



## It All Goes Back to Baal

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Ray Gano asks, *what is the mother of all false religions?* He tells us the answer is *Baal worship*. If we search the Scriptures, we will see just how old Baal worship is and how badly it affected (or even *infected*) the lives of the Israelites. Consider just one event in Scripture that tells of Elijah’s contest with the prophets of Baal (cf. 1 Kings 18). That event in Elijah’s life represents a cataclysmic situation that occurred between the god of this world and the true God of the Universe. It is interesting to note that according to the text, the god of this world did not let out a “peep” even after the prophets of Baal yelled for his attention and cut themselves in the hopes that shedding their blood would cause him to respond. He didn’t. Yet when it was Elijah’s turn, God spoke mightily! Please read that text. Satan was silenced.

What is further fascinating about Gano’s study here is that he takes the reader back to the original Hebrew in Isaiah 14 and unmasks Satan’s name from the text! It turns out that Heylel Ben Shachar is Hebrew for the English transliteration of Lucifer. Further breaking this down, Gano points out that the name Heylel Ben Shachar literally means *Crescent moon/morning star*.<sup>1</sup> The final nail in the coffin, so to speak, is seen in Gano’s revelation

<sup>1</sup> Ray Gano, *My Name is Lucifer*, prophezine.com

that “*The crescent moon and the morning star is the symbol of Baal, the original false religion of Babylon, the mother of harlots.*”<sup>2</sup>

It is easy to determine that there are many companies today that use the symbol of the crescent moon/morning star in their logos. In a sense, then, Satan’s name is hiding in plain sight all around us and most are not even aware of that fact! A very small sampling is shown on the chart on the previous page. From the Nuclear Security Summit to the Missile Defense Agency to Obama Youth and others, the crescent moon and star is clearly seen.

The Shriners’ and Masonic logos date back to the time of ancient Babylon. The Masonic logo is replete with symbols dedicated to Satan. The “G” stands for God, but not the God of the Bible. Note also that the compass and square form the shape of the triangle, something we noted earlier that is important to the New Age movement.

I would wholeheartedly agree with Gano when he notes that “*Satan is one who likes symbols. We know this for a fact because in the end he will make all take his name in their right hand or forehead as stated in Rev 13:16-18, which tells us about the mark of the beast.*”<sup>3</sup>

Satan fell due to his extreme *narcissism*. He continues doing what he’s doing in the world because of that same narcissism. It was his narcissism that caused his fall and it will be his narcissism that will be his ultimate undoing. The natural result of his ego will grant him an eternity without God, all because he thought that he was someone who could overthrow God. Not only will he *not* overthrow God, but during that upcoming eternity without God, Satan will experience (like everyone else in the Lake of Fire) an eternity of God’s *wrath*. That wrath will never be quenched because those in the Lake of Fire will never stop sinning.

One of the most important aspects of Satan that we should understand about him is his superior intelligence. We are not comparing his intelligence to God’s, but to *man’s*. Satan is the highest created being and his intelligence is so far superior to the smartest human being that there really is no comparison. It is because of this intelligence that his deceptions are so difficult for those who are unaware to spot.

I was cruising the ‘Net looking for symbols that utilized the crescent moon and stars and came across a Web site that poked fun of “right wingers” (including Christians apparently) and noted that right wingers fear the crescent moon and stars. On the contrary, I certainly do not *fear* it. I recognize it for what it is; one of the symbols that Satan has used to permeate the world so that at every turn, there is some type of reminder of him. He has literally hidden himself in plain sight and very few notice it, yet the subconscious mind notices it.

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<sup>2</sup> Ray Gano, *My Name is Lucifer*, prophezine.com

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

Because of this and his intelligence, he is probably the most dangerous when he is revealing himself as an “angel of light,” as Paul speaks about in his letter to the Corinthians. In the eleventh chapter of second Corinthians, Paul takes the time to fight the claim that he is not truly an authentic apostle, but is simply taking advantage of the Corinthians, as some charged.

Paul is obviously frustrated, and who wouldn't be? In the beginning of the chapter, he is even slightly sarcastic, asking, “*Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me*” (v. 1). He continues in an effort to point out what should be obvious to the believers at the church at Corinth. Finally, he charges that the people who are filling their minds with doubt about him are false prophets and they ultimately mean to shipwreck their faith.

After concluding this, Paul without equivocation states, “*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light*” (2 Corinthians 11:13-14). He follows this up by applying that fact to the situation that then existed by telling the Corinthians that the men who were causing trouble were doing nothing more than *pretending* to be ministers of righteousness (cf. v. 15), yet they were filled with deceit, making them false apostles.

The fact that Satan not only transforms *himself* into an angel of light, but helps his own ministers (fallen spirit beings *and* human beings) appear to be righteous is a small feat for him, but creates tremendous problems within the visible Church. These situations should be noted and the people creating the problem should be dealt with according to the guidelines laid out in Scripture.

This type of situation occurs in churches all the time because of the fact that not all people who attend church are *authentic* Christians. Even those who are authentic can and do give into their sin nature and act from their fallen humanness instead of depending upon God for His strength and discernment.

If these things can occur in churches, how much greater and easier is it to see these things happen *outside* of the visible Church, in the world itself? The people in the world use their own feelings and moral code to determine what is right and what is wrong. These individuals have nothing to fall back on except themselves. They generally believe that if they are not hurting anyone, then they can't be wrong. They wind up becoming their highest authority, but tragically, they will answer to One who is infinitely higher.

The New Age movement takes it a few steps further. They believe and teach that even when someone is murdered or experiences some other tragedy it is likely due to their *karma* attracting it because there was something in their life that needed to be worked out. Don't forget that many within the New Age believe in some form of reincarnation. Each

person has many lifetimes to correct problems and overcome areas in their life that need correction and overcoming. While the concepts of the New Age sound easy, admittedly, they are difficult to put into effect on a daily basis. In fact, attempting to work through the process taught within the New Age to activate a person's inherent deity is far more difficult than the average person cares to acknowledge. It takes a good amount of time and meditative effort and that is part of the draw. Because people have to work so hard at it, it becomes that much more compelling and inviting for people. They feel that they are onto something, so they continue, trying to achieve what other "enlightened" individuals have achieved; individuals like Jesus.

This works together to bring humanity to the point of being able to usher in a new spiritual existence on this earth. It comes about through a global consciousness and it is led by none other than Satan himself, who remains in shadows.

We will continue our discussion next time. I pray until we meet again that God will open your eyes to show you how blessed you are!