

WHO AND WHAT IS SATAN?

Talk to Me About... #1

SATAN? DEVIL? LUCIFER?

- “Satan” is less of a proper name and more of a description.
 - Gr. *satanas* means “adversary” (NASEC); “accuser” (Strong).
- “Devil” is less of a proper name and more of a description.
 - Gr. *diabolos* means “false accuser” (Strong); cf. 1 Tim. 3.11 “malicious gossips”
- “Lucifer” does not have reference to Satan/the Devil:
 - Isaiah 14.12 (KJV, NKJV)
 - Notice Isaiah 14.2-4,22-25
 - “Lucifer” (“morning star”) is a reference to a Babylonian king.

I AM MORE CONFUSED THAN



**A CHAMELEON IN A BAG OF
SKITTLES**

WHAT IS SATAN?

- Scripture seems to indicate there are three classes of personal beings (Hebrews 1.1-5):

Colossians 1.15-17

**Deity /
Divinity / God**

The Father

The Son


The Holy Spirit

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**Created
Spiritual
Beings**

Angels

Demons



Humanity

Kenadie, Berta

Camille, Ryder

Zoey, Rowan

Shawn, Konnor

Frances X Margaret

WHAT IS SATAN?

- Why is this significant?
 - Satan is not divine — he does not possess the characteristics and nature of God.
 - Satan is not all-knowing; he is not infinitely good
 - Satan is not eternally existent.
 - Satan had a definitive moment of beginning — he has not existed eternally like God (Ps. 90.2; 93.2).
 - He is subject to God and will be punished.
 - Matthew 25.41

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DID GOD CREATE EVIL?

IS SATAN'S EXISTENCE AN ARGUMENT AGAINST GOD?

- 1) *Evil is not self-existent — it exists only against a standard of goodness.*
- 2) *All of God's creation is described as “good” — Genesis 1.31*
- 3) *It was “good” because it was of God — God is the standard.*
- 4) *Both humans and angels have free will — 2 Peter 3.9; Jude 6*
- 5) *Our free-will choices can lead us away from God — Jude 6; 2 Peter 2.4*
- 6) *Satan was not created evil — his choices separated him from God.*



WHO IS SATAN?

- He is a created spiritual being that sinned.
- He is described in various ways in Scripture:
 - “Ruler of this world” — John 12.31
 - “god of this world” — 2 Corinthians 4.4
 - “prince of the power of the air” — Ephesians 2.2
- What these descriptions imply:
 - He has a sphere of influence.
 - He has those who follow him.
 - His kingdom is destined to fail.

LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THREE TRUTHS:

- **Satan is dangerous — 1 Peter 5.8**
- **Satan is not all-powerful; he can be resisted successfully!**
 - **1 Peter 5.9**
 - **Ephesians 6.10ff**
- **Satan is not as smart as he appears:**
 - **He didn't know about Job — Job 1.9-11,22**
 - **He didn't know about Jesus — John 12.31; Hebrews 2.14**