined standards.

6. Membership exclusivity. An organizational system maintains measurement criteria by which access is gained into the organization and also by which threat of expulsion can be used to enforce compliance.

7. Faith in church over faith in God. When people first look to their leaders or delegates to instruct them as to what they need to do, they elevate leaders past the position of teacher into a sort of substitute god.

Satan was unable to get Israel to completely abandon God, but he was able to cripple Israel so that they were mostly uninterested in the kingdom that Jesus offered in fulfillment of prophecy. Even without the participation of Israel, God still worked for gentiles to come to him. While God was saving individual gentiles in spite of the organizational system that Satan had formed, Satan was able to use this system to establish what would come to be called Western Civilization.

Chapter 13 - The "Dark" Ages

A traditional historical perspective sees the years roughly from 300 to 1100 as "dark" because there is no record of great human achievement in art, literature, music, or philosophy. The time between the fall of Rome and the arrival of the Renaissance (rebirth) may have been "dark" for another reason.

The fourth century saw the end of official persecution of Christianity and the entrance of all sorts of people seeking political, economic, and social advantage now in being "Christian". It was the entrance of these sorts of people that built upon the seeds Satan planted with his persecutions to shape Christianity into a monolithic organization.

He also saw the weaving of religion and rulership together such as emperors and kings who would benefit from church endorsement just as the church leader (pope) would benefit from secular endorsement. One can see this integration in what would become the Holy Roman Empire. However, it was also integral in all the kingdoms of Western Europe.

This exposes two types of Christianity. There is the visual manifestation closely integrated with political, military, and even economic forces in contrast to the individual, relational, and devotional life that constitutes real Christianity.

Christianity was supposed to be new life in Christ separate from the world with each Christian seeking to grow in the image of Christ.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. - John 4:14

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. - John 13:35

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - Romans 12:2

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. - Romans 14:5

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: - Ephesians 4:15

Instead of Christians growing in their faith, gaining Christian maturity, and becoming more like Jesus, a pernicious encrustation grew on the backs of Christians that came to claim total authority over Christian life. Those who were wealthy, influential, and ambitious were useful tools for Satan's purposes to form the organizational systems that would harness Christians in a collective that would be a stepping stone to his control of the world.

Chapter 14 - Setting the Stage to Corrupt the World

We have seen that Satan used the false religions of the world to create a false narrative of how the world was made, how it works, and how people should function in it. People had been manipulated to accept what those in authority (the priests) told them, as a substitute for truth. It would be necessary for Satan to control those who would be seen as the new dispensers of truth. Smart people could be used to intellectually bully others into accepting whatever they declared. Satan did not need to use only the philosophy of the Greeks, he could also use Christian "scholars". By raising up smart thinkers to record their postulations, Satan could then subsequently get other smart people to immerse themselves in difficult, arcane, and even obtuse writings to prove their own merit. Satan created a class of people within the church who would become the vanguard of new false religion, secularism. He used the human inclination to be puffed up with pride through the accumulation of knowledge.

Satan would use the Christian "scholars" in a long game to slowly advance secularism. In the short term he made effective use of the politically ambitious, bold speaking, articulate, and even flamboyant to rise to the higher levels of the organizational system the church had become. Even if some of these people actually were Christian, they could be so bound by walking by the flesh that their faith would make little discernible difference.

Satan was also busy establishing what would become nations. He directed the establishment of a feudal system. This came out of the fall of the Roman Empire. Those who worked the land had no legal title since there was no legal authority to secure land claims. There were two groups of people, the first were those tied to the land engaged in producing food. The second group were

marauding parasites, who like bandits, street gangs, or the Mafia used threats and violence to take what they wanted from those tied to the land. It was from the second group that what would be ironically called the “nobility” arose to administer the various nations that were taking shape. As these people assumed “ownership” of the land, they exercised lordship over those they had previously raided such that their banditry was institutionalized as government.

People during this time came to see society as divided into three “estates”, the clergy, nobility, and commoners. The nobility, like the powerful families vying to control city-states in Greece over a millenia earlier, would now find themselves bound by the clergy to restrain their self-destructive impulses. In addition, economics would be applied to further direct the ambitions of those Satan would have follow his path.

Chapter 15 - The Crusades - Awakening Trade and Finance

In seventh century Arabia Satan had Mohammed start a false religion out of the polytheistic pantheon of gods the Arabs had previously been provided with. Allah (the moon god) was selected to be the only god. The tenets of the new religion evolved based on their emerging political and military power. At first a low key approach was taken. However, after a while the new religion dropped any pretense of peacefulness declaring that anyone opposed to the religion should be killed.

The new religion spread rapidly over North Africa and into Spain. By the twelfth century Pope Urban II requested intervention in the Holy Lands to assist the Byzantine Empire. Organizational Christianity had become such a debased system that the forgiveness of sins (which Jesus accomplished and was free to anyone who trusted in him) was offered as an incentive by the church to get people to make the trip and fight.

Historically, rulership had been assured through the power of military might. A new perspective was being introduced that of power over others through the means of wealth. At first the accumulation of wealth was the prerogative of rulership. However, with the advancement of the nobility class, and their involvement in trade, sufficient wealth could be accumulated and with wealth armies could be purchased. With the advent of serious banking, rulers could be made subservient through debt.

The actual military gains and losses during the various crusades were not as significant as the establishment of wealth-seeking as the driving force in what was becoming the society of Western Civilization. Families would be fearful of losing prestige and comforts, as well as greedy to expand influence and control. The devices being applied by Satan to these few families would be expanded in the future to people in general by means of the mechanisms he was putting in place.

Chapter 16 - The Renaissance

Wealthy families, particularly in Northern Italy, achieved notoriety for their endowment of the arts, placing relatives in important positions (such as the papacy), and killing rivals. During the dark ages there arose cathedral schools originally established to train the clergy but increasingly came to be used to train the children of nobility.

The Renaissance saw the emergence of universities that became avenues to secure positions in law, theology, and medicine. Having originated out of the guild tradition of exclusivity and control of access to advantageous employment, universities became a gateway for families to assure their relatives of positions of influence as they continually maneuvered to advance their family fortunes.

Satan had been able to establish systems of education, finance, and religion such that the natural tendency of humans to follow selfish interests could be directed into channels that would advance his plans. With education what had begun as a desire to learn more about God, over the years morphed into first the administration of church rituals, then into scholastic arrogance and even to the point of denying the existence of God. When the Muslims invaded Constantinople, many refugees brought their books with them giving the West a heavy exposure to classical Greek writings.

Satan had timed the invasion of the Byzantine capital with the development of printing technology so that the intellectual class would have access to the “great minds” of classical antiquity. As a result, intellectual interest in the things of God diminished in favor of the opportunity to prove one’s mettle with the great minds of the past.

Chapter 17 - Reformation - Exploration - Colonization - Popularization

Many people today consider the Protestant Reformation to be the salvation of Christianity because it corrected some of the worst abuses of the Catholic monopoly of Christianity. However, little was accomplished that helped Christians to walk by faith, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to become more like Jesus. Instead a war broke out in Europe lasting thirty years and left many with a strong dislike of either flavor of Christianity. This became fertile ground for the new religion of secularism.

As has been mentioned previously, secularism is more correctly considered not as the absence of religion, but the worship of man in general and self in particular. Printing was the primary vehicle to bring in a wider group than just the nobility into an appreciation of entertainment through works of fiction, exposure to larger concerns of the world, such as, the riches extracted from the new world by Spain, and the cultivation of a critical appraisal of rulers leading to discontent.

The expansion of the world Satan had created, for the nobility to the masses, was necessary to be able to apply the systems he had developed, to ensnare the nobility to everyone else. Printing would become one element of media which would grow through technology to become the most powerful instrument for shaping how people see themselves and the world.

A first step in expanding the world of the nobility was the growth of the merchant class. Fueled by the wealth obtained from trading, expansion of commercial interest in foreign lands was followed by military investment to protect those interests. This infestation of Western Civilization to all continents was also essential to create future avenues for global influence and control.

Chapter 18 - Democracy in America

The United States was to have a special role in the plans of Satan. It would be the capstone to bring the final stages of Satan's plan to fruition. Underpopulated by natives largely due to the diseases the Europeans brought with them, America seemed to offer all sorts of possibilities to those fleeing Europe. The slogan of a future Louisiana politician would promise, "Every man a king". This sort of encapsulated the appeal Satan would come to offer the people of the world. Starting with the "everyone has an opportunity" of individualism to the "everyone gets everything all the time" appeal of socialism. The wealth and prosperity of America would be used to stir the world to lust.

In the 1800s a Frenchman wrote a book called "Democracy in America" attempting to discover why democracy seemed to work in America when its attempt in France had been such a disaster. Democracy has never worked well even in Greece for the short time it was tried. However, the illusion of democracy was important for Satan to convince people that they could have the freedom to build and control their world.

There are several reasons why democracy does not work.

1. In those rare situations when freedom is obtained, those who are inclined to ruthlessness will quickly find a way to gain advantage over others.
2. Democracy does not work well even in an environment of even just five or six people as someone will always be able to bully someone else.
3. With representational democracy the representatives are quickly subverted to work for those who can benefit them rather than those who they are supposed to represent.
4. Many voices are unable to react quickly should events require it.
5. The character of a people is corrupted by the opportunity to receive without labor what others have worked to accumulate.

The reason Satan chose this form of government for the United States was that with restricted voting (literate white male landowners) he could achieve the stability to sustain the illusion of a workable and even desirable form of government. As voting was incrementally extended to the plebiscite and essentially mob rule was achieved, Satan would by then have achieved mob influence such that any election would be in the direction he favored.

The two main dynamics that contributed to influence the selection of democracy in America was the English civil war 100 years earlier and so-called enlightenment philosophies that were based on a noble view of the nature of man that also carried with it a romanticized view of ancient Greek culture.

There were two important diversions used by Satan to give the impression that democracy was a workable form of government. The first was that many of the ambitious people whose aspirations would normally lead them to exploit their fellow citizens were directed to the so-called open territories to the west. The second was that there was a significant percentage of the population that actually were Christian and were restrained from the exploitive ambitions of their fellow citizens.

Chapter 19 - Urbanization

Cities can only exist in circumstances where the division of labor is such that a significant number of people receive food on which to live as they do not have the land to grow their own. The reason they receive this sustenance is because they do something of value such as make things, buy and sell things, or are supported by the taxation of others.

Satan had the process called the industrial revolution begin, at the same time (about 1700) he had the agricultural revolution begin such that a much denser concentration of people could be achieved in cities.

Getting many people into cities is important to Satan because when people are separated from living in God's natural world, they are much more open to accepting the "reality" of Satan's unnatural or artificial world. For example, the influence of weather is generally considered less important than what is fashionable.

Getting people to arrange themselves in social collectives is critical to Satan's plan to get people to think that something other than God is critical to their survival. Once people can be made to fear others, a person can be manipulated into almost any direction Satan would have him go. Even in bible times the parents of the man born blind did not want to risk saying anything favorable about Jesus because they knew of the retribution they would receive at the hands of the power elite.

The early church in Jerusalem held all things in common not because communism is the preferred way to live, but because they were penalized for not following the norms established by those in power. They were just trying to live in spite of the economic boycott applied by those in power. As the money they pooled ran out, they had to be supported by donations from Christians in other cities.

A person that lives on his own land and grows his own food is going to be less impressed with what others tell him he should do than someone who faces the need for social acceptance to retain employment. The rural person may also feel less need to advance his social standing, or impress others with his accomplishments or possessions.

The bible says that a person who does not work should not eat. This is compatible with natural law in that if an organism does not seek food, it will die. In the unnatural environment of urban life, people can come to believe that they are entitled to eat without doing any work. This example shows how distorted ones thinking can become when one accepts an alternative reality offered by Satan.

Chapter 20 - Science and Technology

There is no denying how much more comfortable life has become as a result of the application of science and technology. However, comfort is like riches in that it is ultimately deceitful and corruptive.

But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. - Matthew 11:8

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. - Matthew 13:22

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. - 1 Timothy 6:9-10

And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. - Deuteronomy 6:11-12

The ultimate purpose of science and technology was to provide the tools Satan needed (particularly computers and the Internet) to be able to track and control every person on earth. The increase of comfort as the technology was developed worked to lull many Christians into not only complacency but even advocacy, frequently claiming that the comforts we enjoyed were blessings from God.

The Industrial Revolution gave us mass production and using economies of scale brought prices for many items very low. However, the human price for these advantages was to make work a drudgery, reduce people to components in production machinery, and break up families by taking work out of the home. Fathers and mothers became caretakers for the brief period children would be in their care. Children no longer working with their parents as they grew would no longer benefit from the character building and development of understanding that such close association had always imparted in the past.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. - Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Advancing technology also would seem to give support to the Satanic alternative to the truth of man's condition (fallen in sin and in need of salvation). The alternative Satan concocted was that man was primordial in his origin and evolving upwards towards cosmic enlightenment by his own hand. The progression of technological development seemed to support this view.

What is called science was the inquiry into the mechanism of God's creation. This was hijacked by Satan to divorce God from his own creation and allow man to insert himself in the equation.

As a result, inquiries made into the nature of the universe had to be based on the assumption that there was no God. All “discoveries” were to be aligned with this view or declared not scientific.

Satan was able to form a group of people to use as latter day “priests” whose declarations were to be taken as “truth”. These new priests would be working in the temples of this new religion called universities. These would function as the training ground for the establishment of this alternative reality in the minds of successive generations.

Chapter 21 - Education = Indoctrination

The essential attractiveness of education like most things Satanic lies in deception. Since the nobility sent their children to schools, people often thought that sending their children to school would give them the opportunity for the same life that the nobility had. Given the desire many had to provide their children with “better” lives, one can see the financial opportunity to profit from assuring parents that their children would receive such a boost.

In reality, bright children learn more than dim ones. A dim child will not be able to learn as much regardless of the skill of the educator. To boast of one's teaching skill is fraudulent as it is the student who accomplishes the learning. One can see a little of this double standard in that successful students are often called educated (credit to the teacher), while students that do not do well are often said to fail (blame to the student).

Learning is what a person does. Education is what is done to him. The industrial revolution did much to disconnect children from their parents. This disconnection was further deepened with mandatory public education such that the state would reserve the right to shape the values and beliefs of children. Also, age segregation inflicted damage such that an artificial social dependency was created crippling the children with deficits in the ability to interact with older or younger people. This social dependency also served to intensify the influence children of the same age would have on each other.

It is in the social pressure cooker, that is the classroom, where individuality is expunged from the child. Most that have gone through the process have learned to fear negative comments from the group. Adapting oneself, what one says, and even how one dresses to meet the approval of the group (or at least avoid group censure) has a significant homogenizing effect.

It is difficult to overstate how significant this was for Satan. The industrial revolution and advancement in technology gave us an exaggerated emphasis on materialism. The cottage industry world where your parents helped you build your future was replaced with the industrial world where you had to compete for a place at the privileged table. Parents were not only willing but enthusiastic to have their children processed to be suitable for the world collective that was forming. However, parents were under the mistaken impression that what their children learned would be of value to them. Instead, they were shaped to be of value to Satan.

Exposure to 12 years of “Sit down, shut up, do what you are told” makes more compliant worker bees for factories and offices, docile voters, fodder for pointless wars, and consumers of various products. However, while there can be material advantages for those who rise to higher levels in

the collectives for which they have been prepared, the entire process is designed to take people further from their creator and deeper into the bonds of selfishness.

Chapter 22 - Capitalism and Communism

To take a good look at capitalism one has to first define terms. If one thinks of the money one has saved as capital and then that is used to start a business, it could be called capitalism. However, for our purposes, capitalism will be defined as the formation of capital from multiple sources such as with a joint stock corporation.

Ironically this is often contrasted with communism when there are many similarities between a corporation (which one can see as an economic collective) and various political socialist collectives. The maneuvering to wield influence and control, striving for recognition and influence, and all of what we have come to recognize as bureaucratic fascism that is common in all collectives.

With the crusades people began to see the value of money as equal to and occasionally surpassing the value of noble birth, lands and servants, or prestigious positions. At first a few families controlled commerce and banking. These families operated as embryonic corporations. However, Satan was able to expand economic collectivism first through trade and then through industrialization such that most people would come to find their livelihood sustained by such participation.

While many people get embroiled over which economic system is best (capitalism or communism) most fail to recognize that both are Satanic. Satan introduced capitalism earlier in the history of western civilization because it had an appeal to the opportunity for individual effort and reward. Communism was introduced later because of the appeal to protection from individual effort and failure.

True communism can never exist (from each according to his abilities to each according to his needs) because the “to” and “from” business is often determined by the administrators for their own benefit. The book “Animal Farm” portrays how the ideal of communism never can be achieved.

True capitalism leaves those who were not “competitive” in the dust. True communism enslaves. Each represents the end of a spectrum that Satan has employed to drive humans into his collectivized world. The political institution of democracy was needed such that as most people became aware that a free market economy would not benefit them, they would seek to vote in favor of who promised to offer them and give them the most.

Chapter 23 - Media

The technology of print gave us books, then newspapers, then magazines. As the technologies of film, radio, and then television were brought to bear, people came to be even more drawn into the world of entertainment. Media is an interesting unidirectional transmission of information. This

fits Satan's purposes perfectly because a small group of media originators can have their work taken in by a large number of media consumers.

When people lived largely with their families (extended and close) as well as with neighbors in village life, media was largely a small occasional "voice" that was heard. With the mobility of transportation brought about with the industrial revolution families would relocate and traditional voices would diminish largely replaced with the growing voice of media.

We have come to the point where without cable TV old folks homes would be even more depressing. This raises an interesting feature of media, that of being a soporific or anesthetic. Much of what Satan accomplishes (such as the destruction of families) is not without pain. By facilitating distractions such as entertainment, he is able to continue his work on us with minimal objection.

Media is a sort of funnel in that the further into it we are immersed, the more we are shaped by it to adopt its lessons. There are many lessons that are presented as sort of morality plays. However, its greater effect is to permeate our thinking and beliefs with assumptions imprinted from the context. Like in the classroom, we are made to adapt to the group thinking. The more media we are exposed to, the greater its imprint on our lives. Consider media messages;

1. A father (specifically, but men in general) is an idiot that has to be often humorously managed and corrected to be brought into compliance with good behavior.
2. Going to college is the key to a successful life.
3. A person can fulfill his dreams if he just works hard enough.
4. Casual fornication is healthy and without consequence.
5. Evolution is fact, scientific, and to question it is foolish.
6. Men and women are the same and interchangeable.
7. Success is from luck and not hard work.
8. Abortion is a cherished right and causes no damage.
9. The solution to the complexities in life lies with government.
10. Traditional family life is cruel to women.
11. The sooner children can leave their parents the better.
12. School is essential to learning.

Media is less about explicit instruction, scolding, and lectures and more about implicit assumptions. For example, news media presents what has happened in a context of does it matter and why, how one receives the information, and what one should think about it. Consider the headline, "Voters angered by accusations of Trump's racism". As long as two voters were found who were angry, the news blurb could be claimed to be factual when it is really intended to convey a charge of racism.

Satan has labored long to isolate humans such as husbands from wives and parents from children. Today many people are so isolated they attempt to connect with others through social media. It is at this last stage where people have little objective input from others that they are most vulnerable to accepting the values, assumptions, and ideas that Satan would fill them with.

Chapter 24 - Abortion and Birth Control

For most of human history women who have been indiscreet have sought herbal or mechanical means of aborting their babies so that they can avoid the consequence of pregnancy. Since God gives life, one can see where Satan might be inclined to set in motion forces to take it.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. - Psalm 127:3

But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. - Proverbs 8:36

It is a testimony to the skill of Satan that he can get so many women passionate about having the “right” to kill their children. Perhaps a portion of those so vehement are drawn from college girls who are seduced as naive young freshmen a couple of months into their college experience only to find themselves dumped and pregnant. Many of these who shamefully sought abortions would then feel bitter about so being used and grateful for the opportunity to hide their shame.

The sequential path of ignorance, deception, and exploitation is often used by Satan to direct people in the path he would have them go. If a person is embroiled in a difficulty, Satan can offer a way out that appears to solve their problem. However, such solutions only create further problems.

The children that are produced as a result of human reproduction are intended by God by necessity to draw us out from the natural selfishness of our own childhood into the adult world where living for others opens a deeper world of selflessness (love) to us. This is one of the strongest ways God has of drawing us to seek him. This is why the relationship he desires with us is often described in parental terms.

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. - Ephesians 4:6

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! - Matthew 23:37

There is a category of contraceptive devices and apparatus called “barriers”. These tools are useful for those whose desire to experience pleasure without apparent consequence. What is often under-appreciated is the degree such reinforcement of selfish inclination delays and even prevents the development of maturity. In a way, the focus on selfishness approaches the deleterious effects seen with alcoholism and drug abuse.

The most popular method of birth control is the use of oral contraceptives. While originally introduced with a promise of preventing ovulation, their effective mechanism is the prevention of embryo implantation resulting from a thicker mucosal lining of the uterus. This provides a mechanism for abortion many times higher than the number of surgical abortions. While many people (even Christians) are willfully ignorant of the consequences of using such products, they contribute to judgment that comes on a land resulting from the shedding of innocent blood.

So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. - Numbers 35: 33

And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. - Psalm 106:36-38

While modern man may not pour out his children's blood specifically to idols and demons, flushing them down the toilet still accrues judgment. The contrast between the old practice which involved what we think of as classic idolatry and the new practice which we think of as management is more a reflection of how Satan was able to get people to consider false religion as primitive and the new ideas of secularism and technology employed to serve selfishness as scientific and practical.

Chapter 25 - Feminism

Satan first attacked humanity through Eve. This is because of the nature of women. God created woman to be a helper appropriate for Adam. This included an inclination to trust in, depend on, and follow the leadership of a husband. Satan was able to insert himself in the natural greater trust that Eve had and exploit that through his deception.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. - 2 Corinthians 11:3

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. - 1 Timothy 2:14

Part of the consequence of the first sin was a disturbance in the relationship between men and women.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. - Genesis 3:16

The word "desire" here is the Hebrew word *teshûqâh* meaning a stretching out after. A more clear understanding of the word can be seen in the next chapter;

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. - Genesis 4:7

Here God tells Cain that sin desires to have mastery over him. From this usage we can gain a little more clarity in that Eve does not have so much a romantic longing for Adam, but an inclination to take from him his position of leadership.

Satan has made great use of this wedge that exists between men and women going so far as to promote the idea of men and women being equal. It is interesting to observe the fury that is reserved for anyone who so much as hints that men and women are not equal.

With the industrial revolution and making labor a commodity, the value of women began to be gauged in economic rather than domestic terms. An honored wife and mother became instead a resource that could generate an income. Husbands could be seen sort of as pimps profiting from the exploitation of their wives.

When public education came along, women were sold the idea that they were too stupid to teach the children God gave them as this could only be achieved by educated specialists and so their children were taken from them. Left alone with cleaning machinery, women oversaw empty homes and were vulnerable to the discontent often associated with boredom. Satan made effective use of the various media outlets to reach women robbed of the life for which they were intended. Many of these became convinced that the joys of working as a drone in a corporate hive were being kept from them by selfish husbands who wanted to exploit them as domestic slaves.

One can see the promotion of women in society not only as a result of Satanic deception. A case can be made that such ascendancy is also allowed to punish people for turning their back on God.

As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. - Isaiah 3:12

Chapter 26 - Evolution

Under the guise of “science” Satan had the speculations of Darwin institutionalized as a fundamental doctrine of his religion of secularism. Darwin wrote his original “Origin of Species” thesis in reference to the advantages of various races. Margaret Sanger thought this was an attractive reason to exterminate black people and Adolph Hitler thought this was a good basis to exterminate Jewish people.

Darwin’s thesis had two parts. The first was that there was spontaneous generation of new advantageous genetic material that would be incorporated in successive generations of an organism. The second was that as the genetic variations came into conflict with each other for survival, those that were best suited would survive to become the dominant and frequently only surviving species.

We do know that genetic material is lost as species become extinct. However, in the 150 years since Darwin there has been never observed even one favorable mutation. There are millions of

unfavorable mutations such as cancers, however, the thesis that new genetic material carrying us up an evolutionary ladder has not even one example to support it.

The reason this idea is so important to Satan is that it dismisses any reason to consider the existence of God as anything more than a fairytale. It also serves to bully many Christians into thinking the bible is unreliable and even wrong and that it cannot be trusted. Christians cut off from God's word become even more vulnerable to other Satanic manipulations.

The idea of evolution is also critical to Satan to bolster those he keeps away from truth so that they imagine a romanticized utopia to which we are all headed. In a way, people are convinced to strive towards an imaginary secular heaven.

The reality of a person's life can be sad, depressed, anxious, and empty. However, this can be set aside if a person comes to believe that a better world awaits. In addition, there is a sort of smug pride that can numb the reality of an empty life such that not only is truth not sought, but actively resisted.

Chapter 27 - Homosexuality

The societal embracing of homosexuality was necessary for Satan because of the success he had in turning people away from God. There is a judicial consequence as people reject God that results in "vile affections" and a reprobate mind that manifests with all sorts of character defects. Thus as more and more people were receiving this judgment, Satan had to prepare society to receive them and the institutionalizing of homosexuality as a protected status was essential to integrate them into the world he was creating.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 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. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without

understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. - Romans 1:18-32

It is unlikely that Satan has a primary desire that people be homosexual as it seems to come with additional problems that make them even less useful for Satan than they would be otherwise. However, Satan has to deal with the consequences God imposes. As a result, room needs to be made to accept the millions of people who are going to receive this judgment.

Chapter 28 - Christian Denominations

One of the works of the flesh listed in Galatians is heresy from which we get the English word heresy. However, in the Greek it simply means divisions. We can see Paul objecting to how quickly the Corinthians began to align themselves in these sort of divisions;

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Today we have those who follow Luther, Calvin, Knox, Piper, Graham, Wesley, etc. It was essential for Satan to cripple Christianity because without Christians, he would have been unable to build the technology and infrastructure he needed to exercise control over the whole world.

Monolithic Christianity under the Roman Catholic church was necessary for the formation of western civilization as it gave a cohesiveness to the formation of nations and culture as well as universities and systems of scholarship. If Satan maintained a monolithic church, he risked having the secularism he was introducing being in conflict with it. It was essential that numerous options were available for the religious consumer.

Adam Smith was no supporter of religion. However, he had a favorable view of denominations as their distinctives would end up bristling against each other such that they would be motivated to jettison anything substantive to obtain market approval. Thus he saw an eventual end to what he considered the nuisance of religion.

A person who selects a particular denomination is usually required to accept, defend, and promote whatever is considered unique about the denomination. This automatically puts the church member in a subordinate position of functionary. Biblical Christianity has a more active role in mind for the Christian than just a component in an organizational system;

1. To be exercising judgment. (Romans 14:5)
2. To be questioning, examining, and searching. (Acts 17:11)
3. To be acquiring deeper understanding. (Colossians 1:9)
4. To be actively growing in faith. (2 Peter 1:5-9)

5. To be becoming more like Jesus. (Ephesians 4:15)

What defines a denomination is some particular doctrine or practice which by definition requires adherence and thus inhibits the active questioning by the members. Questioning is prohibited with all the zeal of one convinced he is guarding the sacred. This can summon great passion to prevent questioning or individual inquiry. Instruction may be given, but not in response to inquiry but rather in an expectation of a sort of regurgitation of doctrine that tends to stagnate any attempt by a Christian to mature and come to greater wisdom and understanding. The establishment of denominations was a critical element used by Satan to keep Christians in a sort of somnambulist dormancy.

It was important to keep Christians ignorant of the wisdom, discernment, understanding, and knowledge that a closer personal walk with the Lord could provide. By having Christians sleep-walking in their spiritual life he could make use of them to build the infrastructure he needed for his technological collectivized society.

Chapter 29 - Equality

The concept of equality is a mathematical abstraction. One cannot even find identical twins that are “equal”. There is an equal standing before God in that ones abilities, social position, wealth, or lineage are of no interest to God. Satan has worked long and hard to create an attitude of discontent with any differences (perceived or otherwise) contributing to a simmering anger regarding such things as sex, race, wealth, and religion.

Anyone who has cared for children is aware of the seething resentment that can arise when a child feels that a sibling has received a larger portion of cake. Satan understands that he will not get far trying to sell people on the logic of his ideas. For this reason it is to his advantage to delay or stop human maturity so that the emotions of frustrated children can be used to lead people into the paths he would have us go.

The phrase “identity politics” is used to describe the classification of people into groups each espousing grievances and seeking political actions (usually money or power in one form or another) to sooth their discontent. Satan has made great use in getting people to see themselves in terms of groups and grievances fanning the flames of bitterness until no amount of appeasement could ever satisfy.

In contrast, there have been and continue to be groups that are truly oppressed such as the Jews in Germany in the 1930s and the Armenian Christians in Turkey in the early 1900s. It is difficult to imagine any of these people strutting around in indignant arrogance scolding their oppressors as to what better behavior was expected.

This brings to light the concept of “should”. A child may throw a tantrum because he expected his mother to give him candy. This is an example of how “should” can come to be twisted in the mind to drive us to irrational behavior. Satan can draw people into a group because they come to think that the group can provide them with what they have been led to believe that they “should” have.

One of the most significant ways to stir up discontent is to get a particular group to think they should have more money and that the reason they don't have more money is because others are keeping them from it. This allows Satan to elevate the value of money (to the exclusion of things like family) as well as stirring up hatred of others.

Since people are so diverse, those who excel in hard work, cleverness, and self discipline often do better economically than the lazy, dim, and undisciplined. In the past with village life those in the first group might have taken in those from the second group and imposed restrictions on them but also provided care.

With industrialized society, there is little relational connection between people and the people in the second group began to flounder. The transition from a relational to an industrial society left many of the poor with little chance to survive much less thrive. With an ostensible democracy Satan just needed a majority of the population to form a mob which he could direct. By taking real differences (called inequality) and getting people to believe that it is caused by oppression instead of genetics, character, or circumstances of birth, Satan can direct the outrage of groups to drive the societal collective to be shaped as he wishes.

Chapter 30 - Government as God

When Satan got us industrialized, the first division was between owners and workers which easily transitioned into management and labor. While serfdom and slavery were sometimes abusive, Satan was able to worsen this with the early stages of industrialization which Dickens colorfully expounded in some of his books.

Satan was able to use his media to arouse discontent with the circumstances many of the poor had fallen into. As a result, people began to be mobilized to "set things right". This mobilization took on political expression as most people (even Christians) saw it their responsibility to right the wrongs of the world. This new social activism was manifest in the abolition, suffrage, and temperance movements.

The activism taught by Jesus was illustrated in the parable he told about the good Samaritan. The activism Satan sought to arouse was unsatisfied with personal acts of kindness and charity but sought collective control using the coercive force of the most powerful entity that was available, which was government.

Satan was able to draw upon several forces he had set in motion. The "Progressive Era" from roughly the 1880s until the first world war saw an expansion of technology, a broad acceptance of evolution, mobilized social activism, and an expanded collegiate system to indoctrinate the many people who would be needed to administer the expanding role government would come to play in every aspect of life.

By crafting an understanding of the world that excludes God, Satan is able to offer the people of the world a substitute which is government. Those who have come to see their best hope in life as being what their "god" can provide them flock to those politicians who promise that everyone can have everything all the time. Most people reject Libertarianism and even Republicanism

because they are afraid to take on themselves the responsibility for their own lives. They much prefer living in a sort of perpetual infancy taken care of by what they imagine to be a benevolent government.

Socialism will always be accepted and even demanded by the majority because they see too much risk in accepting responsibility for their own lives. When there was slavery and serfdom many times the welfare of the dependent person would be taken into consideration (if only for selfish reasons) as the fate of both master and slave would often coincide.

As Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union both demonstrated, governmental control is not beneficial or even practical. It is just a cold mechanical device used by those seeking to exploit others. Sadly those thinking they benefit from a coercive government are actually contributing to the enslavement of the world into a global collective that will be handed over to Satan.

Chapter 31 - Being in control

It has been said that a Christian is like a man asleep in the back seat of a speeding car. If he suddenly awakes, he sees someone he trusts driving and can go back to sleep. A man without God is like a man asleep in the back seat of a speeding car who suddenly awakes and sees no one behind the steering wheel and clambers over the seat to take control himself.

Some of the contrast between these two views is captured in Proverbs;

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Satan first tempted Eve by an appeal to her own understanding.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. - Genesis 3:6

Trusting God does not come easy. Most of childhood is spent learning "if I do this...I can get that". Satan takes this integral part of human leaning and uses his deceptions to extend it into areas that logic should tell us are not possible like changing climate or ending hunger and poverty.

Satan has many people eager to believe his deceptions because they offer a balm to the anxieties generated by reality. Diminishing resources, hostile hordes, increasing debt, and decreasing morality all loom at the periphery of vision. However, being convinced that these things are not really a threat or are being solved can allow a person the comfort of his individual pursuits.

Chapter 32 - The Power of the Mind

Many occult teachings describe the power of the mind to make things appear by what is called "precipitation from the astral plane through the etheric plane into the material world". Similarly a

belief in the “law of attraction” such that you can do things to get things has also found reception with those who lust after getting what they want.

Some black teachers were once asked why they were teaching their students that black people used to be Egyptian and could fly until white people came and ruined it for them. Their response was that empowerment and self-esteem were more important than truth.

Difficult times inflict reality upon us in such a way as to limit the foolishness we are willing to consider much less pursue. This is one reason Satan has worked to make the world prosperous. It was important to make the economic system free from anything tangible such as gold or silver because the creative use of debt, fractional reserve banking, trade deficits, and inflation has allowed a sort of house of cards built on assumed wealth to be used to finance a world saturated with entertainment and leisure such that almost every possible vanity and desire can be cultivated and pursued.

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; - 2 Corinthians 10:5

Left unattended we can come to buy into or even construct our own delusions. Our imaginations can lead us fueled by the feelings we derive from their exercise in our minds. A person may feel superior to others and almost “feed” on the sensations of pride and self-righteousness. We can even come to associate sensations of arousal and lust that can grow to addictive levels.

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, - Proverbs 6:18a

In more extreme cases, people can come to attempt surgical alteration to indulge their imaginings that they are of the opposite sex, or even dragons or space aliens. An almost constant bombardment of media, entertainment, and advertising can carry us into realms of imagination that can hold us as captive as any drug.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. - 2 Corinthians 11:3

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. - 2 Corinthians 4:4

It is Satan which works continuously to keep our minds distracted from the truth. He has in place methods that shape us from birth and constantly keep our minds turned towards self, sensations, ambitions, entertainment, and imprinted with expectations he has designed to keep us from considering reality rather than the artificial world he has constructed.

Chapter 33 - The Focus on Sex

If a space alien were to come to earth and survey our entertainment, he might conclude that we are occupied with nothing but sex. This is an indicator as to how important it is to Satan for us to

be saturated with imagery that convinces us to participate in what the bible calls a “flood of dissipation (debauchery, wickedness, wantonness, or corruption)”.

In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. - 1 Peter 4:4

There are several things Satan accomplishes with this forceful current he has established.

1. Young people engage injudiciously in that which will cripple their ability to develop a deep intimate bond with their husband or wife thus making married life and raising a family much more difficult.
2. By cultivating a perspective that others are to be used for one's pleasure, what meager relationships that are formed are even further diminished.
3. The emphasis on pleasurable sensations carries with it the potential for drug abuse-like degeneracy. Pleasurable sensations are difficult to achieve repeatedly often driving one to seek more intense and frequent stimulations. This can lead one into sad and destructive perversions.
4. Taking the most intimate aspect of marriage and bringing it into the realm of the casual cheapens the very concept of marriage and family as well as robbing male female relationships of any depth.
5. As the alcoholic has difficulty thinking of anything else but the next drink, those who have been saturated with a sexual context to life often think of little else but the next romantic encounter.
6. As women come to focus on presenting themselves in such a way as to attract interest, and men prepare themselves to be seen as potential candidates, each reduces themselves to actors. The elevation of the external causes the diminishment of the internal.
7. A preoccupation with physical and emotional sensation deadens one to things of the spirit, elevates concerns of the present at the expense of the future, and enslaves the mind to produce self-stimulating pleasures generated by the imagination.

Chapter 34 - The Sixties

With two world wars Satan was able to get most of western civilization to regiment itself along militaristic lines. Even the women who worked in the factories were shaped by these forces. When the war was over there was what was called a “baby boom”. Birth rates that had been falling for a decade were suddenly reverse for ten years as young people attempted to secure for themselves the prosperous and happy life they had imagined.

Many mothers turned to expert advice on how to raise children such as the book Dr. Spock wrote that advocated withholding punishment from children. Children were given an unprecedented number of toys and were the first generation to be plugged into television. It was possible for the

first time to have the corruptive forces that were applied to Roman emperors and then to medieval aristocracy now able to be applied to an entire generation.

One of the first signs that this was not the path to utopia most had imagined was seen in the 1950s of increasing incidents of juvenile delinquency. By the time the 60s arrived, many were outright rejecting what was called the “establishment” in favor of wild abandon. The sex, drugs, and rock and roll revolution could be seen as a manifestation of the rejection by a spoiled self-indulgent generation of the rigid mechanistic system of the previous generation.

This generation fractured from the homogenized culture of their parents in the 1970s. The arrogant and indignant would focus on social activism and socialism. The self-indulgent would impoverish themselves with indolence. The ambitious and skilled would bring us the Internet and computers. The ambitious and greedy would arm themselves with weapons like an MBA to loot and plunder various companies.

Divorce rates would climb while birth rates continued to decline. As families declined, so did communities. People withdrew into their fortress homes to wrap themselves in the comfort of VCRs and cable TV.

Chapter 35 - Social Justice

A German historian once called contemporary political liberalism secularized Christianity meaning people who still felt passionate about doing “good” without knowing why, how, or exactly what “good” was. Just as universities had worked to convert Christian scholars and theologians into “enlightened” secularists, their expansion to the masses aided in the marshaling of millions of change agents ready to impose what they saw as solutions on others to solve the problems of the world.

Unfortunately the real problems of the world lay in a heart rebellious to God and serving self. These secular zealots being so distant from God were easily manipulated by Satan who took advantage of their moral indignancy to point them in the direction he wanted. Having a child’s view of equality (if someone has something someone else does not, it is unjust and unfair), Satan was able to enlist legions of self-righteous people indignant about the inequalities they saw in the world to attack what they saw as “evil”.

For centuries Satan worked to build a stable society to be able to develop the technology he needed. Now that his work is almost complete, a stable society is an impediment to the world in which he wishes to impose. As a result, Satan has let loose those forces which weaken and destabilize society so that there can be little resistance to the final global collective that he will administer.

An example of the destructive force of social “justice” can be seen with the civil rights movement in the last half of the twentieth century. While all sorts of government intervention was demanded and applied, black unwed birth rates went from 15 to 75 percent. The destruction of black families resulted in unprecedented poverty, drug abuse, and crime. It is a testimony to the skill of Satan that he has social justice warriors inflicting untold misery on blacks as a result

of their “help” and then seeing the misery resulting from their meddling as justification for even more “help”.

While at the core of the social justice activity is the crippling of institutions with pointless, massive, and even counterproductive legislation the real important element is the diversion of financial resources such as to weaken the established institutions to the point of ultimate collapse.

Chapter 36 - Putting a New Perspective to Work.

Once an appreciation for the Satanic hand behind the scene is acquired, many past and current events can be better understood. For example the seemingly irrational act of unleashing the pestilence of Islam from under the boot heel of various tyrants seems a foolish idea. However, one may consider that infesting Muslims throughout western civilization is a good tactic to insure that the arrival of the antichrist is heralded with sudden and noticeable peace. This change from contention to acceptance will give credibility to the assumption that he is the true Messiah.

Older movies can be seen in terms of what Satan was accomplishing at the time. For example, the 1968 movie *The Shoes of the Fisherman* was useful to entice Catholics with the pageantry of the papacy to take in acceptance of evolution as “scientific” as well as see the best purpose of the church to give away money. The 1971 movie *Harold and Maude* can be seen as an intense emotional connection (facilitated by powerful music by Cat Stevens) with the baby boom generation to mock the superficial inanities of the previous generation and accept self-indulgence as a desirable alternative.

Those who see their children as something in need of their care and protection may now see schools as dangerous dens of Satanic indoctrination and exploitation and pursue homeschool alternatives. Those who see in women a value beyond the economic may forgo a second income to build a home and family with lasting depth as opposed to the modern arrangement where four people share a residence but each has their own separate activities, interests, and friends.

As one gains an understanding of the work of Satan, one begins to more fully appreciate truth. As lies and deceptions are exposed what is left is that which is true and eternal, namely God, Jesus, and the bible. It is easier to see the lies and deceptions that cripple and ensare others than those which have entangled ourselves. However, as one grows closer to truth, one can only grow in humility. This is the key to being free from the power these can have over us.

A human weakness is our inclination to justify whatever we have come to do, say, or believe. Satan takes advantage of this to make us our own jailers. If he can get us to take something in, he can get us to defend and continue in the direction he has pointed us. Freedom lies in a willingness to question and examine all that we do. The more familiar we get with Satan’s tactics and methods, the more we need to see what we ourselves have accepted and even defended.

The ultimate freedom however, is only found in the source of truth, Jesus.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. - John 8:31-32