

Chain of Command and Corruption in Politics

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Once the chain of command in this world's political systems is identified, the corruption and abuses of power integral to all of them becomes apparent. The default position is that the individual, or ruling class, at the top of the chain of command bears most of the responsibility. However, there is a level of authority higher than that of mere mortals. This higher authority operates in the spirit realm and, as such, is unknown or ignored by the majority of mankind. It sounds fanciful, ignorant, or naive to claim that a non-physical power influences the political affairs of this planet, but the word of God confirms that this is the case.

*For **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts (angels) of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).*

Because the "spiritual hosts" referred to in Ephesians 6:12 have a negative influence on the political systems that affect everyone on this planet, Almighty God will eventually bring them to account for their harmful conduct.

*It shall come to pass in that (future) day (of judgment) that **the Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones**, and on the earth the kings of the earth. ²²They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit (dungeon), and will be shut up in the prison; **after many days they will be punished** (Isa. 24:21-22; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

The time frame for their punishment will be after Jesus Christ has re-educated everyone, and rebuilt this earth over a 1,000-year period. At the conclusion of this millennium, Satan will have an opportunity to repent before he dies as all sinners must (Rom. 6:23a; cf. Eze. 33:12-16).

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth... (Rev. 20:7-8a).

Because Almighty God is loving and merciful, Satan will come up in a second resurrection of the dead and have one last opportunity to live forever, but it will be based on his genuine repentance for the heinous crimes/sins he committed during his previous life.

.... "As I live," says the Lord God, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his/her way and live (forever). Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die (forever)...." (Eze. 33:11a; Ed. notes in parentheses).

The Lord.....is long-suffering (patient) toward us, not willing that any should perish (forever) but that all should come to repentance (willingly) (2Pet. 3: 9; Ed. notes in parentheses).

A major part of Satan's repentance will involve admitting that he deceived and misled the political leadership of this planet, not to mention those in charge of its religious systems.

You (religious leaders) are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar

and the father of it (Jn. 8:44; Ed. notes in parenthesis).

Because Satan is at the top of the chain of command and corruption, he is described as the prince or leader of "the power of the air" who can easily justify the greed/ avarice of people who want to attain power, wealth, and notoriety in this life.

*.... the prince of the power of the air, the spirit (being) **who now works in the sons of disobedience** (Eph. 2:2b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Satan doesn't force anyone against their will. Instead, he works with those who are in the process of making decisions contrary to the word of God, or against God's will as summarized by His law and commandments. This process is described in the following section of scripture:

*Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, **nor does He Himself tempt anyone.** ¹⁴**But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** ¹⁵*Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death (Jas. 1:13-15; cf. Rom. 6:23a; emphasis added).**

The Lord, who represents Almighty God, worked with Cain to help him deal with the same process described in James 1:13-15. This Lord told Cain that he must bring his attitude and emotions under control because he was clearly hostile toward his brother Abel. If Cain failed to exercise self-control in this matter, he would end up committing sin, which is defined as breaking God's law (1Jn. 3:4).

So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you

do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for (toward) you, but you should rule over it."(Gen. 4:6-7; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Because Cain did not put forth the effort to control his feelings of hatred, envy, and jealousy toward his brother, he murdered him as described in Genesis 4:8. To make matters worse, Cain showed no remorse for his heinous crime and then lied about his brother's whereabouts.

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"(Gen. 4:9)

In another Biblical example, Judas Iscariot allowed greed/avarice to dominate his thinking processes. He too could have "nipped this is the bud" before it got completely out of control, but he refused. As we will see Jesus Christ corrected him, but to no avail.

.....he (Judas) was a thief, and had (control of) the money box; and he used to take what was put in it (Jn. 12:6b; Ed. notes in parentheses).

*Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. ⁴Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray him, said, ⁵"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶**This he said, not because he cared for the poor...** (Jn. 12:3; emphasis added).*

*Then Jesus said, "**Let her alone;** she has kept this for the day of my burial. ⁸For **the poor you have with you always, but me you do not have always.**" (Jn. 12:7-8; emphasis added).*

So instead of repenting at this point, Judas participated in a “pay for play” scheme that would result in the death of Jesus Christ.

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶So from that time he sought opportunity to betray him (Mt. 26:14-16).

Because Judas chose not to control his selfish desires, he gave Satan a license to “seal the deal”.

*Now after the piece of bread (was given to Judas by Jesus Christ), **Satan entered him** (Judas). Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." (Jn. 13:27; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

This confirms that Satan is at the top of the chain of command and corruption, but he can only exercise his power if/when people have already made a decision to serve themselves, rather than Almighty God or their fellowman. This is not a New Testament teaching; it was known during the Old Testament period as well.

*For **the scepter** (symbol of authority/rulership) **of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity** (Ps. 125:3; cf. 2Cor. 4:4; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

In other words, if no one resists the evil influences of Satan’s value system, he will rest from his work because everyone accepts and follows his many forms of corruption at this point. Thankfully, we have Christ’s promise that Satan will not ultimately prevail.

.... the gates of Hades (the grave) shall not prevail against it (God’s true church) (Mt. 16:18b; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Even with a cursory view of man’s history over the past century, there are so many examples of corruption and its associated abuses. In retrospect, people often express shock that these could ever have occurred, and question why/how such horrendous atrocities happened unimpeded. The carnage against Jews and other minorities during the Second World War is a case in point. It defies imagination and begs the question, “Who was ultimately behind it?”

*August Kubizek, one of Hitler’s closest friends since childhood, claims that Hitler – 17 years old at the time – once spoke to him of "returning Germany to its former glory"; of this comment August said, "**It was as if another being spoke out of his body, and moved him as much as it did me.**" ("Hitler and the Holy Roman Empire"; Archived; 2007-09-27 at the Wayback Machine; emphasis added).*

Whenever there is a center of political, corporate, or religious power, Satan easily imbeds himself because this is where wanton greed abounds, which allows him to manipulate and exploit man’s self-serving nature. This is not a new phenomenon because Satan has done this throughout history. For example, in the ancient city of Pergamos (Asia Minor), Satan exercised his power and influence with the “elites” of that era. This was also a center of rampant paganism and worship of the Emperor.

*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says he (Christ) who has the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³**I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is...** (Rev. 2:12-13a; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

In the nation that currently leads the so-called “free world”, its central government is replete with corruption. So who is ultimately behind it? None other than the Adversary who diligently

seeks those in positions of power who are focused on their own advancement, rather than the well-being of the citizenry.

...your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1Pet. 5:8b; emphasis added).

The following article confirms this,

*Measuring how corrupt a state is can be difficult, and it's not a perfect science. However, the University of Illinois at Chicago released a report in early 2019 that ranked the most corrupt states based on data from the Department of Justice. For the report, titled "Corruption in Chicago and Illinois," data from the Public Integrity Section was used to determine which states were the most corrupt. This report based its rankings on the number of public corruption convictions in each state. These numbers were further broken down into the number of convictions per capita. Based on this data, **Washington, D.C. was found to be the most corrupt in the U.S. even though it's not a state.** Washington, D.C., which is a hub of political activity because it is the national capital, had a total of 1,159 corruption convictions, which amounted to 17.24 per capita*

([worldpopulationreview.com>state-rankings>most-corrupt-states](http://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/most-corrupt-states); emphasis added).

This being the case, it makes sense that Washington, D.C. would have more lawyers per capita than the rest of the U.S.

.... Washington, DC ranks as the most densely concentrated population of lawyers having 1,356% more lawyers per capita than New York

(cdn.ymaws.com/www.inbar.org/resource/resmgr/Conclave/_Rural_Access_Highest_Per_Ca.pdf).

These lawyers not only benefit from this corruption, often at the expense of tax payers, they also benefit from imagined, or "trumped-up" accusations. One recent example is the Mueller investigation that cost anywhere from \$30M to \$40M of tax payers' hard earned money. These figures fluctuate depending on whose calculations you believe. But who really benefited from this? THE POLITICIANS AND LAWYERS. It made no difference to the daily lives of America citizens, except to waste their money and distract from more important issues that government officials should be focused on.

Mr. Mueller's report found no evidence that Mr. Trump's campaign "conspired or coordinated" with Russian officials to influence the 2016 election, according to a letter authored by Attorney General William Barr

(independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/how-much-mueller-report-cost-trump-russia-investigation-a8839091.html).

Is it any wonder that polls show confidence in government at an all-time low in the U.S.? A Gallup poll was conducted between September 30 and October 15, 2020 in which the question was asked, "Do you approve of the way Congress is handling its job?" The answer was that 77% disapprove (news.gallup.com/poll/1600/congress-public.aspx).

So it's a proverbial case of citizens watching the county burn while their leaders "play the fiddle". Sadly, there are too many criminals inside government agencies for citizens to expect they are going to be protected from criminals outside of government, especially when many of these same government officials want to defund the

police, catch and release those who are arrested, open up the prisons to criminals who have not completed their term, and remove cash bail.

So anyone who entertains the possibility that Satan is actively involved with these nefarious activities, has a better chance of reconciling many of the events that occurred during 2020. Sadly, there's more to come because too many leaders have abandoned any sense of a moral compass, and are more concerned about their own party's sectarian advantage than the well-being of the citizens they are supposed to serve.

To make matters worse, there is so much misinformation, censorship, and outright lying in the media and big tech companies, that it is hard for citizens to know the truth about what is really going on. Consequently, we end up with a dysfunctional society that continues to drive into an inexorable decline (see study: *Entering America's Darkest Chapter*).

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