# The Image of God vs the Beast. Let's take it from the start. Part 1.

**Let us first go back to the beginning of this earth's history, and look up the very first book of the Bible.**

**Starting with <u>Genesis chapter 5:</u>**

*"This is the book of the generations of Adam.* ***In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;*** *Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years,* ***and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth."***

**Now let us quickly go back to the previous chapter, in the same book:**

**To <u>Genesis chapter 4:</u>**

"***Cain brought of the fruit of the ground*** *an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But* ***unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect****. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell."* See also **Hebrews 9:22** *"Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and* ***without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins****." "And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that* ***Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*** *And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;"*

**Cain was also the son of Adam, with quite perfect human genes.** He was even **born before Seth, with the same parents, and since the beginning before the corruption of genes that has increased steadily throughout the age of the earth's history.**

**Yet, Cain delivered up a sacrifice (from the earth), representing self righteousness, that was not pleasing to God.** Because God can not forgive sins without the shedding of blood. Christ is a more perfect fulfilment of the blood of animals, but more about that in a future study. *"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."* Hebrews 9:22 **And shortly after, Cain also murder his own brother due to jealousy. So here we are presented with Cain, who committed terrible sins even while he was equipped with almost incorrupt genes, compared to most other humans coming after.**

**Also including Christ who came 4000 years down the line, after so many years of genetic corruption.** “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, “ Hebrews 2:9.

**Yet Christ, in his earthen vessel, while yet being God incarnated, as He was filled with the holy spirit in His inner man, with so weak genes compared to Cain, and even in states of exhaustion and weakness, succeeded against the fiery arrows of his arch enemy.** After spending 40 days in the wilderness without food, and later in Gethsemane and on Calvary.
**In all these three major battles, Christ gained the victory over Satan, with the word and spirit of God.** This was towards the end of His own sanctification. See Hebrews 5: 8-9 and Hebrews 7:28. The battle was fought in this vessel (See 2. Corinthians chapter. 4), in states of suffering and exhaustion against Satan, who appeared in the form of an exalted angel of God. **Satan was fallen on the inside, in his heart, but he retained his angelic garb on the outside, in the "seen".**

*"And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."*
2 .Corinthians 11:14.

**Satan was not given the garb of a human. What about an animal?** Did he not become a serpent? No. Satan can take the form of an animal, that is, he can cause animals and humans to become possessed by his spirit. In the Garden of Eden he took the form of a serpent, but note that this serpent was not a serpents as we today know it, until after the fall, when this creature was cursed to crawl on the ground. But the beast itself function more as a symbol, even though he literally took the form of a serpent there and then, in order to better deceive Adam and Eve. But he came to Christ 4,000 years later as an angel, and we know he has great power. So he still has the garb and functionalities of an angel, albeit fallen.

**He and the rest of the fallen angels can make themselves invisible, their intellect is great as they have great power to deceive, they can still fly and so on and so forth. But again, on the inside they are fully corrupt. It is the inside, the character, that is of highest value to God.**

**To go against this is to fall into the spirit and** doctrines **of the antichrist, which denies that Christ came as a human and endured every testing and trial in an earthen vessel, in human garb. To show that His way was not a way of outward pride or strength in the flesh, but by power in the inward, by a pure character and heart.**

*“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”* **-**2. Corinthians 4:7

*"This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."* -1. John 4: 2-3

*“We are not commending ourselves to you again. Instead, we are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you can answer those who take pride in appearances rather than in the heart.”* -2 Corinthians 5:12

*“For thou hast said in thine heart, 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, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” Isaiah 14:13-15 “Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.”*- Isaiah 14:11.

**Satan try to appeal to your pride in the external, to an overfocus on the shallow and earthly, representing the prince of this world. Hence he also deceive people by making them overfocus on the temporal and the shallow, the external, the physical and the apparent.**

*"No, we declare **God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden** and that God destined for our glory before time began."* 1.Corinthians: 7.

*"to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms."* -Ephesians 3:9

**What is this mystery?** That the promise went from seemingly revolving around the ceremonial, and in a broader aspect the literal and external, the fleshly (See Romans 2:28-29 and Galatians chapter 3, particularly verse 26-29). From the literal Jews and Israel, to encompassing all, both literal Jews and literal gentiles, through faith in Christ Jesus. **Not only that, but Christ came to tear down the walls and barriers of separation. Of what? Separation due to external and shallow factors; like race, nationality, gender, genes, status and so on.** This represent the old law and covenant, which was an immature, incomplete covenant and order. The new covenant represent the mature and more complete law. Christ did not come to abolish, but to fulfill the Law. From outer and literal, to inner and deeper, more spiritual. **That being said, there will be a natural separation occurring due to inner values, great differences of belief/ faith**.

**Satan’s way is a way of pride, and pride in the outward man, pride in all the more shallow factors, and the apparent. While Christ’s way is a way of humbling himself, and victory in a righteous character, a pure heart.** Satan in his still angelic garb, impressive in the outward and apparent, is far above even that of perfect human genes like that of Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel and Seth. But note again: in his outward, in the flesh, not in the inward. Inward he is like a ravaging wolf! Before the Fall, Adam and Eve represented people created in the image of God, both physically and spiritually. While the whole first family represents only perfection in appearance, yet some represent the image of God, and others represent the fallen, the image of Satan / the beast, with regards to faith, inner values.
There was no earnest repentance of Cain either, so he persisted in his wicked ways even after murdering his brother. Had he repented, God would have granted him forgiveness like everyone else.

*"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."* - Romans 3:22-24.

**Think of Paul as one example of transformation of character from wicked to righteous. From retaining the image of Satan to the image of God.** Not all right away, as this is a sanctification process for all who sign up for the higher school of God, to prepare their inner soul/temple for the heavenly kingdom, with its laws and principles. **Yet, Christ won largely due to his inner temple (character)**, which is a higher, more valuable temple (representing better the heavenly kingdom), not in the outer temple, where Satan excelled. He represent a high priest of the inner, most holy place, of a heavenly temple. An everlasting order. Not a priest where inheritance and genes has any particular significance. Rather it is about character development and more so in our inner man by the grace of God and His holy spirit working in us, through faith in Christ as master, savior and Lord.

Notice also that Jesus received his glorified, immortal body at His resurrection, after his death on the cross where He triumphed. This is how it will be for everyone who gain the victory. We triumph primarily in the inner man first, by the righteousness of Christ (the new man born by the spirit and have their repented sins covered by the perfect life and death of Christ), and do not receive the glorified body until the second coming of Jesus.

Paul states: *"I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**"* Ephesians 3:16-17.
Read also Hebrews chapter 5-11.

**Satan's way is in the overemphasis on the outer (temple),** a cheap salvation, or a salvation by works, salvation in the outer type of gospel, trying to work his way into heaven. **Satan's great counterfeit religion, Spiritualism, is mainly about higher energies**. **It claims to be spiritual,** but if you peel back the outer layers of this teaching and the Christ-like words and phrases used, and see what this religion really do teach, it is still in the very outer layers. It is only God and His spirit that can penetrate deep enough. Though as a representative of the fallen, he still appear and convince people and Christians that he and his to salvation and happiness is of God, he even claim to be a benefactor of the entire creation and mankind.

**So by holding on to, and not receiving and rejecting present light, we are at great risk of sticking to a fallen church and the old covenant.** He has even set up his "tent" inside the very churches of god, inside the Christian churches. Even inside the Christian's mind, under a spell, hypnotized by the serpent of old. **An overfocus on the outer vs the inner, rather than an overfocus on the inner vs a smaller focus on the outer, represent Babylon the great**. And doing this will put you into a state of being spell-bound by the spirit of this world and Satan.

*"You foolish Galatians! **Who has bewitched you**? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?*

***Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?"*** Galatians 3:1-3

**What is faith?** Faith in the UNSEEN. Faith in the inner values, more so than the outward, external values (race, nationality, gender, genes, bank account, status etc). Faith also happens in the inner man. We think, analyze, judge and make decisions based on our hearts and minds. So faith represent the inner, the deeper, the heavenly. And wisdom and trust in God and by God. Faith to trust Him our master, our sanctifier, who allow us to go through fiery trials and testing of our faith. Read 2. Corinthians 4:16. ***"****Therefore we do not lose heart.* ***Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*** *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.* ***So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*** -2. Cor: 16-18

***"****Understand, then, that* ***those who have faith are children of Abraham****."*
-Galatians 3:7

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* -2. Corinthians 5:7

*"Now* ***faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"****.* -Hebrews 11:1

*"****For we walk by faith, not by sight"****.* -2. Cor 5:7

**Just as Peter, a disciple of Jesus Christ, was temporarily under the influence of Satan's spirit,** when he was so concerned with an earthly, temporal perspective of things when Christ said: *"get the behind me, Satan".* He wanted to make a point that his focus was not in harmony with the spirit and character of god in this matter, but in harmony with the spirit of the world and Satan. Blunt, but true. **Are you sure that right now you are more righteous than Peter was?** If not then you are also at risk of being deceived. Even the very elect can be deceived. It is to anchor yourself to the shadows, the figures and types, vs the fulfillment, the spiritual and deeper, representing genuine Light. However, we must not end up spiritualizing away the law.

**As Christ said, he did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. But we do not have a law of outer circumcision anymore, do we?** According to Romans 2:28-29: "*For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;* ***neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh****: "But he is a Jew, which is one* ***inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter****; whose praise is not of men, but of God."*

**Seth,** came from the same two parents, also with pretty much uncorrupted human genes. Yet, because of His faithfulness and character, inner temple, He is referred to as one who represent a human being with the likeness and image of God.

**If you advance on your sanctification, it means that Christ is drawing you unto Himself and draw your closer to His heart**. And if we stay close to Him, He has

given us all a promise that he will fulfill the good work that He begun in us, when we signed up to the higher school of Christ. But it is a battle, it is not without any sacrifices, and God wants the fuller sacrifices that are spiritual in nature: to sacrifice your spirit of the world and what keep you bound and spell-bound to this “earth”, which cause your discernment to become dim and in the end blindness will follow.

*"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood,* ***to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ*****.”** 1. Peter 2:5

All those who are under the spell of Babylon and do not make a full u-turn or get up from their spiritual ditch and carry on towards the kingdom of God, with the true way and gospel of Jesus Christ, rather than the false way, could end up in perdition. A way that seemeth right unto men, and even professed Christians, but the end thereof is the way of death and destruction. See Proverbs 14:12. Because it represent the spirit and law of death.

*"For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."* -Romans 8:2