

Why We Should Disbelieve Lucifer Even When He Speaks In The Temple

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We believe that God the Eternal Father is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is full of Light and Truth. God is neither the author of confusion nor of paradox. These states are of our own making—the natural result of our own lack of understanding or condition of unbelief. God will never give unto His children a commandment without preparing a way that we may obey. God must be believed in all things.

Why then do we as a church feel a need to create elaborate justifications for the paradoxical events in the Garden of Eden and the Fall of Adam and Eve? It is because we – as did Eve and then Adam – mistakenly believe the words of *Lucifer* when he states that we “must partake” of his forbidden fruit in order to comprehend opposites; that “there is no other way” for Adam and Eve to have children and gain wisdom and knowledge than to disobey the Father’s commands; and that this is “the way Father gained his (own) knowledge”. Because these words are spoken in the temple, we forget to recognize their source. The source is *Lucifer*, the Father of all Lies from the beginning, and the Great Deceiver and manipulator. *Lucifer* convinces Eve that “it is better” to disobey and to “pass through sorrow”, and it is upon Eve’s (not-yet-repenting - D&C 58:42,43) retention and repetition of these lies that we base our current teachings: Eve’s hypothetical “never-would-have had seed...” rationalization (Moses 5:11), confused even Lehi, who *supposes* (1Ne 5:11, 2Ne 2:17) this same misguided reasoning (2Ne 2:22,23). Generations of Saints now propagate the same false dogma. It fails the divinely given test of truth (D&C 93:24,25), because it speaks of what-if rather than past, present or future. Because we also believe Lucifer, we reject light plainly manifest to us from God. Perpetuation of the hypothetical “false traditions” (D&C 93:31,39) enthrone Lucifer as a secret source of knowledge *inside our sacred temples*. Believing Lucifer’s lies undermines our ability to understand the nature of sin, the atonement of Jesus Christ, as well as the very nature of God (Jn 5:19), and how we interact with them.

We falsely describe a duplicitous being whenever we suggest God commanded one thing but really intended something else. But God is not a changeable God. He gives no commandment unto the children of men without preparing a way that it may be accomplished. He must be trusted and believed in all things. God commanded Adam and Eve to multiply and replenish the earth in the Garden of Eden. He commanded them not to partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, there must have been a way for them to fulfill both of these commandments and receive ALL of the promised blessings. It is not necessary to know what that divinely ordained method involved or speculate what might have been different. It is only important that we believe His words and know that such a means existed. The solution to paradox is really very simple: *Believe God. Disbelieve Lucifer. Always.* Lucifer’s words spoken in the temple and elsewhere must be treated neither sacred nor secret.

Positive ramifications for clarifying Satan’s misleading and false dogma affect the church, individuals, and more especially impact the hastening of the work. By correctly identifying the lying source of this erroneous doctrine and by clarifying the true nature of God, we sanctify and beautify the temple, we open scripture and revelation long-since sealed against us for causes of unbelief, and we position ourselves to receive each of God’s bounteous blessings as we fulfill prophecy pre-requisite to the coming of the Lord.