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The Great Controversy, pt. 29: The Origin of Evil
Rebellion, LGBT, Spiritualism Made Official in SDA Schools & Churches. Protest Not
Over! Shut Them Down. Seeds Sown By LGBT Activists, Bear Fruit In SDA
Institutions

1. What is the title of chapter 29 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. The reason why we are studying the beginning and the ending of sin is because many people are perplexed about who should be blamed for the evils in the world

To many minds the origin of sin and the reason for its existence are a source of great perplexity. **They see the work of evil, with its terrible results of woe and desolation, and they question how all this can exist under the sovereignty of One who is infinite in wisdom, in power, and in love.** Here is a mystery of which they find no explanation. And in their uncertainty and doubt they are blinded to truths plainly revealed in God's word and essential to salvation...Others, however, fail of a satisfactory understanding of the great problem of evil, from the fact that tradition and misinterpretation have obscured the teaching of the Bible concerning the character of God, the nature of His government, and the principles of His dealing with sin. {GC 492.1}

3. Note: We will discover that we can never explain sin or evil so as to give a reason for its existence. However, the Bible tells us that sin is an intruder; additionally, it tells us about the origin and the final disposition of sin to show God's justice and love.
4. What is sin or this evil? 1 John 3:4 _____
5. Note: The origin of evil began in the mind of Lucifer while he was in heaven. As a result of the entrance of sin, what happened in heaven? Revelation 12:7-9 _____
6. What is one of the reasons why we should comprehend the war that broke out in heaven? Revelation 12:12,17 _____

7. How was heaven described before war broke out in heaven? It was similar to Eden with Adam and Eve before they sinned. Read John 14:15 _____

Before the entrance of evil there was peace and joy throughout the universe. All was in perfect harmony with the Creator's will. Love for God was supreme, love for one another impartial. {GC 493.1} **The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all created beings depended upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness.** {GC 493.2}

8. What did God give to all the angels, including Lucifer, as He later on gave to Adam and Eve? Genesis 2:16,17 _____
God desires from all His creatures the service of love--homage that springs from an intelligent appreciation of His character. **He takes no pleasure in a forced allegiance, and to all He grants freedom of will,** that they may render Him voluntary service. {GC 493.2}

9. What does the Bible say about choice? Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Romans 6:16 _____
What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him. {SC 47.1}

10. Who was Lucifer in heaven? Ezekiel 28:12-15 _____
11. What did Lucifer desire in heaven that led to war and he being cast out of heaven? Isaiah 14:12-14 _____

Note: This is the spirit of the anti-christ, the Papacy, in these last days. See 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4.

12. What was due to Jesus from the angels, since He was their creator? Colossians 1:14-16; Psalm 95:6 _____
Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,--one in nature, in character, and in purpose,-- the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ the Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings. "By Him were all things created, that are in heaven, . . . whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers" (Colossians 1:16); **and to Christ, equally with the Father, all heaven gave allegiance.** {GC 493.1}

13. However, what was found in the heart of Lucifer? Ezekiel 28:15-17 _____
14. **What is the final controversy between Jesus Christ and Satan over in these last days on earth? Revelation 13:15-17; Revelation 14:6,7,9,10** _____

15. Note: We can discover what Satan told the angels in order to win their affections and their worship by considering what he told Eve in Eden.

16. What did Satan say to Eve? Genesis 2:17: Genesis 3:1-6; Revelation 12:12,17 _____

Leaving his place in the immediate presence of God, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels.

Working with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealing his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God, he endeavored to excite dissatisfaction concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that they imposed an unnecessary restraint. Since their natures were holy, he urged that the angels should obey the dictates of their own will. He sought to create sympathy for himself by representing that God had dealt unjustly with him in bestowing supreme honor upon Christ. **He claimed that in aspiring to greater power and honor he was not aiming at self-exaltation, but was seeking to secure liberty for all the inhabitants of heaven, that by this means they might attain to a higher state of existence.** {GC 495.2}

17. Was Satan successful in deceiving Eve and then Adam? Genesis 3:7,8 _____

18. Was Satan successful in heaven in deceiving the angels? Revelation 12:3,4,7-9 _____

19. What was Satan called when he was cast out? What was his work in heaven? Revelation 12:10 _____

20. What did Satan accuse the faithful angels of, those who did not side with him? _____

He sought also to make a false issue between himself and the loyal angels. All whom he could not subvert and bring fully to his side he accused of indifference to the interests of heavenly beings. The very work which he himself was doing he charged upon those who remained true to God. And to sustain his charge of God's injustice toward him, he resorted to misrepresentation of the words and acts of the Creator. It was his policy to perplex the angels with subtle arguments concerning the purposes of God. **Everything that was simple he shrouded in mystery, and by artful perversion cast doubt upon the plainest statements of Jehovah. His high position, in such close connection with the divine administration, gave greater force to his representations, and many were induced to unite with him in rebellion against Heaven's authority.** {GC 496.1}

21. As the Bible reveals God's character, what did Jesus do to Lucifer before he was cast out? Exodus 34:6,7 _____

22. Why did the Lord allow Satan to carry forward his work of deception and pain? _____

God in His wisdom permitted Satan to carry forward his work, until the spirit of disaffection ripened into active revolt. It was necessary for his plans to be fully developed, that their true nature and tendency might be seen by all....He had artfully presented his side of the question, employing sophistry and fraud to secure his objects. His power to deceive was very great, and by disguising himself in a cloak of falsehood he had gained an advantage. **Even the loyal angels could not fully discern his character or see to what his work was leading.** {GC 497.1}

23. Why was Satan not immediately destroyed by the Lord, once Satan was kicked out of heaven? _____

Satan had, at first, concealed his work under a specious profession of loyalty to God. He claimed to be seeking to promote the honor of God, the stability of His government, and the good of all the inhabitants of heaven. While instilling discontent into the minds of the angels under him, he had artfully made it appear that he was seeking to remove dissatisfaction. **When he urged that changes be made in the order and laws of God's government, it was under the pretense that these were necessary in order to preserve harmony in heaven.** {GC 497.2} **Satan had made it appear that he himself was seeking to promote the good of the universe.** The true character of the usurper, and his real object, must be understood by all. **He must have time to manifest himself by his wicked works.** {GC 498.1}

24. **Pope Francis is casting out cigarettes from Vatican City's shops. The Vatican announced Thursday that it would no longer sell cigarettes to employees in its duty free shop and supermarket** — giving up an estimated 10 million euros (\$11 million) a year in profit. **Francis made the decision because "the Holy See cannot contribute to an activity that clearly damages the health of people,"** the Vatican said. A statement cited the World Health Organization, which says smoking causes more than 7 million deaths annually around the globe. <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/news/2017/11/09/pope-bans-cigarette-sales-at-vatican/>

25. Donald Trump is starting to implement very dangerous anti-climate policies that will severely harm God's creation, the poor and future generations. Given the role of the US globally, we need to stand up and raise our voice...You are invited to abstain from meat on Fridays (a long Catholic tradition) to reduce our climate impacts from meat production, and/or to join the interfaith "Fast for the Climate" the first day of each month....Consider abstaining from meat for the sin of environmental destruction and in faith and hope for change. ...The GCCM also participates in the interfaith Fast for the Climate which takes place the first day of each month. Thousands of individuals and organizations from 92 countries support the Fast for the Climate to call on government officials to take urgent action on climate change. You could fast from food (during the whole day or at least one meal) and/or from activities that produce carbon dioxide (reducing our use of fossil fuels, electricity, plastic, paper and toxins). <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/act/>

26. Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible; yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, His servants cannot unite with them. **Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men.** {GC 587.1}

27. How was Satan unmasked to the angels in heaven and the unfallen worlds? Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 27:20-23

28. As Satan was unmasked to the angels in heaven and the unfallen worlds, God's love was revealed. See John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:19,21

29. After Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension, what happened in heaven? Hebrews 1:3,6; Revelation 12:12

Now the guilt of Satan stood forth without excuse. He had revealed his true character as a liar and a murderer. It was seen that the very same spirit with which he ruled the children of men, who were under his power, he would have manifested had he been permitted to control the inhabitants of heaven. He had claimed that the transgression of God's law would bring liberty and exaltation; but it was seen to result in bondage and degradation. {GC 502.1} Satan's lying charges against the divine character and government appeared in their true light...**It was seen, also, that while Lucifer had opened the door for the entrance of sin by his desire for honor and supremacy, Christ had, in order to destroy sin, humbled Himself and become obedient unto death.** {GC 502.2}

30. Did the Lord permit Satan to remain in heaven after his probation closed? Revelation 12:7-9

31. What will happen to Satan, sin, and unrepentant after human probation closes? 2 Peter 3:8-13; Matthew 25:41

32. In short, Andrews University has opened the door to engaging with LGBTQ+ students in a safe space on campus. While this may seem like a small step, it is my hope that this signals a change in attitudes toward LGBTQ+ students at Andrews, a chance for dialogue instead of talking about, and the ability to connect with and support other students. What this means to me is that my university is finally allowing me to meet with my peers on campus with the same visibility as the vegan club. Full stop (Kelly Lorenz). Becoming an officially supported group on Campus will allow the LGBT Group to advertise, recruit and share materials on Andrews University campus. <http://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2017/11/9/andrews-university-will-create-an-official-lgbt-support-group>

33. The Andrews University Board of Trustees, which met on campus in October, has approved the creation of an official LGBT+ student support group. Over the past two years, Andrews University has worked with a team of faculty, staff, students and church leaders to develop a Bible-based framework that fully reflects Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and values regarding sexual orientation. <https://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/11/09/andrews-university-approves-creation-official-lgbt-student-support-group>

34. On Friday, October 9, 2015, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews University voted unanimously to approve a position paper titled "An Understanding of the Biblical View on Homosexual Practice and Pastoral Care." From its very beginning more than six months ago, this document has undergone widespread study by the Seminary Dean's Council and Seminary faculty, which has included discussion and input from Seminary town hall meetings, Andrews University administration, the Lake Union Conference, the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and the Biblical Research Institute." <https://www.andrews.edu/agenda/39064>

35. **Elieil Cruz**, founder of AULL4One and LGBT activist, expressed appreciation for the steps the university has taken in recent years to support its LGBT+ students with a safe environment in which to learn and grow: I never thought that an official LGBT group would be formed at Andrews University just a few years after my graduation. **This is the fruits of immense labor by LGBT students on campus asking for Andrews University to grant them space to be able to thrive. I'm grateful for the work these students have done and the assistance and cooperation of Andrews University student life and administration. This will, without a doubt, be life-saving.** <https://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/11/09/andrews-university-approves-creation-official-lgbt-student-support-group>

36. Alexis Thomas, current president of AULL4One, who has been involved in the creation process of Haven, sees the approval of an official group as a positive step forward for the University. In an official statement from the president, she wrote: I am absolutely ecstatic about the Haven Constitution being approved! In fact, that just might be the biggest understatement I've made all year. Words really can't express the joy of seeing something we've been striving so hard for finally come into fruition. The years of meetings, patience, and diligence have finally paid off. This is not just a victory for us as current LGBT+ students at Andrews University but a victory for students of the past and most importantly of the future. Haven will ensure that any student (presently or in the future) who doesn't fit into the "typical" box of cis and heterosexual receives a much needed safe space to express themselves openly. We happily welcome allies as well, with the main focus of course being LGBT+ students. This is much like how AULL4One operates currently, however, this group will be official. Therefore, we are now permitted to meet on campus and advertise to the larger body of students that AULL4One just wasn't able to reach. <https://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/11/09/andrews-university-approves-creation-official-lgbt-student-support-group>

37. Daneen Akers: I'm grateful to the students who have worked hard for several years now to let their administration know they need a safe place to be, and I'm grateful to their administration for responding, albeit within the constraints they have to work with at this time. This is still a very positive step. **There's now official groups for support at both Andrews and Loma Linda University, and I agree that these steps will indeed be "life-saving."** <https://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/11/09/andrews-university-approves-creation-official-lgbt-student-support-group>

38. Note: Watch the following videos and discover the blatant spiritualism that the leaders of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have brought into the SDA Church.

Hypocrisy?! If Protest is not over,SDAs must Pray & Protest against Ganoune Diop & Ted Wilson's Ecumenical Symposium & New Book (A Conversation on the Reformation) which endorse Flagrant Spiritualistic & Jesuit Teachings, refuse to identify Beasts of Revelation 13, and help Popery undo Protestantism under guise of Religious Freedom. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8912SKZ4aY>

39. GC Leaders Bless Spiritualism to Combat Pornography among SDAs Pastors & Members. Protest against Ted Wilson for leading Church Backward; Pray for him & Remind him to "Go Forward" in Present Truth. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RH9UQgwoe8>