



Satanic Deception in the Last Days

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Psalms 2 begins with what we labeled last week as “Satan’s Agenda”:

Psalm 2:1-3 — “Why are the nations in an uproar, and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed: ‘Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!’”

Satan’s plan is to get the people of the earth to throw off all Godly restraint and to resist giving their devotion and allegiance to Jesus Christ. First, he deceives the rulers and leaders of every segment of society. He provokes them to overthrow the edicts of God and cast off the restraints of God’s written Word. He plots to erase the wise boundaries of right, wrong, good and evil that God has marked out in His Word. He does this by deceiving people in the answers to these two basic questions:

- 1. Who am I?** Satan’s lie: *You are nothing. You are an accident. You are a result of random evolutionary processes.*
- 2. Why am I here?** Satan’s lie: *You are here to consume and enjoy.*

The whole idea of dying to yourself and surrendering to Jesus Christ becomes a repugnant idea once you believe those first two lies.

Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created. Humanism believes that man is a part of nature and has emerged as a result of a continuous process of Evolution. It asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantee of human values.

Timeline of the Acceptance of Evolution and Humanism in America:

- 1961, *Torcaso v Watkins*** — The Supreme Court names Secular Humanism as a religion in America protected by the 1st Amendment.
- 1962, *Engle v Vitale*** — Class prayers are banned from the public school.
- 1963** — Class Bible reading is forbidden in public schools.
- 1968** — The Supreme Court rules that Evolution can be taught in public schools and no one can forbid it.
- 1973, *Roe v Wade*** — Abortion is legalized; this is the first great ethical implication of the preceding SC decisions.
- 1980, *Stone v Graham*** — Teachers post the Ten Commandments on a school bulletin board. The Supreme Court rules that this is a violation of the 1st Amendment.
- 1982** — Judge William Overton rules that it is unconstitutional to permit the teaching of Creation alongside Evolution in public schools.

The truth is, if the genetic information in the DNA of a microscopic single-cell organism were translated into English, it would equal an entire 30-volume set of Encyclopaedia Britannica. Suppose one single sentence received from outer space would convince scientists beyond any doubt that there must be an intelligent being behind it. Doesn’t the encyclopedia of information written inside every DNA molecule prove that there is intelligence behind life?

Why does the devil want us to believe the lie that we came from nothing? Because if we simply evolved, we can throw off the commandments of God, and the value of life plummets.

Genesis 1:1 — “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-27 — “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Psalm 8:4-5 — “What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!

Voddie Baucham: “Whether I am tall and beautiful or small and not so handsome, whether my body functions perfectly or is severely deformed, I am the crowning glory of the creation of God, and as a result I have inherent dignity, worth, and value.”

The devil also tries to convince us that we are here simply to make the most of it: *“Consume and enjoy!”*

Colossians 1:15-16 — “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”

We are here to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ.

The enemy is using deception to try to get as many people as he can to throw off the commandments of God and resist giving their devotion and allegiance to His Son. But God is using the truth to raise up a people who love and embrace His commandments and long for His Son to come and take His rightful place as the King over heaven and earth.