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## Trumpet Sounds

### Counterfeit Imaginations?

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*1 Chron 28:9*

*...for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts...KJV*

Our imagination is a powerful creative force that must come from a heart that is submitted to the authority of God, and the authority of His word. Otherwise, there is the danger that what the imagination is able to conceive, will come forth out of a heart of pride.

*Prov 6:16, 18*

*The LORD hates...a heart that devises **wicked imaginations**...NKJV [emphasis mine]*

Our fallen human nature likes to take pride in what *it thinks it is capable of "creating"*. However, God is the only one who is to be credited with the creation of *all things*...

*John 1:3*

*He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn't make. NLT*

Human beings like to take credit for all of the *creative ideas* they have had throughout the ages. However, God is the one who *inspires* man to create or invent what He wants created in the earth. Nothing exists by accident. Man may think many of the discoveries he has made were because he is so smart or educated, or that he may have just *accidentally* discovered something new. *God however is the inspiration behind all that man has created or will ever create*. He gives man the knowledge and wisdom to discover and bring into the earth realm that which already was created or devised by Him in eternity past...

*Eccl 3:15*

*Whatever exists today and whatever will exist in the future **has already existed in the past**. For God calls each event back in its turn. NLT[emphasis mine]*

King David understood that the thoughts and plans he passed on to his son Solomon, did not come from within himself...

*1 Chron 28:19*

*"Every part of this plan," David told Solomon, "was given to me in writing **from the hand of the LORD.**" NLT [emphasis mine]*

God intended for humanity to become *vessels of His glory*. As we discussed in chapter one, the word glory literally *refers to God's authority* and to making things *very apparent*. This means he wants to fill us with the knowledge and understanding of His plans, which gives us His authority to accomplish them.

*Jer 29:11*

*For **I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you**, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. AMP [emphasis mine]*

When the glory of the Lord is present, His knowledge is made very clear to all who are to receive His glory. God's glory will bring forth knowledge from Him that will make clear His will and ways...

*Hab 2:14*

*For the earth will be **filled with the knowledge of [from] the glory of the LORD**, as the waters cover the sea. NKJV [emphasis and brackets mine]*

When God shows up His glory brings revelation in the form of His instruction, judgment, counsel and guidance to those who will listen to His voice...

*Isa 28:23, 26, 29*

*Give ear and hear my voice, listen and hear my speech...For He **instructs** him in right **judgment**, His God teaches him...This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who is wonderful in **counsel** and excellent in **guidance**. NKJV [emphasis mine]*

God created humans to be His vessels, used to bring forth what He alone creates. We can choose to act on the *inspiration* or *revelation* from God or we can ignore it. We can also change what we clearly receive from God, into a lie by allowing our human reasoning to interfere with His truth. If we act on His creative inspiration as it flows through us, God can use us to manifest His eternal purposes. If we ignore or rebel against the inspiration of God we can pervert or bring forth the *counterfeit purposes of Satan*.

### **Does God Create Evil?**

Again, nothing that exists in all of creation is the result of an "*accidental*" occurrence. This invariably leads to the inevitable question... "*What about all the bad stuff that exists all around us? If God creates everything that is in existence is He also the creator of evil?*" To answer that question we must go back to the tree in the Garden of Eden. That tree was not called the "*tree of good and evil*" but was known as the '*tree of the **KNOWLEDGE** of good and evil*'...

Gen 2:9

*And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.** NLT [emphasis mine]*

Anything that is *created* requires a plan and a planner. As we stated creation is never *accidental*. The word *accidental* according to the dictionary means... *an unplanned, unexpected, unintentional, or unforeseen occurrence*. God is either the creator of all things or He isn't. I choose to believe He is the creator of all things... therefore; nothing that exists has been *unplanned, unexpected, unintentional, or unforeseen* by Him. Having said this, we must understand that it was never God's *intention* for evil to come into existence. However, He foresaw evil would be a devastating force in the earth. Therefore, God made plans to deliver humanity from the evil He foreknew they would choose.

1 Peter 1:17-20

*And remember that the heavenly Father... paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God...**God chose him for this purpose long before the world began...**NLT[emphasis mine]*

God made humans with the ability to *reason* and exercise their will. He did not create a race of beings that could not *think* and *choose* to live as they desired. He wanted the created human race to *freely choose* His will and ways. God foreknew however, that we as humans were going to have to face the test of choosing His ways of good or Satan's ways of evil. He also knew the outcome of that test. It was not an *unexpected occurrence* when Adam and Eve chose to listen to the enemy and to disobey their creator God. God's word tells us that evil existed upon the earth long before Adam and Eve were created by God. Satan was cast to the earth after being cast out heaven when he rebelled against God...

Isa 14:12

*"How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, NLT*

That is why the earth is described in [Gen1:2] as being *without form* and *void*. The Hebrew word for *without form* is **tohuw** (too-hoo) meaning "worthless—confusion and the word for *void* is the word **bohuw** (boo-hoo) which means *a place of ruin* [Gen 1:2]. **In the beginning** God did not create the earth originally to be a place of worthless, confusion and ruin. In [Gen 1:1] God created the heavens and the earth, but he did not create them in a chaotic state as described in [Gen 1:2 see also Isa 45:18]. I believe there was a span of time between these two verses that resulted in Satan creating chaos and ruin while on the earth before the seven days of creation [see also Isa 14:13-19, Ezk 28:13-17, Lk 10:18]. After Adam and Eve were created, they like Lucifer were simply given the option of choosing God's ways or their own. That option is something all people is given. God's people must face this test *each day* of their lives...

Josh 24:15

*And if it seems evil [wrong] to you to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...** NKJV [emphasis and brackets mine]*

What we *think* and *choose* will determine if good or evil is present in our lives. We must understand that evil is the result of the *perversion* of something God has created. God is good and there is no evil in Him, therefore He cannot create what He is not. For instance, God created the imagination and intended it to be used for good, but it ended up being used for evil. The imagination in itself is good, but if it becomes perverted, it becomes a tool for evil. Created as an angelic being by God, Lucifer was also created with an imagination like ours. However, his imagination was not submitted to God. When our imaginations are not submitted to God they become vain...

*Rom 1:21-22*

*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.** NKJV*

Satan, erected prideful *images* in his mind. He exercised his imagination and *visualized himself* as being equal to God. However, God said that which he imagined would be his demise ...

*Isa 14:13-14*

*For you have **said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.**' ...Yet you **will be brought down** to hell, to the sides of the pit. NKJV [emphasis mine]*

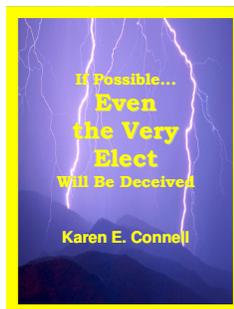
The above text reveals that Satan saw himself doing all that he said he *willed to do*. He has done some of what he *imagined* he would do... but God had the final word concerning Satan's will. He said Satan would never achieve his highest desire which is *to be like the most high*. God told him, "You will be brought down to hell". That is one reason Satan hates Christians... unlike him, we can be like the Most High God, which is our destiny!

*Rom 8:29*

*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [who is God]. NKJV [Brackets Mine]*

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