

Lucifer's Glory



Lucifer's Fall

Lucifer's BIG "I"

I "I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above
the stars of God;
I will sit also upon the
mount of the congregation...
I will ascend above the
heights of the clouds;
I will be like the most High."
Isaiah 14:13-14



**The "Problem" of Evil and Suffering in the Presence of an All-knowing, All-good, All-loving, and All-powerful God (53):
Job 38:4-11: Lucifer: From Integrated Glorious Joy to Fragmented Vacuous Evil**
<http://www.fbcweb.org/sermons.html>

Philosophical/Theological/Doctrinal & Spiritual Edification

Bible Doctrines

Eschatology
Thanatology
Ecclesiology
Israelology
Dispensationalism
Doxology
Hodology
Soteriology
Hamartiology
Natural Law
Anthropology
Angelology
Pneumatology
Christology
Paterology
Trinitarianism
Cosmology
Theology Proper
Bibliology

There is a crisis in Christianity regarding rationality, truth, and metaphysics.

Christians claim to be all about truth, yet many reject the validity of logic and rationality. Logic is even viewed by many as human viewpoint. Many Christians are suffering from mental problems due to rejection of rationality.

The horrendous (paganistic) philosophy that Christians are using must be replaced with a truth based system (PR)

Reflect on the three levels of understanding God's Word in John 3:16—as well as the danger of not advancing through each level.

Prolegomena:

P.R. - 30

Hermeneutics

Linguistics

Epistemology

Metaphysics

Reality -Logic 32,
Truth 32

Stage 3 -
Metaphysical
understanding
of Reality
conveyed by the
Bible verses.

Stage 2-
Systematic
understanding
of Bible verses

Stage 1-
Isolated
understanding
of Bible verses

Metaphysical (Refined) Christian-Level 3:

- True understanding of Ultimate Reality God's Word, 'Ehyeh, Esse, Exod. 3:14; Acts 17:28; Matt. 6; Col. 1:17.
- Transformation: life of worship as believer contemplates reality of John 3:16.
- Able to defend all doctrines and engage in apologetics and defend Christianity against any and *all* detractors due to grasp of reality as per Esse and the laws of logic.

Doctrinal Maturing Believer- Level 2:

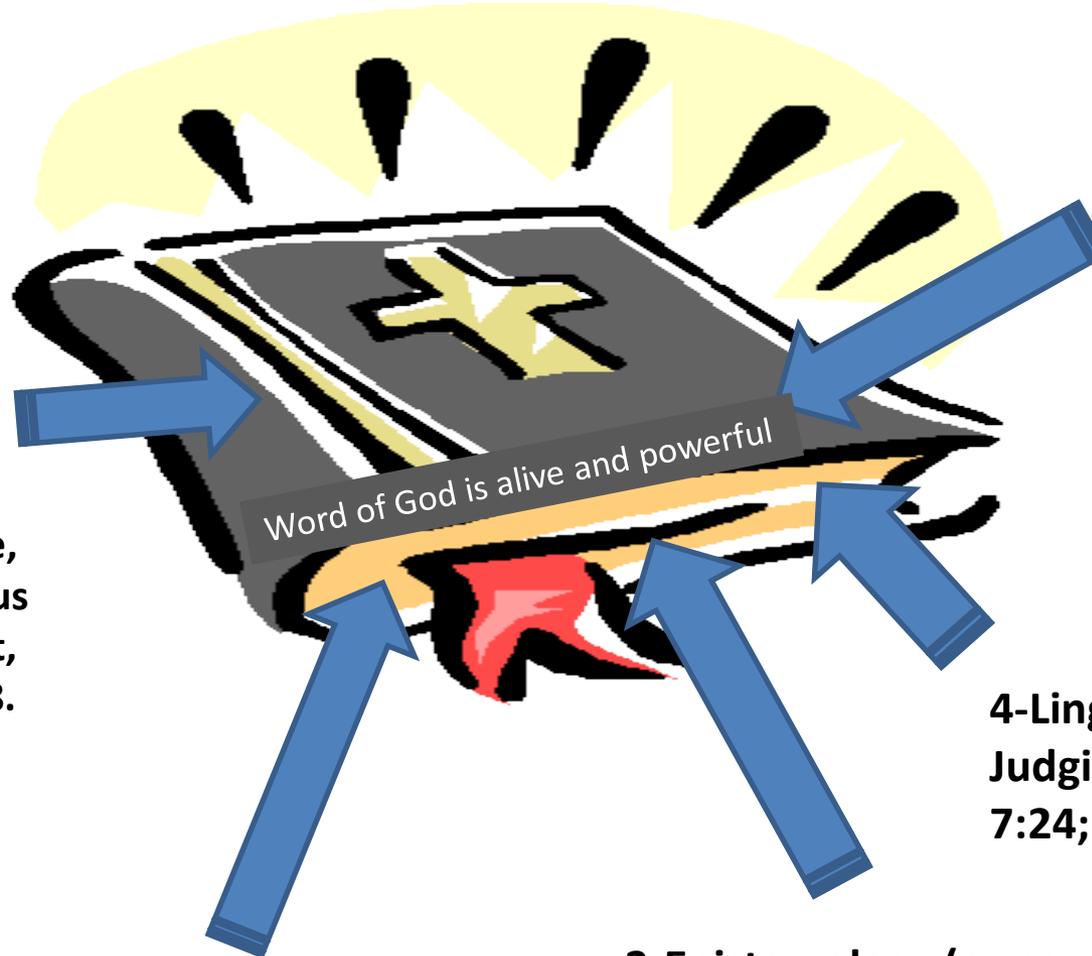
- Systematic/organized understanding of biblical passages.
- John 3:16 is connected to a vast array of doctrines on the nature of God, love, the Trinity, the *Monogenes* Son, unlimited atonement, redemption, reconciliation, propitiation, eternal security.
- Transformation into doctrinal believer.

Baby Bible believer - Level 1 -

- Limited to isolated Bible verses.
- Very important to understand individual passages before advancing.
- Consider John 3:16.
- The more passages a believer understands, the more he escapes the Zeitgeist of kosmos diabolicus.

Foundations: Philosophical Realism (30)

THE 5 FOUNDATIONS FOR BIBLICAL OBJECTIVITY



**1-Reality (or
paganism?):**
Correspondence,
Truth vs. religious
truth, and Christ,
John 14:6; 18:58.

2- Metaphysics (or paganism):
Classical God or
pagan God? Acts 17:22-28

3-Epistemology (or paganism)
Rational or Fideistic? 1 Thess 5:21

4-Linguistics (or paganism)
Judging others, Mt 7:1; Jn
7:24; God-talk.

**5-Hermeneutics (or
paganism):**
Rational or Existential?
Acts 8:30-31

Foundations: Philosophical Realism (30)

1. The Word of God acknowledges that some things in the Bible are more difficult to understand (δυσνόητος) than others, 2 Pet. 3:16.
2. What made Paul's doctrines more difficult than Peter's was his philosophical insights, especially in linguistics and metaphysics, which enabled Him to plumb much deeper into the nature of God, love, and the spiritual life.

Colossians 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (συνέστηκεν).

Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and exist (ἐν αὐτῷ γὰρ ζῶμεν καὶ κινούμεθα καὶ ἐσμέν), as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'

Foundations: Philosophical Realism (30)

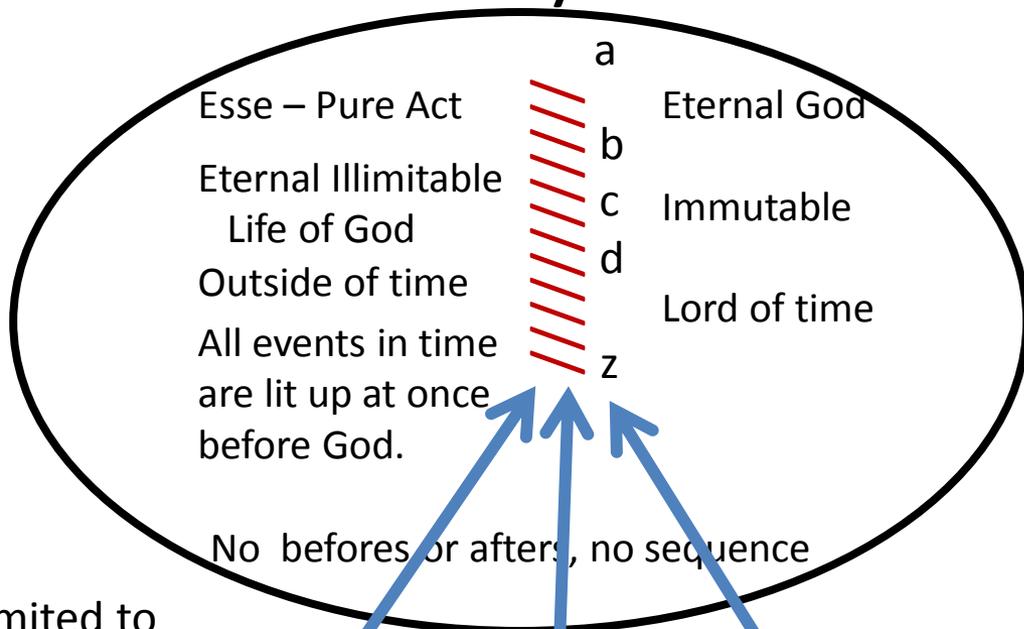
3. The goal for every pastor-teacher is to feed believers the truths of the Word of God so they can grow into mature believers into the likeness of Jesus Christ, Eph. 4:12-16. It is all about learning and living out the truth.
4. How do we root out paganistic philosophy that is virtually in every church today? How do we replace it with philosophy of truth (P.R.)? How do we bring back a love of wisdom? Or is it too late?

Foundations: Philosophical Realism (30)

5. Spiritual maturity requires growth in all three categories of truth.
 - a. Level one, baby believer. It is important of the PT to go through several passages in each Bible class.
 - b. Level two, adolescent believer. It is important for the PT to systematically connect several passages and concepts in each Bible class to build Bible doctrine.
 - c. Level three, mature believer. It is important for the PT to advance the believer in philosophical realism (objective truth) in each Bible class so the believer can actually understand rich and deep doctrines, especially on the nature of reality, Esse, and God Himself—and know what he is talking about.

Eternality of God

God is atemporal, immutable, exalted, unbound by time, and knows all things at once (Classical theism).



Modern view of God is that He is in time and thus reduced to being mutable, measurable, and finite—the result is the loss of classical attributes.

Scriptural implications for timelessness of God (Gen. 15:6; John 1:29; 3:1-9; Rev 13:8 ; 2 Pet. 3:8; Acts 17:26-27; Heb. 2:9). Consider the implications for your life with its various tests.

Infinite—not limited to one space or one time.

Finite – limited one space and time

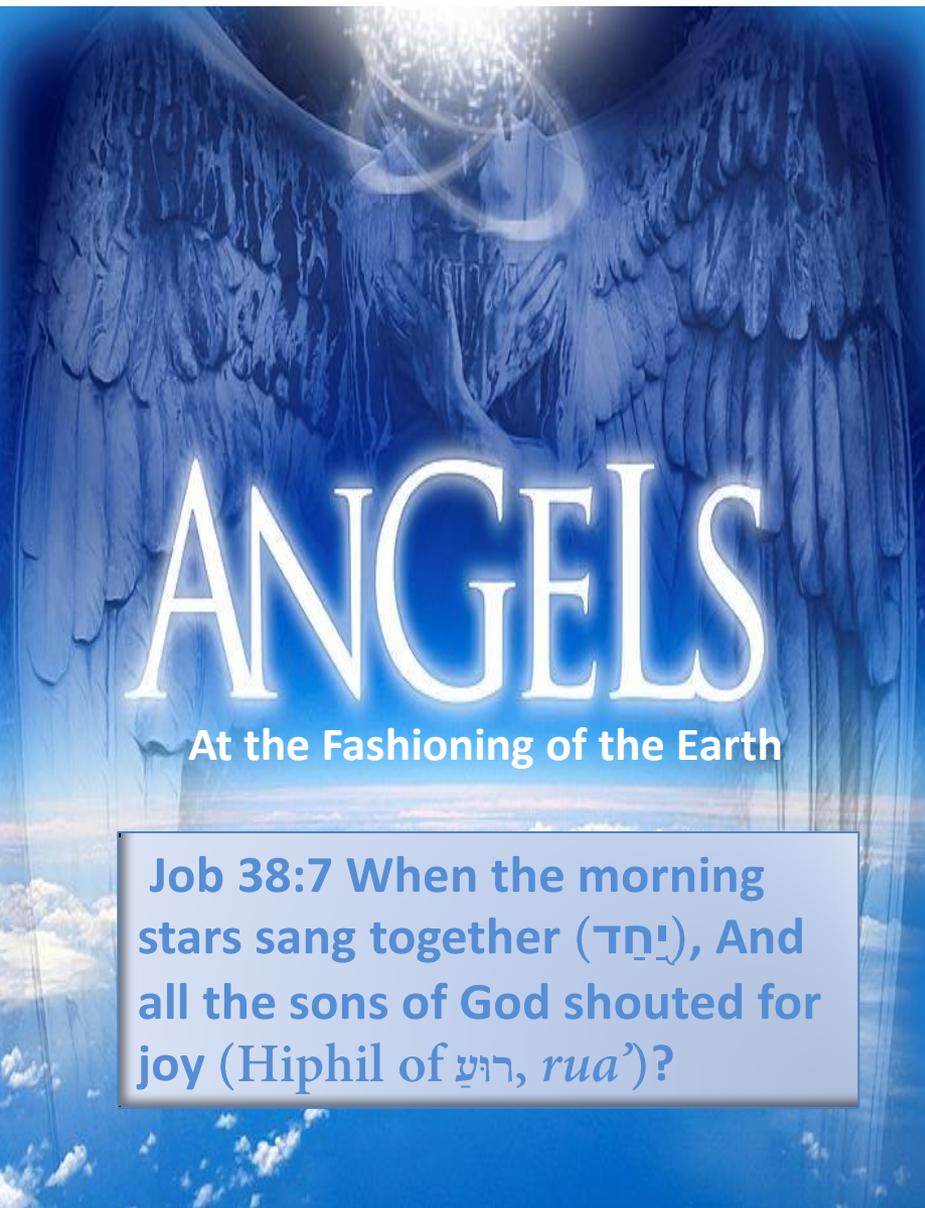
Abraham
Gen 15:6
b

Nicodemus
John 3
c

Jesus death
Jn 19:30; Rev 13:8
d



Lucifer's Glory



Lucifer's Fall

Lucifer's BIG "I"

I "I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above
the stars of God;
I will sit also upon the
mount of the congregation...
I will ascend above the
heights of the clouds;
I will be like the most High."

Isaiah 14:13-14



LUCIFER: FROM GLORIOUS JOY TO VACUOUS EVIL

1. There there is no greater glorification of God than when one so perceives God's greatness that it results in resounding glorious joy,

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

1 Peter 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Acts 16:22-25.

LUCIFER: FROM GLORIOUS JOY TO VACUOUS EVIL

2. True knowledge and fellowship of God always brings joy, 1 John 1:4; Psa. 16:11.

1 John 1:3-4 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; In Thy presence is fulness of joy; In Thy right hand there are pleasures forever.

LUCIFER: FROM GLORIOUS JOY TO VACUOUS EVIL

3. It is evil (lack of divine goodness; privation) that destroys true joy. Satan and the fallen angels turned away from the beauty of the Lord, and having done so, no longer see His majesty (cf. Ezek. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-15.). God is now ugly to Lucifer and the demons. Satan no longer sees the goodness of God. He has no respect for God, let alone awe of Him.
- ❖ Helel became Satan when he became so impressed with his own beauty, brilliance, intelligence, power, and position that he began to desire for himself the honor and glory that belonged to God alone.
 - ❖ Pride is the easiest and single most dangerous and destructive evil thought pattern. Every believer needs to check and deal with his ingrained pride on a daily basis, 1 Tim. 3:6; 2 Tim. 3:4.

LUCIFER: FROM GLORIOUS JOY TO VACUOUS EVIL

4. Only those who truly gain glimpses of God are really drawn to Him. People are always drawn to what they perceive as their greatest good.
5. Those who are drawn to Him because of continued glimpses of His glory will always remain positive. There is nothing like being drawn to the excellencies of God.

LUCIFER: FROM GLORIOUS JOY TO VACUOUS EVIL

6. The believer who does not regularly gain glimpses of God's greatness through Bible doctrine, will not continue to grow spiritually. Since, for one reason or another, he does not see God's greatness, he will either forsake the Lord altogether or move into some system which emphasizes glimpses into the "greatness" of one's own experiences and works.
7. Attraction to God because of who and what God is brings powerful, and lasting motivation.

LUCIFER: FROM GLORIOUS JOY TO VACUOUS EVIL

8. Positive believers rejoice in God for His greatness, and while they praise Him for His benefits, their love and joy do not depend on those benefits. They love Him for who and what He is. He is not some Divine Buddy.
9. Positive believers focus on God; religious people focus on their religious experiences and what everyone else is doing.
10. The positive believer loves the grace of God; the religious believer sits in awe over himself and his works. Every believer should reflect on why he loves the Lord.