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Surprisingly, this is one of the most prolific myths that circulate throughout the world. Indeed from ancient paintings to wall murals to wood pressings and pictures displayed in bibles, Satan is depicted as a serpentine figure and it is no wonder that the general societal view is swayed to think that this is true.

We even misquote scripture to peddle this myth into our congregations and there does not appear to be any great call to counter this untruth with proper teaching, and I therefore ask the question, “Is this why we don’t see Satan in our day-to-day lives?”

Oh I am sure that Satan is very pleased with this over-hanging cloud of misinformation about himself. He is very shrewd and has most likely been working on this disguise for millenniums. But in discussing this fallen angel we must be very careful not to be seen to be denigrating him lest we not only rile this adversary, but more importantly we transgress against God. The relationship between God and Lucifer is beyond human perception to fathom and offending God is the last thing we would want to do. So we are going to be factual and forthright and stay well clear of that transgression line.

We first pick up Satan in his identity referred to as the Serpent in Genesis Chapter Three and immediately we are confronted with an inter-lingual nightmare of not so much what we might call mistranslation, but more of what we will refer to as “missing the point” of what Adam was trying to plainly convey to us today. But before we kick off too far into this matter it is necessary to look at what role Adam had in the scribing of the Genesis account and in doing so we will unravel quite an interesting story about those ancient times.

It has been commonly thought by most convocations that the history of the Creation event and indeed the writings of the Book of Genesis were the product of Moses and his scribes. To some extent this is true, but it is only half the story and it excludes any part that others have played, chief of whom was Adam.

We first meet Adam in Genesis Chapter Two and unfortunately he too has been misrepresented down the ages as to what input he had into the development of the early Hebrew nation and what the circumstances were that necessitated his advent.

The Creation account is laid out for us in Genesis Chapter One and sequentially lays out what God did to bring the world into existence. We see that in Verse 1:1 God creates the heaven(s) and the earth which encompasses the whole of the

universe and in Verse 1:2 and thereafter, the account is distinctly planet Earth centric. We see that the actual formation of planet Earth is sometime after the Verse 1:1 actual creation of the Universe, and this fits in exactly with what Science has reported that the Universe is 13.8 billion years old and the Earth is 4 billion years old. The formation of planet Earth was delayed somewhat and I suspect this was to let the rest of the Universe settle down from its cataclysmic Big Bang (or Big Bangs if it were a omni-event across the whole space time dimension).

Then having been formed, and in the due course of time, and by this it was a very long time in human perception terms, God then brought about vegetation then life forms of the aquatic and bird life followed by beasts of the field and all creeping things and finally Hominin indigenous man. But let's not be tricked here, this is not Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve's advent is accounted in Genesis 2:7 and is, once again misrepresented to be within the creation period. They were not. But Genesis 1:27 does fall within the creation period and is where God put early man on the planet and if we go by the Scientific and fossil evidences this occurred about 500,000 years ago.

Now I know we have skipped over a lot of detail here and if you want to explore just the Creation issues I refer you to the thesis: Creation Revisited Through Ancient Song Lines which is also available on this website and takes an in-depth approach to the first nine Chapters of Genesis.

From the advent of indigenous man there would be over twenty species of this erectus form of man over the half million years that eventually evolved down to Cro-Magnon Man, Neanderthal Man and recently discovered Denisovan man. This brings us up to 5776 BC (if we go by the Jewish calendar) and the situation on the ground is tragic. Indigenous man, even after 500,000 years is still stuck in his primitivism of the Stone Age and has remained a hand-to-mouth hunter gatherer having not been able to surmount his life style of having only self-serving needs for day-to-day existence. Mind you, we should not have great expectation for Hominin man because he was not created with a soul. We read in Verse 2:7 that Adam became a living soul after God bestowed into him the breathe of life. It is this very critical point that is missing from the creation of Hominin man.

The surprise for many will be that I strongly contend that Hominin man at this point of time was in jeopardy of extinction and this was the trigger for God to quantum jump man from Stone Age hunter-gatherer into what would become our modern man in this technologically advanced world. Hence, enter Adam.

Adam was the antithesis of Hominin Stone Age Man. Adam had far superior brain function, was highly skilled and in today's terms had a very high IQ. This is in direct contrast to Stone Age Man whom we still hold in vogue that they selected wives by clubbing them into submission.

It was following Adam and Eve's exit from the Garden in Eden that in a short time came the metal minerals ages, ie copper and tin, followed by the Bronze Age and the two Iron Ages. We also see within a few generations of Adam the population taking up civil and civic responsibilities, engaging in fine arts and introducing specialist metallurgy and husbandry skills. It is completely obvious that without Adam's higher form of life, Stone Age Man may still have been stuck in hunter gatherer mode down to today albeit if his extinction critical period had not taken hold. And perhaps you can understand why I see the jeopardous situation that Hominin man had cornered himself into.

But whilst all of this gives us a peek at Earth-living 6,000BC style, this does not bring into account what was the most important aspect of Adam's advent onto planet Earth. Science has had a robust debate on the matter of what level of communication skills Hominin man had achieved in his 500,000 years. Science tells us that for any animal (humans included) to have the ability of articulate speech it requires four genes. For instance beasts of the wild have a form of communication but they don't have articulate speech. Similarly Cro-Magnon Man and Neanderthal Man had only one of the required genes (FOXP-2) and also did not have the compound bony voice box structures that would have facilitated such speech/sound patterns.

We can also make some other deductions from the extended basic hunter-gatherer life style of Stone Age Man that their brain capacity would not have facilitated an articulation of their thought and reasoning functions and therefore communication as we know it today was not possible for them.

But Adam had these genes, and had the biological throat structure, and had the brain capacity that all combined together to facilitate articulate language. We see in the Genesis account articulate language between Adam, Eve, God and the Serpent and we also see Adam's skilled nomenclature. Therefore he was indeed the antithesis of the Hominin man forms who populated the then world.

This brings us to the pointy end of the digression. The Genesis account, contrary to popular thoughts, is a compendium of ancient song lines that were put together by Moses and his team of scribes in a written form of Paleo-Hebrew language. These song lines had been remembered by a rote system of memory retention and passed down the generations and stretch right back to the Garden of Eden. So when we look at the Genesis account, it is the works

attributed to Moses, for the written form, but he was only scribing what the Hebrew nation had carried down successive generations from the times of Adam and Eve in the Garden.

The Creation events at the hand of God were given to Adam by God and put into song lines in the form of prose. And as we read the Genesis account we see a development of how these song lines are constructed and their content as it moves from Chapter One, the details of which can only have come from God to Adam, and then from Chapter Two forward we see the song lines constructed by Adam (and the successive generations) that pertain to events in their own time.

The whole of Genesis essentially was held in memory retention down the thousands of years until Moses was charged with the task of introducing the written modality of this oral Paleo-Hebrew language. So if we ask ourselves who was the father of the Paleo-Hebrew language we have to acknowledge in the first instance God, but on the ground we have to applaud Adam for his ability to devise a system where the history of the world was not lost. We can note that Hominin man did not have the brain capacity to undertake anything like retention of facts on this scale.

It was a watershed moment to understand that the transmission of the Genesis account came down the generations via this vehicle. It completely changes how we interpret the scripts when we know that Chapter One of Genesis was given by God to Adam directly and that in the interpretation from Hebrew to other languages it is critical to identify the author and the reporter.

We find that Adam has constructed song lines picking up all of the important points in his lifetime. And we can say with certainty that he would have initially put into this rote system every detail that God would have given him directly. I also contend that in the conversion from the oral modality to the written modality that Moses and his scribes would have endeavoured to maintain the language of Adam and the successive elders of the rote system. Therefore what we read in Genesis chapters one to four would still have the basis of Adam's underlying oral construction.

It is also worthy of note that Adam's handling of language was very good. It is indeed a very difficult task to reduce the history of the world down to a few lines of memorised information that can be understood in our time nearly 6,000 years later. So we need to be mindful that he was not just some ancient figure that held a club in his hand, but was intellectual, smart, capable, innovative, a skilled orator and in his time techno savvy.

This brings us to Genesis Chapter Three where we read the account of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God's word. We can note that the nature of the song lines becomes more detailed and Adam has recorded the actual words spoken by Eve and her tempter. We also note that because of this, the pace of the song lines slow down considerably to accommodate this dialogue – as one might expect.

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- Gen 3:1 *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*
- Gen 3:2 *And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*
- Gen 3:3 *But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*
- Gen 3:4 *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*
- Gen 3:5 *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*
- Gen 3:6 *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*
- Gen 3:7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*
- Gen 3:8 *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*
- Gen 3:9 *And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*
- Gen 3:10 *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

Gen 3:11 *And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

Gen 3:12 *And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

Gen 3:13 *And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

In this Chapter the song lines introduces the Serpent and we are told that this being was more subtle than any other beast of the field that God had made. The Verse in English raises many questions and clarity around identifying the being is not straight forward even though it is universally accepted that it is Satan.

We can accept from the actions of the being that this was Satan and therefore it could be that the name was given in the conversion from song line to text. But this denies the eloquence of Adam's oral Hebrew language. The word Serpent in Hebrew has multiple translations. It can be "bright, shining and/or smooth", "hissing - as in casting an evil spell" or to "hiss or whisper a spell; to prognosticate: enchanter" or in noun form, a serpentine name.

At first glance we might say that the name "Serpent" was given after the fact, but I don't believe that Adam would leave this important piece of information to some future scribe to provide a name.

Let us move away for a moment to gather other relevant facts. Lucifer is a mysterious figure that is blurred in a fog of mis-information. This heavenly being is referenced in several places throughout scripture and it is worthwhile visiting them to get a clear picture of the vision that Eve would have been confronted with in the garden. Contrary to majority opinion, Lucifer was not an evil looking devil with a horned and warted face, long finger nails and wearing a black Grim Reaper hood. In fact on looks, Lucifer was the opposite.

Ezekiel said of Lucifer:

"A seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty who was permitted to walk in Eden. Every precious stone was Lucifer's covering and whom was a cherub who covered; perfect in his ways and was on the holy mountain of God."

Isaiah said:

"Son of the morning."

Paul said:

“He transforms himself into an angel of light.”

This is not the picture we imagine Lucifer to be at all, and perhaps we can have empathy for Eve in her reaction to being addressed by Lucifer. We can also make the inference that from Ezekiel's account Lucifer freely roamed the Garden in Eden and was no stranger to Adam and Eve. We know from the Book of Job that even after Lucifer's fall with his angels that God still permitted him audience in his presence, therefore being in Eden even after his fall would not have been unusual given he was counted with the other sons of God.

Now reflect back to this word "serpent". If we wanted a description that was succinct for Lucifer it would be very appropriate to call him "the shining one, or the bright and shining one", and that is exactly what the song line is recorded as saying, by using the word "Serpent" which, as we just discussed, means "*the bright and shining one*". And here my point is made. Adam did name the cherub as Serpent and in doing so started a long tradition of nomenclature to reflect an outward appearance. In later times this also followed to include functional purposes, and the classic is "Jesus" which taken from the Greek meaning a rescuer or one who saves.

I do find it interesting that Lucifer was not named to be "Lucifer" in the song line in favour of using this word that describes him and that it was left to later scribes to make the identity of this shining one as fallen Lucifer, Satan, the Devil, the great dragon - that serpent of old. But there is no denying about whom we are discussing.

I do not ascribe to the popular thought that Lucifer was a lizard or a snake. Oh No! We are way above this at the highest form of life that God created. At the time of his creation Lucifer was the highest form of being next to God. A snake, absolutely not and we can perhaps excuse this notion because of how in the past linguists have dealt with the interpretation of the passage and have not understood that it is an ancient rhetorical song line, ie its rules for interpreting are distinctly different.

So should we also have sympathetic thoughts for Eve? There she was, wandering within the protected garden and per chance meets up with this most perfect and brilliantly shining heavenly being who was very engaging and cordial. Lucifer strikes up a seemingly innocent conversation with Eve and I can see he would have been a masterful communicator and would have tempered his words to exploit Eve's naivety. His whole demeanour would have been modelled on successfully draping temptation before her, enticing her to obey him against the will of God. After all, he had convinced a third of all the

heavenly angels to follow him in rebellion against God so in Eve's case, he would not have thought it was any great challenge.

It is interesting why Lucifer spoke to Eve and not Adam. And his initial conversation was (perhaps) legitimate. Notice he asked the question that revealed Eve's lack of detailed knowledge of what God had commanded Adam. And his response to Eve's answer is where the down-fall commences. In Verse 3:4 Lucifer is accounted to be directly contradicting God's determination of the consequence if the fruit of the tree was eaten. The temptation commences with "*you shall not surely die*".

There is another take on this song line that is noteworthy to think about. The temptation is set in motion through the contradiction by Lucifer of God's determination on the consequence of disobedience, and secondly through Eve being exposed to the attractive idea of becoming wise by eating the fruit combined with its appealing look which triggers a desirability that overtakes her judgement. She eats of the forbidden fruit.

One can almost feel the flesh rise up and overtake Eve's consciousness of knowing God had said not to eat of the fruit. Was she so deviated in her mind that she forgot about God's command? Or did she look at it with evil intent and eat of it anyway – in the full knowledge of what God had commanded? The answer is not immediately obvious at this point.

Let's move up some six thousand years and look at this lesson 101 of life that was played out in Chapter Three. The mechanism of temptation is played out across the world time and time again and even as a higher form of life above that of animals we humans have still not learnt to recognise that it is the same old serpent, perfect in beauty and full of wisdom who seductively entices us on a day-to-day basis to go against the word of God. It is timely that we reflect on this lesson.

There was a first man Adam, and we have been discussing how and when he appeared on Earth. There was also a second man Adam and not coincidentally both of these persons were strategically targeted by Satan, albeit some four thousand years apart in time to prevent them in their role in bringing mankind to their ultimate potential. Of course by referring to the second man Adam we speak of Jesus our Lord, God's only begotten son; born of a woman and upon whom the Spirit of God settled and became known as Emmanuel (Heb. Immanuel), that is, God With Us. And I make this point because of the glaring dichotomy in appearance that confronts us between Lucifer and Yeshua. Recall how Ezekiel described Lucifer in all his perfection and beauty. Now consider what Isaiah said about Emmanuel:

Isaiah 53:2 *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

The meaning of "*as a root out of a dry ground*" is opined to be twisted and gnarled and we can make the observation between how the two "looks" are extreme in their presentation. The lesson we must learn is that one's physical appearance is not a criterion for determining good and evil. Satan uses this tool time and time again, just as he did in Eden, to put temptation in mankind's path to hinder and harass his walk in life. The thirst for worldly knowledge, the appealing looks and an expectation of getting something that is very desirable all combine to make mankind fall - day after day after day: every hour; every minute.

This song line not only accounts the fall of Eve and Adam, but it gives an insight into how vulnerable she and he were to this powerful heavenly being - albeit fallen from grace. It is suggestive that neither of them had eaten any fruit from the trees before, and also that Eve's contact with the handsome heavenly being was not a big surprise.

It is remarkable that Lucifer was in the Garden at all. Though he may have fallen under the general rebellion against God some time prior to Adam and Eve, his acts of evil against God's new modern man, which we will call for the sake of it "satanism", was the final act of treachery against his creator, hence Satan emerges from the song lines.

On the surface it seems that nowhere else have we had any indication of other beings being in the Garden and it draws our attention to the possibility that the Garden may have been frequented by heavenly beings for the purposes of communicating and attending to the needs of Adam and Eve. We may contemplate how in a natural sense Adam and Eve were educated and came to be fully prepared for their exit into the earth. Perhaps this also shines a light on the age and maturity of Adam and Eve individually when they were brought into the world. The song line favours that they were brought into the world as young adults, however there is some latitude in the age difference between the two. Eve may have been younger which may have been a factor in her vulnerability.

After both Eve and Adam had eaten of the forbidden fruit, they become self-aware that they had no covering over their bodies. Before this they would have taken it as being normal that their appearance was as it was, but the knowledge

of good and evil stripped away the innocence and replaced it with embarrassment and a knowledge that there were ramifications of both being naked together. With the innocence shattered, everything that they would encounter in the world would be tainted with this new knowledge.

Gen 3:14 *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Gen 3:16 *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

Gen 3:17 *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;*

Gen 3:18 *Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*

Gen 3:19 *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

Gen 3:20 *And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*

Gen 3:21 *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

Gen 3:22 *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

Gen 3:23 *Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

Gen 3:24 *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

This brings us to Genesis Chapter Three Verse 14 wherein God pronounces judgement over Lucifer for his evil, and also over Adam and Eve for their disobedience. For Lucifer, God cursed him above all other animals (ie, that were brought forth in revelation Period Six). *“Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”* There is diversity of thought about what this means so perhaps we should look at what the “before” Lucifer looked like.

We have already covered that Lucifer was in a form of perfect beauty covered in precious stones and was to the eye a bright and shining illumination. From other scripture we have: Exodus 25:10 Cherubs have wings, 2Samuel 22:11 and Psalm 18:10 – they can fly and can carry a man, 2Chronicles 3:13 – have feet and faces, Ezekeil 10:7&8 – have hands resembling that of man under their wings.

The first part is, *“Upon thy belly shalt thou go”* and the word Belly in its root form is based on that part of the anatomy of womankind relating to birth. It is taken to include great pain and difficulty. But to assume this means to slither like a snake is not correct. In Job 1:6-12 and Job 2:1-7 very clearly Lucifer (Satan) still had free movement, ie when included in the Sons of God who presented themselves before God, Satan replied to God, *“from going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth”*. So a slithering snake he definitely was not.

The key we are looking for is the fact that Lucifer (now Satan) *“walked”* back and forth in the earth. He therefore still had legs and feet. Notice he did not fly. Why would you walk if you could fly? The interpretation of Belly is found in its intrinsic human symbolism, he was confined to the ground without the ability to “fly”. Also, in relation to eating dust it is reinforcing the fact that Satan is grounded and in like manner to that of mankind, he is cast to ground level where there is dirt and dust, mountains and valleys. The song line is not referring to food here. He will eat of the dust that arises from the earth as he goes to and fro. We may legitimately deduct that he was made to be wingless.

The final part of the curse is the enmity that would come between the seeds of Eve and Satan of which this enmity continues through to the end of human time. Note that this word “seed” is singular and refers to Jesus some 4,000 years into the future from that point in time.

As for Eve, she brought to womankind great sorrow in child birth and would have a desire to her husband whom would rule over her. Note that the man is elevated to having the rule over the woman whereas before it was an opposite position. Once again, this was the consequence of sin. As for Adam and future mankind, the ground was cursed and he would be denied access to the fruit of the tree of life in the Garden. All of his life he would eat from the produce of the ground over which he would toil in sweat amongst the thorns and thistles. At his death he would be returned to dust from whence he came.

The remaining song lines account how God made Adam and Eve coats of skins and clothed them. The final part of the penalty for the disobedience was that both Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden into the general populous of the Earth to till the ground, and to ensure that they did not return to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Life (lest they live forever), God placed cherubim and a flaming sword at the east of the Garden to keep the way of the tree of life.

We should be surprised to see powerful heavenly cherubim complete with flaming sword standing at the entrance to a garden setting if we consider the region of Canaan to be Eden. The very fact that God would put cherubim at the entrance to the Garden strongly suggests that this was not a bunch of trees growing within a fenced property just anywhere on planet Earth. Sure, if this were the case then the fencing would have only been to keep out the wild animals, including the indigenous Hominin specie(s), and then also maybe it would have been to keep Adam and Eve in. But this all changes the balance of the discussion when God's choice of guardian to the Garden was cherubim.

The cherubim are magnificently over qualified for this function and if we are referring to the single Tree of Life that had to be guarded, then God could have uprooted it instead of waiting for its destruction via Noah's Flood. That's the earthly position. But the cherubim's presence is a strong indicator that there was a lot more going on at this time and, by its attributes, the cherubim function was perhaps more heavenly based than earth based. Remember Satan was in the garden too and this is a clue.

We know from our scripture that in the end of days that Satan will be judged and cast into the lake of fire and brimstone (Rev 20:10), and whilst we note that he is not “killed” through this action, it is noteworthy that God prevented Satan from also accessing the Tree of Life in Eden by having it guarded by other cherubim and a flaming sword. I do not see this as coincidental, I see it that the cherubim and flaming sword were there to hold back not only Satan himself but also all of the other fallen angels that were earth bound.

Below is list of the names^(*) by which Lucifer is referred to in the scriptures. It is extensive and a little surprising to see so many references.

Lucifer aka :-

Abaddon	Rev 9:11
Accuser	Rev 12:10
Adversary	1Peter 5:8
Angel of Light	2Cor 11:14
Angel of the Bottomless Pit	Rev 9:11
Anointed Covering Cherub	Ezek 28:14
Antichrist	1John 4:3
Apollyon	Rev 9:11
Beast	Rev 14:9
Beezebub/Beelzebul	Matt 12:24
Belial	2Cor 6:15
Deceiver	Rev 12:9
Devil	1John 3:8
Dragon	Rev 12:9
Enemy	Matt 13:39
Evil One	John 17:5
Father of Lies	John 8:44
God of the Age	2Cor 4:4
King of Babylon	Is 14:4
King of Tyre	Ezek 28:12
Lawless One	2Thess 2:8-10
Leviathan	Is 27:1
Liar	John 8:44
Little Horn	Dan 8:9-11
Man of Sin	2Thess 2:3-4
Murderer	John 8:44
Power of Darkness	Col 1:13-14
Prince of the the Power of the Air	Ephes 2:1-2
Prince that shall Come	Dan 9:26
Roaring lion	1Peter 5:8
Rulers of the Darkness	Ephes 6:12
Ruler of Demons	Luke 11:15
Ruler of this World	John 12:31-32
Satan	Mark 1:13
Serpent/Serpent of Old	Gen 3:1 /Rev 12:9
Son of Perdition	2THess 2:3-4
Star	Rev 9:1
Tempter	Matt 4:3

Thief
Wicked One

John 10:10
Ephes 6:16

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Now the summary. Is Lucifer a snake? We have had a look at what impact Adam was to have in this conversation and in doing so provided a backdrop of history behind this centre stage figure of Lucifer that is shrouded in mystery. Even though every indicator might strongly suggest that Lucifer is a snake this is very clearly untrue and hence we identify another faith busting myth that has influenced the general societal view for thousands of years.

Christian, Jewish and Islamic congregations should not be entertaining this myth, but alas, the power of this fallen cherub is strong and he is the quintessential master of disguise covering himself from view through mis-information and trickery.

The truth is this. Lucifer aka Satan aka the Devil (plus the 38 other names) is a cherub of immense power and a being of a higher life form than mankind. His appearance in the Garden at Eden saw him displayed beautifully in his finest covering and he shone as a bright and shining star. Even after he was judged for deceiving Eve he retained the supernatural ability to appear before God whereat he confided that he walked up and down the Earth. He is Prince of the Power of the Air, he is the Ruler of Demons and he is the Son of perdition, he is that Serpent of Old, a thief, a tempter, a deceiver and an enemy, and he is more.

But the one thing he is not – and that is a snake.

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