

# SATAN'S FANTASY WORLD

## Introduction

- 1) A **fantasy world** is an imaginary place of make-believe that is different from reality
  - a) Usually includes fictional powers [magic], animals [unicorns], and/or places [Oz, Narnia]
  - b) **Fantasyland** at Disney World celebrates popular fairy tales and folklore
- 2) Many people (atheists, agnostics, skeptics) believe that Christians live in a make-believe fairy tale world made up of God, Satan, a six-day creation, angels, souls, miracles, life-after-death, etc.
  - a) Peter denied that Christianity is a series of “cunningly devised fables” (2 Pet. 1:16)
- 3) The truth is that those same people are the ones who are living in a fantasy world created by the lies and deceit of Satan (Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:13-15)
  - a) Some fall into this “world” by ignorance; others turn away from the truth for a lie (Col. 2:8)

## I) **The Fantasy of Evolution**

- A) Children in our schools and colleges are taught that it is a fact that our universe began with a big bang and formed over many billions of years, and that life arose on earth spontaneously by chance out of nothing many millions of years ago and evolved gradually from a single cell into the various higher life forms that exist today (the general theory of evolution)
- B) This fantasy is taught and believed even though it contradicts science and logic:
  - 1) **Law of Biogenesis** – life begets life
  - 2) **2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics** – increasing entropy [disorder]
  - 3) **Law of Reproduction** – all things reproduce after their own kind
  - 4) **Evidence of Design** – design and complexity in universe necessitates higher intelligence
- C) Reality demands a rational belief in a Divine Creator who made and designed all things (Heb. 11:3; Gen. 1-2; Mk. 10:6; Rom. 1:20; Psa. 19:1; 33:6-9)
  - 1) God continues to uphold all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3)
  - 2) Those who live in the fantasy world of evolution need to come to reality (Acts 14:15)

## II) **The Fantasy of Relativism**

- A) Many believe that there is no absolute, objective truth [right vs. wrong; moral vs. immoral]
  - 1) This is the fantasy that “truth” is relative to each person and will vary depending on opinions, background, situations, or feelings (cf. Judg. 21:25)
  - 2) This is the reason many defend and practice adultery, homosexuality, abortion, theft, drunkenness, gossip, contentions, etc. (Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
- B) The reality is that an orderly society must be based on the laws of right and wrong
  - 1) Stop at red light = **right**; steal money from a bank = **wrong**
- C) Divine truth is objective (Prov. 3:5; Jn. 8:32), absolute (Psa. 119:89; Matt. 24:35), and complete (Prov. 30:6; Jude 3)

## III) **The Fantasy of No Consequences**

- A) Many live in a fantasy world in which they can do whatever they want with no fear of God or eternal judgment (Psa. 36:1-4)
  - 1) This may take the form of atheism that denies that God exists (Psa. 14:1)
  - 2) This may take the form of disbelief that God will actually condemn sinfulness
    - a) Supposing that Hell is not real or that God will overlook sin in His grace (cf. Rom. 6:1)
- B) The reality is that there will be a real and serious judgment to come (Heb. 9:27)
  - 1) There are very real and eternal consequences to how we live (Gal. 6:7-8; Matt. 25:46)

## Conclusion

We may try to escape from reality in a fantasy world of error, but it will not change reality. The lies and deceptions of Satan are dangerous because God will judge us on our actual choices and actions. His grace and forgiveness is very real – turn and obey Him today!