



TALK ABOUT SATAN

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OVERVIEW

- What comes to mind when you think of Satan? Christian ideas.
- What about “The Church of Satan?”
 - Christian theology of Satan
- Little known Judeo-Christian passage about Satan

What comes to mind when you think of Satan? Christian ideas.

- Satan tempts people (lust, greed, pride, etc.)
- Satan ruins things for people and causes havoc (accidents, illnesses, etc.)
- Satan may possess people (demonic possession requiring exorcism)
 - Satan distracts people from God

What about “The Church of Satan?”
(They actually don’t believe in Satan.)

The Nine Satanic Statements

From the Church of Satan:

1. Satan represents indulgence instead of abstinence!
2. Satan represents vital existence instead of spiritual pipe dreams!
3. Satan represents undefiled wisdom instead of hypocritical self-deceit!
4. Satan represents kindness to those who deserve it instead of love wasted on ingrates!
5. Satan represents vengeance instead of turning the other cheek!
6. Satan represents responsibility to the responsible instead of concern for psychic vampires!
7. Satan represents man as just another animal, sometimes better, more often worse than those that walk on all-fours, who, because of his “divine spiritual and intellectual development,” has become the most vicious animal of all!
8. Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental, or emotional gratification!
9. Satan has been the best friend the Church has ever had, as He has kept it in business all these years!

The “Church of Satan members” do not believe in Satan (or God)

“As you can see, there are no elements of Devil worship in the Church of Satan. Such practices are looked upon as being Christian heresies; believing in the dualistic Christian world view of “God vs. the Devil” and choosing to side with the Prince of Darkness. **Satanists do not believe in the supernatural**, in neither God nor the Devil. To the Satanist, he is his own God. Satan is a symbol of Man living as his prideful, carnal nature dictates. The reality behind Satan is simply the dark evolutionary force of entropy that permeates all of nature and provides the drive for survival and propagation inherent in all living things. **Satan is not a conscious entity to be worshipped**, rather a reservoir of power inside each human to be tapped at will. Thus any concept of sacrifice is rejected as a Christian aberration—in Satanism there’s no deity to which one can sacrifice.” (From a Satanist website)

The “Church of Satan members” practice magic

“Satanists do have experience of the super-normal in their practice of ritual or **Greater Magic. This is a technique for influencing the outcome of human events** to desired ends via reaching an extreme emotional state in the context of a ritual, sending forth a vision of what you want to occur (the Is To Be), which, if your levels of adrenaline are high enough, will permeate the unconscious minds of those you wish to influence, causing them to behave as you Will when the time is right. This does not mean that anything is possible, for it takes a great deal of energy to make a strong sending, and it is often difficult to influence events from the inertia of their present directions. Awareness of your abilities and what is possible to achieve is the hallmark of a successful Satanic magician. The theory and practice for Greater Magic is to be found in The Satanic Bible and The Satanic Rituals. **Satanists also practice Lesser Magic which is basically the day to day manipulation of your fellows to obtain your ends.** Detailed techniques are given in The Satanic Witch.” (From a Satanist website)

Christian theology of Satan (Part 1 of 2)

- The Hebrew name for Satan derives from the word “adversary;” he opposes God and the people of God. Greek word is diabolos- devil, adversary, accuser. Also referred in the NT as tempter, Beelzebub, enemy, evil one, Belial, adversary, deceiver, great dragon, father of lies, murderer, sinner (Erickson p472). Not explicitly identified as a demon, but by Jesus as the prince of demons (Beelzebub).
- Satan tempting: Jesus in the wilderness, parable of the weeds, sin of Judas.
- Satan uses deception, masquerading as an angel of light.
- Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers. Satan opposes and hinders Christians in their work.
- Satan can be successfully resisted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and he’ll flee.

Christian theology of Satan (Part 2 of 2)

- Satan can inflict with disease and oppose spiritual progress of believers. The devil can possess people. Jesus cast demons out from many people.
- The Bible shows a cosmic struggle between Christ and His followers and Satan and his forces (see Revelation).
- Satan is mentioned as “the god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Satan’s role in the “ransom theory of atonement:” In traditional theology, Satan held us captive, and Christ paid the ransom (we were bought with a price, 1 Cor. 6:20; Matt. 20:28) (Erickson p 810-11; there are also other atonement theories, such as “satisfaction theory” or “penal-substitution theory”)
- Satan now disarmed by Christ’s victory. Satan’s fate has been sealed.

Little known Judeo-Christian OT passage about Satan (1 of 2)

Sacrifice to/for Satan (Azezel)- god (demigod) of the desert?
Or “Scapegoat?”

Leviticus 16:10 (The Message)

6-10 "Aaron will offer the bull for his own Absolution-Offering in order to make atonement for himself and his household. Then he will set the two goats before God at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and cast lots over the two goats, one lot for God and the other lot for ***Azazel***. He will offer the goat on which the lot to God falls as an Absolution-Offering. The goat on which the lot for ***Azazel*** falls will be sent out into the wilderness to ***Azazel*** to make atonement.

Little known Judeo-Christian OT passage about Satan (2 of 2)

**Commentaries - John Gill's Exposition of the Bible - Old Testament
Leviticus 16:10**

“Aben Ezra suggests, there is a secret or mystery in the word Azazel, and says, you may know it and the mystery of his name, for he has companions in Scripture; and I will reveal to you, says he, part of it by a hint, when you are the son of thirty three, you may know its meaning, that is, by reckoning thirty three verses from (Leviticus 16:8) ; where this word is first mentioned, which will fall on (Leviticus 17:7) ; "they shall no more offer unto devils"; and so R. Menachem interprets Azazel of Samael, the angel of death, the devil, the prince that hath power over desolate places: there are several Christian writers of great note, that understand this of the devil, as Origen [F2](#), among the ancients; and of the moderns, Cocceius {c}, Witsius [F4](#), and Spencer [F5](#), who think that by these two goats is signified the twofold respect of Christ our Mediator; one to God, as a Judge, to whom he made satisfaction by his death; the other to the devil, the enemy with whom he conflicted in life; who, according to prophecy, was to be delivered up to Satan, and have his heel bruised by him; and who was to come, and did come into the wilderness of this world, and when Jerusalem was a desert, and became a Roman province; and who was led by the Spirit into wilderness of Judea, in a literal sense, to be tempted of the devil, and had a sore conflict with him in the garden, when he sweat, as it were, drops of blood; and upon the cross, when he submitted to the death of it; during which time he had the sins of all his people on him, and made an end of them, so as to be seen no more; all which agrees with (Leviticus 16:21 Leviticus 16:22)”