

The Attackers: Sociologists Foment Revolution; Christ Did Not Die for Human Good & Evil; These Are the Major Strategies behind Satan's Plan to Rule the World; Lewis Sperry Chafer's "Satan's Method"; Hindson Defines Preterist Doctrine; Good & Evil Will Be Judged at the 2nd Advent & Gog-Magog Revolution; to Be Used As the Indictment at the Great White Throne

- (6) Without God and Christ, the human psyche explores all kinds of options for doing good for self-aggrandizement, self-justification, self-promotion, or, in an effort to appease the gods for perceived wrongdoing, self-absolution.
- (7) Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of mankind, not their human good which often is metastasized into evil.
- (8) Evil is the result of human good attempting to solve the problems of life apart from the laws of divine establishment or doctrinal guidelines.
- (9) Evil is a lie that is presented as an irrefutable good, e.g., humanitarianism (efforts at social reform), philanthropy (strictly for a tax deduction), legalism (with expectation of some form of reciprocity from God), socialism (egalitarianism), internationalism (no borders and therefore, global government), government interference (regulations that infringe on basic rights), distortion of the law (the "living" Constitution), bribery for votes (entitlement programs), downsizing the military (pacifism), gun legislation (step one in the implementation of totalitarianism), sociology (a pseudo-science specializing in minding everybody's business¹), and finally, religion (whose danger knows no bounds).

¹ "Sociologists aid industries in obtaining more efficient production; they help unions to increase their power; they organize rebellions of young persons, reform disorganized villages, counsel persons and families, and give or sell services to a wide variety of consumers" (Robert E. L. Faris, "Sociology," in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Macropaedia*, 15th ed. [Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1979], 16:1000).

- (10) Evil includes all systems of Christian function not associated with and under the supervision of a local church, the only ordained and authorized institution for spiritual growth is the Church Age. No one has authority over believers in the spiritual realm except for the pastor-teacher. All organized methods of outreach should be authorized by the Board of Deacons of a local church and function under the authority of its pastor.
- (11) Lewis Sperry Chafer's commentary on Lucifer's method used in his efforts to rule the world provides an excellent description and analysis of evil:

Satan's dominant purpose is not, as the popular impression supposes, one of attempting to be *unlike* God. Satan has explicitly asserted concerning himself, as recorded in Isaiah 14:14, that his transcendent objective is to be *like* the Most High. (p. 99)

Speaking of future fallen men, it is written: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). In light of all this disclosure, the dreams of religious guides who predict a transformed, regenerated cosmos as a result of human effort in Christian service are seen to be without foundation. Satan's deceptions continue until he is bound and consigned to the abyss.

NOTE: The highlighted sentence describes the beliefs of a current trend among some theologians toward preterism and the doctrines that all prophecies were fulfilled in A.D. 70 and that it is the obligation of the church to bring in an earthly Millennium through the outreach of the church. Most preterists subscribe to most if not all of the following:

1. Nero was the Antichrist. There will be no future individual Antichrist.
2. The Tribulation Period is already over. It occurred when the Roman army besieged Jerusalem in AD 66-70.
3. Christ "returned" in the clouds in AD 70 to witness the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman army.
4. God replaced Old Testament Israel with the Church. Therefore, all the biblical promises to Israel belong to the Church.
5. Armageddon already happened in AD 70. The fall of "Babylon" refers to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.

6. Satan is already bound in the abyss and cannot hinder the spread of the Gospel. Revelation 20 has already been fulfilled.

7. We are already in the Millennium, but it is not literal. Some Preterists equate the entire Church Age as the Millennium. The 1,000 years are not literal but figurative, even though they are mentioned six times in Revelation 19-20.

8. They are trying to “bring in the Kingdom” without the King. And might I add, they are fighting a losing battle! Christianity is under attack like never before. We are not winning the battle for world dominion and we never will. Yes, the church will continue to grow (Matthew 16:18), but so will the resistance of Satan (1 Timothy 4:1). God will continue to do marvelous things in this world. But the Church will never bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth until the King of Heaven returns in person.²

Continuing now with Dr. Chafer:

When God declares ... that the *cosmos diabolicus* is to continue with increasing deception and to continue to the embodiment of the lie until it is crushed by the infinite power of the returning King, there is little ground for any attempts to save it or to transform it. (p. 100)

It is not the reason of man, but the revelation of God, which points out that governments, morals, education, art, commercialism, vast enterprises and organizations, and much of religious activity are included in the *cosmos diabolicus*. That is, the system which Satan has constructed includes all the good which he can incorporate into it and be consistent in the thing he aims to accomplish. A serious question arises whether the presence of gross evil in the world is due to Satan's intention to have it so, or whether it indicates Satan's inability to execute all he has designed. The probability is great that Satan's ambition has led him to undertake more than any creature could ever administer. Revelation declares that the whole *cosmos-system* must be annihilated—not its evil alone, but *all* that is in it, both good and bad. God will incorporate nothing of Satan's failure into that kingdom which He will set up in the earth. (pp. 100–101)

To do the will of God is to *do* the truth; to act apart from God is to *do* the lie. *The truth*, which is the will of God, and those who do the truth, abide forever. There should be no surprise at this termination of the entire fabric of Satan's weaving; yet those of the *cosmos* are influenced not at all by God's Word, nor are *cosmos-Christians* much impressed with the solemn truth God has spoken. Such is the far-reaching effect of the satanic deception.

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Satan's original independence of God which permeates the whole order, his deceptions about himself, about his purpose, and about the extent of his enterprise, constitute the primary aspects of Satan's method in the cosmos.³ (p. 101)

- (12) Bob Dylan composed a hit song back in 1964 entitled, "Times They Are a-Changing," and indeed they did and shifted into overdrive in 2009. Human good has been transformed into ubiquitous evil, but we have this prayer by Jesus as our wall of fire:

John 17:14 - "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

v. 15 - "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

- (13) The cross removed sin as an issue but good and evil remain and are propagated day and night by the Dark Side.
- (14) Our Lord's spiritual death resulted in His rejection of human good and evil while His burial resulted in His separation from human good and evil.
- (15) Retroactive positional truth means we are identified with Christ in His rejection of and separation from human good and evil.
- (16) Human good and evil were not judged on the cross and therefore they continue to be the central issue in the angelic conflict.
- (17) Human good and evil will ultimately be judged in two phases: **(1)** at the Second Advent when Satan is thrown into the abyss for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-3) and **(2)** at the termination of the Gog-Magog Revolution when Lucifer is thrown permanently into the lake of fire (20:7-10).

³ Lewis Sperry Chafer, "Satanology: Satan's Method," in *Systematic Theology: Angelology-Anthropology-Hamartiology* (Dallas: Dallas Seminary Press, 1947), 2:99-101.

- (18) It is human good and evil that will be used as the Supreme Court of Heaven's indictment of the lost at the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15).

Romans 6:4 - We have been buried together with Him through the baptism of the Holy Spirit into His physical death [**retroactive positional truth**], ...