

The Author of Authoritarianism Unmasked

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There are various forms of authoritarian government, but the real power behind all of them is rarely recognized. Why? Because this power did not originate in the physical realm. Instead, it occurred first in the spirit realm and, having accomplished its goals there, began influencing affairs on this planet.

However, before examining the subject of authoritarianism, a brief definition of its meaning is provided.

The enforcement or advocacy of strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom; a lack of concern for the wishes or opinions of others.

As the author of authoritarianism exists in the spirit realm, the only true source for understanding how he operates is the word of Almighty God. As the word of Almighty God is explained/expounded through His representative, Jesus Christ, we will examine some of Christ's comments on this subject.

First, it must be established that Jesus Christ only speaks in accordance with the will of Almighty God.

For I (Christ) have not spoken on my own authority; but the Father (Almighty God) who sent me gave me a command, what I should say and what I should speak (Jn. 12:49; cf. 7:17; 14:10; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This truth and dynamic has not changed since the time that the spirit being, now known as Jesus Christ, was created.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8).

The Lord (Almighty) created (formed; cf. Ps. 139:13) me (Christ) at the beginning of His way, before His works of old (Prov. 8:22; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Then I (Christ) was beside Him, as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him (Prov. 8:30).

The argument has been made that the 8th chapter of Proverbs is describing "wisdom" and not an individual. The truth is that "*prosopopoeia*" is being used, which means "*the representation of a person (Christ), or persons, as a thing (wisdom).*" This is confirmed in the writings of the New Testament.

*But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God and **the wisdom of God** (1Cor. 1:24; emphasis added).*

Therefore the entire word of God, as originally inspired, is synonymous with both Almighty God and the son He created, Jesus Christ. So when we read any section of scripture, it was inspired by Almighty God but delivered by the spirit being now known as Jesus Christ. Notwithstanding, many translators have added, altered, or removed many of the original words of God (cf. 2Cor. 2:17).

And the Father Himself, who sent me (Christ), has testified of me. You have neither heard His voice (directly) at any time, nor seen His form (Jn. 5:37; cf. 6:46; Ed. notes in parentheses).

With this background, we can read the entire word of God, the Bible, knowing that the spirit being referred to as Jesus Christ was responsible for delivering it to mankind.

But he (Christ) answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Mt. 4:4; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Therefore, Jesus Christ delivered the truth about the author of authoritarianism to mankind from the beginning. He conveyed this truth to Adam, but not in an authoritarian manner. In other words, Adam had freedom to choose whether he would obey God's command, or reject it.

*And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree (symbol of a spirit being; see study: *What Tree Did Eve Eat From?*) of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Gen. 2:16-17; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

Contrary to popular belief, these were not literal trees. Instead, they represented spirit beings that Adam could communicate with, and "ingest" ideas from. However, "ingesting" the value system of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" would result in Adam's death because this "spirit being" was more cunning than Adam and the other trees, or spirit beings.

*Now **the serpent** (Rev. 12:9) **was more cunning than any beast** (living creature) **which the Lord God had made...** (Gen. 3:1a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Because "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" was so cunning, this spirit being was fully capable of "planting ideas" that would lead Adam to sin. Sin is defined as the transgression of God's law/command (1Jn. 3:4). Once Adam sinned, he would be separated from a correct understanding of God's word and eventually die.

*So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and **he died** (Gen. 5:5; emphasis added).*

As mentioned previously, Jesus Christ is synonymous with God's word but he is also represented metaphorically by "the tree of life" because it is only through Christ's shed blood that any sinner can be forgiven of sin, restored in their relationship with Almighty God, and inherit eternal life at the resurrection of the dead (cf. Gen. 3:24; cf. Jn. 11:25).

***For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord** (Rom. 6:23; emphasis added).*

So being separated from "the tree of life" meant that Adam and Eve would be enslaved to Satan's value system that would end in everlasting death. Therefore, the spirit being represented by "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" had the power of death over Adam and Eve. So they were slaves of Satan whether they realized it or not. In fact, by deceiving them, Satan had them under his "authoritarian control".

*Inasmuch then as the children (Adam and Eve and their descendants) **have partaken of flesh and blood, he himself (Jesus Christ) likewise shared in the same, that **through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**** ¹⁵and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Heb. 2:14-15; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

So Satan prevents all those under his cunning influence/deception from being free to correctly understand God's word. In essence, they are all Satan's prisoners as the following section of scripture confirms.

*Those who see you (in a future period of judgment) **will gaze at you, and consider you,***

saying: 'Is this the man (**Satan**) who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who **would not release his prisoners** (Isa. 14:16-17; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Just like Satan, human authoritarian systems also deceive their citizens in order to control their thinking processes. They do this by various means including, but not limited to, misleading propaganda. This often means propagating half-truths and controlling access to social media platforms,

*China's online population of 800 million gets a highly restricted internet, one that doesn't include access to Google, Facebook, YouTube or the New York Times. There's little coverage of the 1989 student protests in Tiananmen Square. Even Winnie the Pooh got temporarily banned. China is able to control such a vast ocean of content through the largest system of censorship in the world, aptly known as the Great Firewall. It's a joint effort between government monitors and the technology and telecommunications companies compelled to enforce the state's rules. **The stakes go beyond China, which is setting an example that other authoritarian countries can imitate** (<https://www.bloomberg.com/quicktake/great-firewall-of-china>).*

In contrast to Satan, and the human authoritarian systems he influences, Almighty God always intended his children to make informed choices without being forced to act according to His will. However, He makes His will clear because He does not want his children to suffer the consequences associated with making wrong choices.

*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose***

life, that both you and your descendants may live (Dt. 30:19; emphasis added).

When Almighty God's children reject Him, or His representative Jesus Christ, He respects their decision. However, He warns them about the consequences of rejecting His system of governance, which is based on His law and commandments.

*And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them**" (1Sam. 8:7; cf. Hos. 13:11; emphasis added).*

*"Now **therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them**" (1Sam. 8:9; emphasis added).*

By seeking to have a human being, or human government ruling a nation, there will be abuses. However mankind, as a whole, would rather endure these abuses than willingly subject itself to God's government, with its law and commandments (cf. Rom. 8:7). The consequence of having humans ruling over other humans has many pitfalls, and God warned the ancient nation of Israel about this.

And he (Samuel) said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint (conscript) them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots (as part of the army). ¹²He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties (increase bureaucracy), will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots (large sums wasted on military purchases).

¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. ¹⁴And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and **give them to his servants** (cronyism). ¹⁵He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants (increase taxes to reward those who support the leader). ¹⁶And he will take your menservants and your maidservants and your finest young men and your donkeys, and **put them to his work** (compulsory purchase). ¹⁷He will take a tenth of your sheep (additional tax increases). And you will be his servants. ¹⁸And **you will cry out in that day because of your king** (or type of government) **whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you in that day**" (1Sam. 8:11-18; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

It is through these "governments of man" that different forms of authoritarianism can occur. Some of them are very oppressive and abusive. One modern example of this is the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) that controls and manipulates the citizens of its own country. Systems such as this are a direct reflection of Satan's self-serving value system. Just as he is a compulsive liar; so these authoritarian systems constantly lie to their citizens.

*You (rulers of this present evil age; cf. Gal. 1:4) are of your father the devil, and **the desires of your father you want to do**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because **there is no truth in him**. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it** (Jn. 8:44; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

So to one degree or another, all political systems are influenced by Satan's perverted value system, which explains why there is so much lying associated with them. Ironically, politicians

accuse each other of lying when they are all guilty of doing it to maintain their power and position. Authoritarian systems can only maintain control of their citizens by lying in order to mask their selfish goals and objectives. If they told the truth, the whole truth, their corruption would be exposed and they would be forced out of power.

Authoritarian systems, with Satan as their father (Jn. 8:44), will murder anyone that threatens their position. In a New York Post article on the CCP (Chinese Communist Party), the following was stated.

The verdict is in: On June 17 (2019), the China Tribunal announced its findings that China's Communist regime has for two decades practiced systematic, forced organ removal from prisoners of conscience, mainly Falun Gong practitioners and Muslims (<https://nypost.com/2019/06/23/the-ugly-truth-about-China's-organ-harvesting>).

By lying to Eve, when he claimed she would not die if she rejected God's command (Gen. 3:4), Satan was guilty of murdering her. He led Eve to believe that he understood God's word accurately. In other words he had the knowledge of "good", but she didn't recognize that he actually represented everything that was "evil", or contrary to God's value system as summarized by His law and commandments.

Today, even those government systems that pay lip service to God are actually far removed from practicing what He says (Mt. 4:4).

Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near to Me with their mouths and honor me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear (respect) toward Me is taught by the commandment of men" (Isa. 29:13; cf. 2Tim. 3:7; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Instead of trusting and obeying the word of Almighty God, man's governments trust in themselves and their own abilities.

Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a human being, in whom there is no help (salvation) (Ps. 146:3; Ed. note in parenthesis).

The more oppressive and authoritarian a governing system is, the more it is a direct reflection of Satan who is the author of abusive practices. In the spirit realm, Satan trampled those who stood in opposition to him. In the next scripture, Satan is represented metaphorically by a powerful male goat.

*Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. ⁹And out of one of them came a little horn (symbol of strength) which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land (metaphor for heavenly Jerusalem). ¹⁰And it grew up to the host of heaven; and **it cast down some of the host and some of the stars** (angels, cf. Rev. 1:20) **to the ground, and trampled them** (Dan. 8:8-10; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*His (Satan's) tail (lies, cf. Isa. 9:15) drew a third of the stars (angels) of heaven and **threw them to the earth...** (Rev. 12:4a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Just as Satan tramples on those who oppose him; so man's authoritarian governments trample on their own citizens through various means including disinformation, surveillance, social credit scores, etc.
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/social_credit_system),

This is why it seems so inhumane, to those in democratic countries, when they see the atrocities of authoritarian governments against their own citizens. Again, the key to understanding what is actually happening is knowing that the spirit realm exists, and some in that realm are influencing the attitudes of those in positions of authority in the physical realm. Specifically Satan, who is "the prince of the power of the air", is the author of authoritarian systems (cf. Eph. 2:2).

*For **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but** against principalities, against powers, **against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places** (Eph. 6:12; emphasis added).*

Thankfully, all these evil powers in both the physical and spiritual realm will be judged for their abusive conduct. When this occurs, those who were held captive by them will be freed.

But thus says the Lord: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children. ²⁶I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob" (Isa. 49:25-26).

*O Lord our God, **other masters besides You have had dominion over us; but by You only we make mention of Your name** (Isa. 26:13; emphasis added).*

May Almighty God speed the day when these "other masters" are removed once and for all. The timing of this removal is solely in the power of Almighty God; not even Jesus Christ knows the day or hour in advance (Mt.6:10; 16:27; Mk.

13:32). After this momentous event is fulfilled, there will never again be an authoritarian government that manipulates and abuses its citizens.

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