

At War With Ourselves

There has been a “quiet” battle ravaging our planet, a force that makes true peace impossible since human beings were created.

This is a war in which we are all involved.

Yet the vast majority of people do not know the real enemy and we do not fully understand ourselves.

As a result, peace continually eludes us because most of us do not even know this war exists.

We do not realise that there are real battles that each of us must fight.

From the time of creation humans have played into the hands of a very shrewd enemy, the ultimate war tactician.

The present state of this world is a stunning witness to the subtle lures by which our enemy, this arch-deceiver, executes his strategy that brings him victory over humanity.

He creates fear and paranoia.

He counterfeits the truth.

Convinces some leaders to declare “*peace, peace*” when there is no peace, [Jeremiah 8:11].

Coaxed people to believe that there is a way that “*seems right*” yet it ends in the death of many, [Proverbs 16:25].

Generation after generation of humans have continually supported various ways of life that have never truly met human goals and expectations.

We now find, once again, that revolution is rife and world problems are mounting and becoming out of our control.

We are blind to our true conditions as humans because we have been deceived.

To regain our vision and understanding the warfare we are all in, we must go back to a time called ...

The beginning –

Our real enemy is one the Word of God, the Christian Bible, calls “*the great deceiver of the whole world*” [Revelation 12:9].

This powerful spirit being knew that humanity was created in the image of God for a profound purpose, he was there when it happened.

Job 38:1-7 [New King James] “*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: ‘Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?’”*

The “morning stars” and “sons of God” refer to various angels, all created by God.

To thwart God’s destiny for humanity, which he deeply resented, Satan began to sow seeds of doubt and apprehension in the minds of the newly-created human beings.

Through the manipulation of words and subtle phraseology, this cunning tactician tried to force the minds of the first humans to ask the wrong questions.

The record of this first encounter is recorded in the Word of God, the Christian Bible.

Genesis 3:1-6 [New King James] *“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”*

Concealing his real intent, the enemy, Satan, wanted the first humans to doubt God’s Word, and His true motives, authority and control over life.

Satan is still using the same deceptive tactics in his war against all humanity.

Satan fooled humanity into believing that we could be like the Creator God, and understand the difference between good and evil.

By choosing to decide ourselves what is good and evil, humanity has believed we have the wisdom to fully understand life.

We would have the ingenuity to govern ourselves.

We would be self-sufficient.

We could be happy and content.

In other words, we would **not** need our Creator God anymore.

This all looks and sounds plausible, and our senses are pleased with the idea, so we believe it.

Throughout this art of deception, Satan’s tactics continue to work as they did with Adam and Eve.

From that first encounter with Satan the true perception of Who and What God is, and who we are, became flawed.

We no longer see God as our Creator and sustainer of life.

Originally created to have a loving relationship with our Creator God, we find that we subconsciously in His presence feel guilty.

Human pride and foolishness only mask our inner fear and shame, especially when faced with human death.

Humans believing that we are self-sufficient, feel compelled to build grandiose images of ourselves.

The natural “fruits” of this are arrogance, vanity, prejudice, greed and envy.

Because we were created with a conscience, we are now at war with ourselves.

Unknowingly, all humanity has followed the example of Adam and Eve and now obey the voice of another leader, other than our Creator.

A new leader who knows how to trick our five senses and who tries to fill the natural spiritual void in our lives with addictive ways of living.

The Creator God is always present, instructing and guiding “*all who have ears to hear, let them hear.*”

Throughout the history of humanity, humans thought the enemy was those who threw stones, sliced flesh with a sword or sprayed other humans with bullets.

Humans have thought that peace could be won through battles with one another.

Humans have never paused to ask the very simple and profound question, “*what causes fights and quarrels among you?*”

So the Creator God, through His disciples, has to ask and answer this basic question –

James 4:1-4 [New King James] “*Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*”

For there ever to be peace the battles that rage in the theatre of our minds must first be won.

The Creator God has given us a battle plan, we can know the manoeuvres, but we must understand that we fight a different kind of battle.

Ephesians 6:10-12 [New King James] “*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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.*”

The assaults on us take place at the speed of light and thought, from beings who are far greater than we are.

The weapons that we use to resist and defeat this powerful enemy have to be also very fast, in fact, instant in reaction.

These weapons have to have divine power [**2 Corinthians 10:3-4**] for only such weapons can pierce through deception, duplicity and every evil that blinds us to the truth that is revealed in the Word of God, the Christian Bible, [**2 Corinthians 4:4**].

We first of all need to be protected from these evil beings, who are trying to destroy us.

Ephesians 6:13-18 [New King James] “*Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the*

Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints,”

This spiritual armour is mainly defensive except for two items, the sword, God’s Word [Hebrews 4:12-13] and prayer, a constant contact with our “commander-in-chief,” God.

Both of these take the battle into the enemy’s camp and defeat all his moves to overpower us, [**James 4:7-8**].

Ensure that the Holy Spirit is working actively within us, [**1 John 4:4**].

We all need to come to understand the incredible potential God offers to us to gain victory over the world, over Satan and over our own human nature.