

**A BOISTEROUS SESSION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AUTHORITY  
OF DARKNESS  
BY HIS HOLINESS POPE SHENOUDA III**

**Preface (by His Holiness Pope Shenouda III)**

“I have written to you three stories before and in this booklet I present to you something new, which is not a story but it is like a play to be acted about the work of the devils and their activities and tricky ways. I have called it “A Boisterous Session in the University of the Authority of Darkness”.

I have put the University as a symbol to the place where the professors and chief devils work, under the leadership of satan (well known by ‘Anisophorous’ or ‘the devil that started the thought of pride’) and with him fell many angels and they all became demons or evil spirits.

In it there are seventeen of the professor devils, as each one of them is a professor in his profession of the type of sin he entices humans to fall in and with him, a group of demons under his leadership.

Those seventeen professors have spoken in this play and the play ended while there are another thirteen on the waiting list, attending the ‘Boisterous Session’ and they are all crying aloud asking to give their speech, but because of time they were asked to wait for the next session. The word ‘darkness’ symbolises to the sin and the evil as it was mentioned by our Lord (John 3:19). *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil”*. The expression of the ‘Authority of Darkness’, the Lord Himself also used (in Luke 2:53) to express the authority of the devils to work in their ‘kingdom of darkness’. The play gives the understanding of the different trickery ways and trials of the devils to make humans fall in sin. The aim of the play is for us, the children of Christ our Lord to understand their trials and be aware of them as St. Paul the Apostle mentioned in his letter, *“For we are not ignorant of his thoughts”* i.e. the devil (2Cor 2:11).

**Pope Shenouda III**

**Introduction**

Before this booklet; His Holiness Pope Shenouda III wrote three stories:

1. “It Happened in this night”, which he wrote in 1948 before his Monasticism, highlighting how the Sunday school servants should be.
2. The second story was titled “Abouna Anastasy”, which His Holiness wrote year 1962, while he was in the Monastery and it highlights the high example of the true monk who has really died from the world.
3. The third His Holiness wrote was titled, “Allow me one more week in time”.
4. He wrote in year 2004 during his Papal responsibility for the whole Church, highlighting the proper example for the Bishop and how he should be.

Then His Holiness wrote this play - “A Boisterous Session in the University of the Authority of Darkness”, which its first print was issued in March 2007.

When I saw the booklet, I found it would be very good to translate to English for the benefit of our new generation in migrant countries, as through the hard pastoral work of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, the Coptic Orthodox Church spread all around the whole world from east to west and from north to south. We all pray and ask the Lord our God to keep the life of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III for us for many years and peaceful times to come.

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## **THE UNIVVESITY OF THE AUTHORITY OF DARKNESS**

It was a very dark night and we are inside a large meeting hall in the University with heavy metal music being heard, altering between very exciting and agitating loud beats to very frightening and loud satanic beats. There is in front of the hall, the main table and on top of it on the walls there are banners in which is written the following phrases:

- “This is your hour and the authority of darkness”<sup>1</sup>
- “They have loved darkness more than light”<sup>2</sup>
- “Let satan live, let the dragon live, let the old serpent live”<sup>3</sup>



On the wall behind the high big throne in the middle of the main table, where satan sits, is the god of this age<sup>4</sup>.

There are other banners with phrases written in it like, “Woe be to the clergy”, “Woe be to the righteous”, “Woe be to the ascetics”...etc...

On the main table, on the big throne in its middle sat satan\* and around him sat the chief of his followers from the professors of the ‘University of the Authority of Darkness’.

\* “satan”\* - the devil named in Arabic (“eblees”) from the origin Greek word in Coptic which reads “diabolous”. The word satan is from the Hebrew verb (“shatan” means resist) as all his works are meant to oppose God.

Each one of them having in front of him a big file of paper work from his profession of sin; ready to present his activities and his achievements and to debate and answer any questions directed to him about his field of work.

satan stood in the middle furious with anger and his eyes reddish like fire in its hottest flame. Very angry and abusive words were coming out from his mouth like flaming splinters, fiery with anger, throwing them to spread in all directions of the hall. His tone of voice showed his great anger upon his followers, telling them in a very sharp loud voice:

**satan:**

“You are all lazy, all of you are lazy. What is this terrible luke warmness I see in our kingdom, which is extending to the ends of the world and has been always known by hyper activities and cunning trickeries, which we always had since we started our rebellious revolution against God”.

**Very loud different voices:**

“What happened our mighty leader, why is your anger heated upon your servants; we are putting all our efforts and pushing ourselves very hard to spread corruption everywhere as you see”.

**satan:** (*replies in deep grief expressing heartily bitterness*)

“Look with me and see how much we have lost in many battlefields, which were our main areas of activity, filled with our victims ‘the humans’. Tell me where is the worship of the different gods in which field we lost? Where are the many gods we fabricated and introduced to humans to accept them as gods and worship them over many generations? Tell me where are those gods now? Tell me now where are those gods like ‘Raa’ and ‘Amoun’ who were worshipped by the ancient Egyptians? Where is the worship of the Cow “Hat hour”? And the Ox ‘Abees’ and the Serpent ‘Pouto’? O what a great loss we have for the worshipping of the pagan trinity ‘Isis’, ‘Ozorees’ and ‘Set’? Where is the worship of ‘Jupitor’ the great god of the Romans and ‘Zeus’ the great god of the Greeks? What a great loss we have in the vanishing of the worship of ‘Marsh’ - the god of wars and ‘Venus’ - the god of beauty? Where is the worship of ‘Airtimes’ the god of the ‘Ephesians’<sup>6</sup> and the god ‘Estaroot’ and ‘Molko’<sup>7</sup>? Where is the idol gods that were filling the synagogue of Athens and they all worshipped it?

**satan:** (*kept in silence for a few moments showing great expressions of sadness on his face saying*):

“Where is the worship of the Pharaohs and the ancient kings? Where is the law of Mady and Persia with their idol gods they used to wrship<sup>9</sup>? Where is ...? Where is ...? Where is ... etc...

It was a fantastic fascinating beautiful past we had for our great kingdom but now it is gone as if it was a dream”.

***The Hall was silent for moments and sadness was covering all faces and all remained speechless. Then satan continued saying:***

**satan:**

“Before we had millions of atheists. Where are they now? This field we also lost. Where is the system of communism that was overtaking Russia and the Soviet Union for seventy years? It is also vanishing”

*Another period of silence and every one of the professor devils were trying to express sadness in respect to their leader satan. Then ‘the demon of vain glory and puffing up’ stood saying:*

**‘The devil of vain glory and puffing up’:**

“Pardon me my great leader. We can never forget your great works since you deceived the mother Eve and threw her and made Adam fall in disobedience and were kicked out of Paradise and from the beginning you stirred Cain to kill his brother Abel. We cannot forget how you worked hard to spread paganism and the worship of idols even in the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah, who have been well known to be the elect people of God.

**side loud voices in a mocking way saying:**

“Oh yeah the elect people of God. This is a legendary story. There is nothing to be said about the elect people of God at all”.

**‘The devil of vain glory’:**

“Yes O great satan we can never forget all your achievements to Jeroboam the son of Nebat<sup>10</sup> and what you did with Ahab the king and his evil wife Isabel and before them your wonderful miraculous work with the people of Israel, who worshiped the golden ox while Moses was on the mount Sinai. But also our king you have to know that your faithful children of the professor devils had great achievements, which deserve your appreciation and encouragement to the efforts they put.

**Different loud voices:**

“Yes we are active, yes we are hard workers, yes we are innovators to create new ways to make people accept our sinful ways. We are always working and will still be working continuously”

**‘devil of vain glory’:**

“Yes while we have lost the worship of those fabricated gods like ‘Raa’, ‘Jupiter’ and ‘Zeus’, we still currently have the worship of ‘Buddha’, ‘Brahma’, and ‘Confucius’. Also still under our authority, the majority from the far east as the system of communism is still there and is still followed by a few countries. Dear master I tell you there are many fields which tells clearly that the kingdom of satan is still here and will continue and reign over.

**Different side loud voices:**

“Well done ‘devil of vain glory’ well done you are a great defender”.

**Other voices:**

“We have been working and continue to work until we put an end to the Christian faith.

**Other voices:**

“No Christianity from today onwards”.



**Other voices:**

“We will work hard to destroy and vanish all the true faith and beliefs in this called Christ and those who follow what is called the Bible, who are deceived by its deceitful words”.

**satan:** *(after hearing all of this he stood and said in a voice of grief)*

“Are you happy with this called “Nazarene”, I mean Jesus Christ, Who spoke boldly saying “I have seen satan falling from heaven like lightning”<sup>13</sup>? But I am here telling you that we all have to work hard and will never give up and will never fall down.

**Side voices:**

“Yes, we will never fall down, we will never fall down”.

**Other voices:**

“Yes we will never fall but we will make those stupid believers to fall”

*Then satan started to be angry again and said in a loud voice:*

**satan:**

“Haven’t you read what this deceived John wrote in his revelation saying, “And the devil satan who deceived them was in the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever”<sup>14</sup>”.

And here I have to confirm to you that this lake of fire and brimstone, we will not enter it but those deceived who are called the Christian believers will enter it”.

**Side voices:**

“Let this John of the revelation fall into fire with his revelation”

**Other voices:**

“The fire is for them not for us”.

**Other ones:**

“The lake of brimstone is for those who are called Christians to burn them with this faith”.

**One of the devils cries out aloud:** “How dare they talk about the fire for us and we had already made them to worship the fire in some stages”.

**Then the devil of corruption:** *(stood with his group of assistants and said):*

“Be assured O our leader who is full of wisdom and beauty. Yes in spite we had lost a lot but we are working in many other fields, which is my great field of corruption and here I would like to report to you about the corruption in morals, about the movies shown in cinemas, about the terrible night clubs and disco dancing halls and about many places of entertainment, which attract thousands of those humans.

Not only this but we are now also using technology and putting the corruption on the internet and web sites. We are working even in the marriages that this God has blessed to be defector relations and sexual relations under the name of partners and boyfriends and girlfriends. We also stirred the thoughts of humans to make banks of fertilised eggs from humans and to put all their trials in cloning. All these ways and other ways, which have been stated by their God to be corruption, we have wrapped it for them to be under the cover of fun , entertainment and amusement and it became a great field for earning money, which is motivating people to do it more and more.

We also are working hard in the field of fornication and homosexuality, which was done professionally by one of my disciples and recorded in the history of Sodom and Gomorrah.”

**The devil of deviation from the truth in religion:** *(stood up followed by some of his disciples like the ‘devil of teaching obsession’, ‘the devil of misinterpreting’, ‘the devil of using one verse’, ‘the devil of stubbornness’, the devil of show off’ and ‘the devil of heresies’ and he spoke saying):*

“Be assured my master the leader. Yes I agree that we might have lost in the field of atheism but we have introduced a new thought that was not there before like ‘Jehovah witness’, the ‘Mormons’ and many out of count different sects and ways that fight Christianity and attracts many of the believers to follow them. We have also introduced different understandings in the Christian faith to make Christians fight against other Christians in the understanding of the faith. We also introduced many philosophies, which sounds nice to many believers so they follow it and become atheists but in a different way.

And I also O my master have introduced the heresies and made my disciple, ‘the devil of heresies’ to provide those who accept the thoughts of heresies with many verses, which they wrongly understand interpret to prove their heresies and then made my disciple, ‘the devil of stubbornness’ to overtake them so that they do not accept returning to the true faith; explained to them by the council of the fathers of the Church and by this many followed them and became under the name of Christianity but away from the true faith”.



**At this moment, ‘the devil of prophecy’ and with him ‘the devil of myth’ stood saying:**

“I am the one that inspired this prophetess of the seven day Adventist to make many accept her claims and prophecies, as if they are principals of the faith; and when I found it successful, I introduced many other false prophecies to make it growing more. I also have disciples of assisting devils who work in the field of: astrology, visions, reading the marks of the palm, reading the cup of coffee, reading through moving the sand and talking to the sea shells. My master, my work is very successful and the simplest proof is what is always put in the newspapers about your luck according to your star (star sign). Also from my disciples, is ‘the devil of imagining’ and ‘the devil of show off miracles’ and ‘fancy imaginations’ and we are all working very hard perverting peoples’ minds for the coming of the opposer, whom this Apostle called Paul<sup>16</sup> mentioned in his letter to the people of Thessalonians and we have with us also ‘the devil of superstitions’.

**And at this moment this ‘devil of prophecy’ and ‘superstitions’ got more enthusiastic and said to satan:**

“I and all my disciples are working very hard in different directions to prepare the minds of humans to accept this opposer, who is exalting himself above all and who is to be called god. To the extent that he will sit in the temple like god<sup>17</sup>. When our work will spread and overtake human minds, this will be the beginning of the great withdrawal and turning back from the true faith they had believed originally and at this point will be the fulfillment of the verse, “When the Son of man will come, will He find the true faith on earth?”<sup>18</sup> and for sure, our work needs your involvement O the great satan to support this opposer in his work as we know that he will be sent from you”.

**Here satan answered saying:**

“Yes it is me that I will be sending this opposer into the world and I will provide him with miracles and wonders and all different ways of deception, to make the people believe that he is the god; yes they will follow him and stop following this Jesus of Nazareth and by this, that Christian faith will be demolished from the earth and this will be the extension and the completion of the work I had previously started with our follower, the heretic Arius and I will revive again all the wrong thought of Lenin”.

**Then many loud voices:**

“Yes our victory will be completed, we will be victorious”.

**Some other loud voices:**

“No more of the true faith, no more of real Christianity. Congratulations to our master satan and his fellow devils. We all submit to you”.

**Some other loud voices with hysteric loud laughs:**

“He will be called the antichrist”.

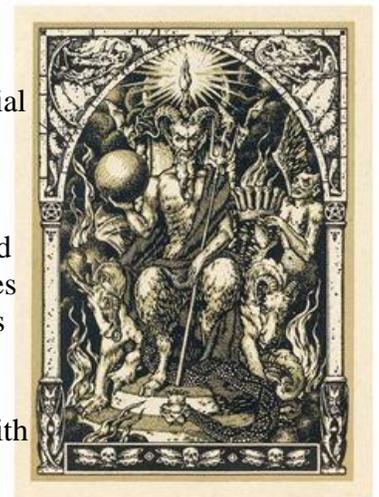
**Very loud laughs filling the whole place:**

**satan stood and said:**

“But I have to express to you my deep sorrow to see the Churches crowded with people and thousands go to attend the prayers and praises. Even what struck me the most is that they teach their children to also pray; so tell me my assistant chief devils what is our plan and work towards this deviated activity from our way, which those deceived people who are called the believers follow?”

**Here the ‘devil of superficial worship’ stood saying:**

“Our master and great leader, be assured that we did not leave them alone but we interfered to put to no effect their prayers; to be superficial or at least to be confused without concentration to make their prayers rejected and not accepted. I’ll tell you my master that I have my professional ways in making the peoples’ minds astray while praying and just they start to pray, I direct their minds to different thoughts and make them stray in different things or remember some important issues of life and business to think about; to the extent that the person forgets that he was originally praying. Added to this my master, is the many prayers we made them perform just by the tongue, to the extent that their God Himself blamed them saying, “These people worship Me with their lips but their heart is away from Me”<sup>19</sup>.



Yes my master be assured that their prayers no more became a true prayer because it is just done so without a real relationship with their God; it became words without spirit and by this, it is not accepted. Instead of the deep strong prayers, I replaced it with different business, confusion and straying and the same thing I also have forced on those believers in their fasting”.

**Loud voices from the hall:**

“Well done ‘devil of superficial prayer’. Yes the best way is to make their minds astray. Let it be continuous that you confuse their minds and occupy them with different businesses.

**Here the devil of business stood and said:**

“Here I am my master the great leader, using my very powerful weapon ‘the business of this world’ and made people busy to replace the love of God in their hearts with the love of the world. Also instead of them working hard to build the kingdom of God on earth, I occupy their minds and make them busy with different things of this world, which their Bible says, “And the world is passing away and the lust of it”<sup>20</sup>.

I have used my means to make these people busy with their work, this other with his house, this one with his family, this one occupied by fun and entertainment, this one a slave for money collection, this one busy with sexual immorality..etc... And by this, God no more exists in their care. Even those worshippers, I made them busy by renewing and rebuilding the houses of the Lord and left behind the Lord of the house Himself.

Even the monks who are supposed to be fully dedicated, I was able to busy them with different things so that they are left with no time for true deep prayers but just what they recite for ritual prayers. Even those ritual prayers they pray, I made them do it quick for the sake of time and I left them no chance for meditation and worship and by this, the life of solitude and dedication to God became lost. I invented also that when the monks work together, that they have conflicts with one another and become angry and to judge one another. Added to this, I also make them have lengthy talks in which they fall in many sins, while chatting together.

Even those monks who took their places away for solitude, I caused visitors to go to them to busy their time and praise them for their deeds”.

**satan answered:**

“Well done, well done ‘devil of business’; I encourage you to continue your work and here I am to help you if you need any new thoughts or inspiration to busy those humans. Just ask.

**Loud voices from the hall:**

“That is wonderful O you the great ‘devil of business’. Yes make them busy. It is better than to pray because the prayers burn us”.

**Other voices:**

“This is a great idea! To be busy with different things than to be busy with God”.

**Here ‘the devil of anger’ and ‘sharpness’ followed by his group of assistant devils stood saying:**

“My master and leader great satan. I am the greatest and more active of all your followers and among them, I am the largest in the field of my works and achievements. That is why as you see when I stood, many of my assistant devils stood with me. Among my assistants are: ‘the devil of fights’, ‘the devil of conflicts’, ‘the devil of misunderstanding’, ‘the devil of wars’, ‘the devil of intrigues’, ‘the devil of plots’ and ‘the devil of riots’. Then he continued saying:

“I also co-operate with my friend ‘the devil of personal honour and dignity’ and his spiritual son ‘the devil of extra sensitivity’ and these work very well with me to inflame the fire of misunderstanding then conflicts and fights and we are always working like a team.”

**Loud voices from the hall:**

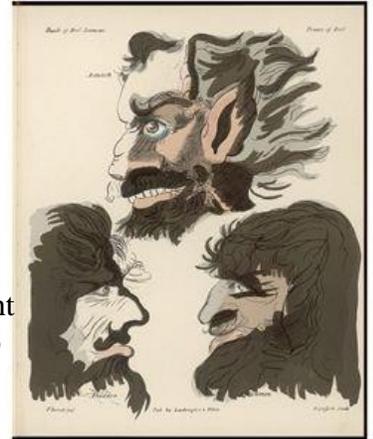
“Great is this way of team work and co-operation, O you the hard working devils”.

**Other voices:**

“We want to hear about your experience and achievements in that field”

**Here ‘the devil of anger’ and ‘sharpness’ continued saying:**

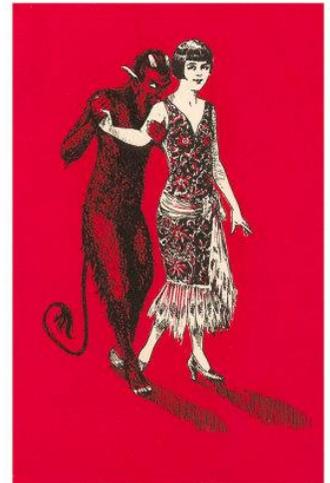
“I am the one who inspires ‘the devil of intrigue’ and ‘plot’ to interfere between two persons by intrigue thoughts and inflame the hatred in ones heart against the other. As a result, one of them will insult or rebuke the other and then I quickly call on ‘the devil of personal dignity’ to move the insulted person to take an action to defend his honour and he always starts bringing with him ‘the devil of extra sensitivity’ to stir this person not to accept such an insult against his honour and when this fire starts, I quickly send to them my assistant, ‘the devil of fighting’ to make it turn to be a fight then quickly my other assistant, ‘the devil of conflict’ comes in between to make them conflict; sometimes for years. And I assure you that everyone of my assistant devils are professions in their work, having very long experiences with humans and in many cases, those people who accept our ways are delivered to ‘the devil of enmity’ to work in them and to plant enmity in their hearts against each other and by this, they cannot have Holy Communion. Then eventually they become away from the Church and then it leads them to be fully away from God.



**Here the devil of adultery strongly stood saying:**

“I am also our leader, like the devil of anger, one of your most active devils but I can tell you that I am more successful than them all in my influence and authority over those weak humans. I have put in them the material that helps my work, i.e. their instincts inside them especially in their teenage years and continuous to their old age. I am capable to make the majority fall in many sexual things, but I tell you my leader that sometimes my activities covers a whole city. I think you remember what I did in ‘Sodom and Gomorrah’ and made them fall in homosexuality and fornication with all its different types. I also succeeded to make the men not satisfied with one wife but to take for themselves few wives. As well as this, I pushed women to fall in prostitution and to follow unlawful sexual relations. I also succeeded in causing diseases as a result of these wrong sexual practices: like ‘aids’, which is transferred to their partners and children and also like ‘syphilis’ and ‘Gonorrhoea’.

I had invented a new way to deceive them to think that this is not adultery nor fornication but is just entertainment and amusement and there is nothing wrong with it because it is an instinct in the humans. In this regard my dear helping friends, those who assisted me were: ‘the devil of deception’, ‘the devil of homosexuality’, ‘the devil of enticement’, ‘the devil of fun’ and ‘the devil of enjoyment’.



I can prove to you my dear leader how successful my work is and how dangerous it is for those believers so that Solomon the king said about me and the sin of adultery that I introduce to humans, “That it has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong men”<sup>21</sup>.

**Here satan stood with a big smile saying:**

“I congratulate ‘the devil of adultery’ for his activity and great success. Accordingly I decided to bestow upon him and ‘the devil of anger’ the medal of great satan. I also ask him to tell us more about his experiences that his disciples in the ‘University of the Authority of Darkness’ would learn from it”.

**Side loud voices:**

“Well done and continue the ‘devil of adultery’ and ‘the devil of anger’. May your work be always continuous”.

**Other voices:**

“Be strong for more success and making humans to fall in sin”.

**The ‘devil of adultery’, being proud of himself continued saying with a puffing up enthusiasm:**

“I am the one that was accompanying Augustine in the beginning of his life and also this lady Mary the Egyptian in the early years of her life. I have accompanied all those adulterers in their life and made them even at the last minute, at the point of death desire a bit more time in life to enjoy more sex and behold those who follow me to the end, are now chained with us in hades.

To prove to you my great success that those who call themselves Jehovah witnesses are preaching that the angels had committed adultery with human females and from them, they got mighty men like Nimrod. I also have pushed the wise philosophers of paganism to preach with a god of fertilising and his work is for the people to have sexual affairs and many people worshipped that god. I have to be honest here and say that my biggest enemy is what is called virginity, which was invented by those humans who deprive themselves from enjoying sexual practices. That is why I am putting the majority of the power of my assisting devils in fighting this heresy of virginity and its friend the chastity.

I was even able to make some monks after they vowed themselves for virginity, to break it and leave the monasteries and marry. I know that some of their leaders like ‘John Cassian’ has written books against me, I also admit that I tried with many of them like this man ‘Anthony the great’ to entice him with different pictures of women but he did not accept it. I know my master that I never give up and I will continue to fight them even if some does not accept my temptation but for sure there are many others who will accept.

I thank you my leader for your encouragements, granting me the medal of the great satan and behold I vow before you and all the devils, that I will continue to work more hard if possible, to spread adultery in the whole world.

**The ‘devil of adultery’ sat down while the hall was filled with great sounds of clapping for his success.**

**Loud voices from a different side:**

“Continue more and more O great ‘devil of adultery’, let beelzebub be with you”.

**Many outcries from the hall saying:**

“Put to death virginity, put to death celibacy, no chastity from now and on. Away with virginity, let adultery and enticement grow more and more.”

**satan then stood showing a sad face saying:**

“Yes I know all what you said but I am still annoyed from the existence of faith on earth. We have to put all efforts to demolish it. Where is my assistant ‘the devil of Atheism’? Where is his work and activities? Are you waiting till faith will grow and destroy our kingdom? As you see paganism is almost not there anymore because of Christianity and also as you see communism vanished from Russia and replaced by faith in this Christ. Why is my ‘University of Authority of Darkness’ not anymore graduating giant devils to destroy the faith and belief in God, as it was in the early generations before this Christ came to earth. I am deeply distressed that all our old work became fruitless.”

**The devil of atheism hearing this stood saying:**

“I beg your pardon my master the leader O you the old cunning serpent. Yes I agree with you that the heroes of the faith were stronger than us and performed many miracles to deceive the simple men and believed by their preaching but I would like to assure you leader, that communism did not fully vanish but there is still for us camps in some other countries away from Russia. Also we have full countries worshipping ‘Buddha’, ‘Brahma’ and ‘Confucius’ and behold the far east is full of those people who worship them and they have thousands of temples for ‘Buddha’ and ‘Brahma’ with worshiping statutes of stone who put foods for it in their silly minds and those people are in the count of two milliards. So this means that paganism did not fully vanish but it is there under the cover of a false religion. I work very hard with my dear friend ‘the devil of doubt’ to demolish the faith as much as possible.”

**Here the ‘devil of doubt’ stood saying:**

“My great and mighty leader, the old serpent<sup>22</sup>, who is the most cunning of all creation and also full of wisdom. I am pleased to tell you that my assistants and I are putting all efforts in demolishing faith and at least shaking it. I want to rejoice your heart by informing you about the profession of my followers. One of them is called the ‘Biblical criticism’. This active assistant devil has introduced this new science and preached it even in some theological institutes and the many books under the name of Christianity. This had a strong effect and one of our fruits is that some Christian denominations had taken off some of the books of the Old Testament from their Bible. Our leader we are also more proud that you planted this science of ‘Biblical criticism’ in the minds of clergy and you can imagine how great this is affecting them and their congregations”.

**Here satan answered him saying:**

“But don’t you see that many theologians and teachers of theological colleges had responded to those books with strong proofs to show its falseness?”

**‘The devil of doubting’ answered:**

“Yes I know this but it is enough for us that many religious leaders have accepted and followed our way and this itself deserves your encouragement and appreciation.

I would also like to tell you about some other devils working with me like ‘the devil of interpretation of the bible verses’, who works on grounds different from its true understanding and helps the ‘devil of using the one verse’ or even half of the verse to mislead the people to go on a wrong way from the true Christianity. Also helping me was ‘the devil of modern translations’, who translate the Bible from its origin in a way to match their thoughts; like the new world translation of the scripture, which contains a lot of wrong understandings away from their original true faith. We also have this translation of the watchtower of Jehovah witness. Also we have been assisted by ‘the devil of literal application of the verses’ and ‘the devil of the extensive symbolic explanation of the verses’ in which some great scholars like Origen have been mistaken.

Our master don’t you count it a great victory for us that now we have many denominations all under Christian faith and they are fighting each other. We also have ‘the devil of the personal thoughts and interpretation’ to the Bible verses, which caused many people to interpret the verses according to what is in their minds and follow it, forming a new group under the umbrella of Christianity and by this we have hundreds of different Churches and Christian groups; they are all different but under the same name of Christianity.

Have you forgotten that we are the ones who have been behind the heresy of Arius, Macadoneous, Nestorius and those different beliefs of the middle ages and so on. Based on all of this, don’t we deserve your encouragement and congratulating us for this achievement ?

**satan stood saying:**

“Hearing this I congratulate you and I also bestow upon you the medal of great satan”.

**Loud voices from the sides:**

“Great is your work O ‘the devil of doubting’, we all support you to grow more and more”.

**The devil of modernising stood saying:**

“My great master and leader satan. Actually more than all I deserve the top medal of great satan for I was able to modernise my old attacks against the faith, which was known by the heresies to give it a new shape that agrees with the new civilisation and technology and to be accepted with the spirit of the modern age we are living”.

**Voices from the sides:**

“Explain to us what you mean, O you the devil of modernising”.

**‘The devil of modernising’ continued saying:**

“The heresy of Arianism, which Athanasius the Apostolic fought with all his power, simply made their Christ as a normal human and this was answered by Athanasius and not accepted anymore. With research we modernised it, to put the thoughts of lifting up humans to the level of Christ and by this, we achieved the same result. Our target here was to make those humans, who are created from the dust equal with Christ as if there is no difference between Him and them. Christ is a Divine nature that united to a human nature Now our new understanding we introduced that the humans had united to the Divine nature or say “became gods” and by this we achieved the same result of our disciple Arius. This my master is what we call the modern Arianism”.

**Side voices:**

“O how smart is this idea? How did you achieve it?”

**The devil of modernising continued saying:**

“I have put in the minds of some teachers of theology to preach (making man like God) and I give them wrong interpretation to the verses of (partakers in the Divine nature) and they accepted what we put in their minds, especially the many theologians in the west and they put it in books which spread to the east also. According to this, those theological teachers of the east believe this thought and made it accepted to their people. They started to miss present the sayings of the holy fathers of the first Christian generations, claiming that those fathers support their new thoughts and moreover we have made those teachers, who accepted our new invention to attack the defenders of the true faith and accuse them that they deviated from the truth”.

**Loud voices:**

“Unbelievable are your smart ideas, O ‘devil of modernising”.

**devil of modernising answers:**

“I have many other more experiences I can tell if my master satan wants”.

**Here the hall was full of loud clapping with voices saying:**

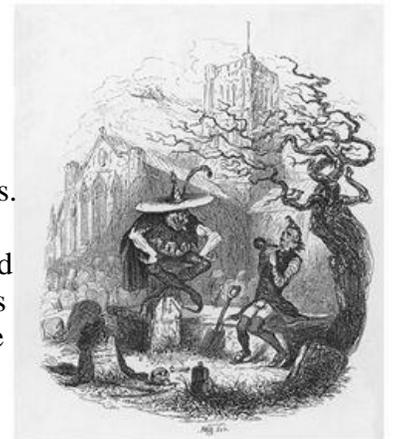
“Yes fight the true faith, yes defeat the true faith, and yes, yes use all ways to demolish the true Orthodox faith”.

**Here stood ‘the devil of false prophecy’ saying:**

“We have heard from the devil of Atheism that what helped the true faith to spread is the miracles performed by the Apostles and the fathers, the leaders of the Churches. Here we thank you our master the leader for your true promise that you will send the opposer, who will claim himself to be God and that you will support him with different wonders and miracles preparing for the general deviation and denying the Christian faith. We ask you to give us this gift with which we deceive the believers to prepare their minds for receiving and accepting the opposer. We have started already by introducing visions and dreams for those who accept them, to make them deviate from the true way and also fall in pride and puffing up and by this, the grace of God will leave them.”

**At this point ‘the devil of magic’ stood saying:**

“I also have done my part and I tell you my master that hundreds of humans accepted my ways and they are seeking my interference to solve their problems. I tell you my master that my assistant, the devils are working hard since the days of Moses the prophet till now and continuous. They convince people that when things go wrong in their lives, it means that there is a devilish act that has been done against them and they need to seek our magic work through our followers the magicians to stop this act and we keep recycling things to keep them under our authority to the end of their lives”.

**Here ‘the devil of the self’ stood saying:**

“Why are you upset and sad O master and leader, thinking that the worship of idols had demolished from the world? No my master, I inform you that I am the new idol whom most humans worship. We don’t need any more stone idols to be worshipped but we are capable to inspire in their thoughts, that every persons’ self is his idol to worship.

They accept our ideas and we make all their effort turn around the ego of themselves and how to be exalted and honoured and highly accepted among people. Even in the service of God, we introduced the self and also in the social services for Governments and officials. Our success also reached to the sermons in the Churches; we made the preachers prepare their sermons to show off knowledge for their self praise rather than to be targeting, “Building the kingdom of God”.

**Loud side voices:**

“Very great is ‘the devil of self’, very great is your work, ‘the devil of self’”.

**Here ‘the devil of self’ continued puffed up saying:**

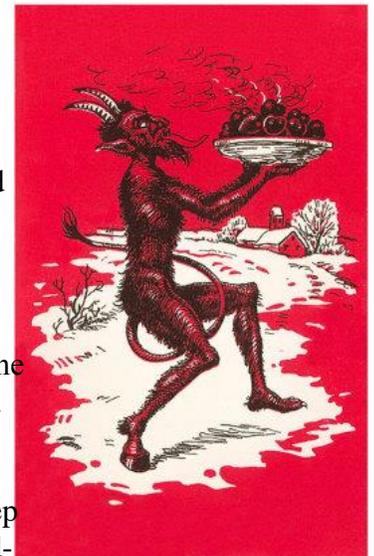
“I have many assistant devils like, ‘the devil of love of the world’, ‘the devil of selfishness’, ‘the devil of having the greatest portion’, ‘the devil of greed’, ‘the devil of enjoyment and amusement’ and many other devils who work with us”.

**Here ‘the devil of entertainments and amusement’ proudly said:**

“I am the greatest and most achieving among those devils we mentioned. I am the one who creates the ideas and deliver it to the other devils here just mentioned to work with it to the humans, who very easily accept our ways and are anxious to have it. Look now how many people are greedy, selfish, break the fasting because of food, money worshippers...etc...?”

**Here ‘the devil of authority and government’ interrupted him saying:**

“No it is me the greatest and the chief of you all because I put in the mind of the older to practice authority on the younger, on the man to practice authority on the woman and the ruler to practice the authority on the ruled. I made many people pay bribes to achieve high positions just to enjoy practicing authority. Even in the Churches, those priests who accept my thoughts rule over the sheep and forget that they are servants for them and by this, I convert their shepherd-ship role to be a position of authority, pride and ruling over others to enjoy the fun of greatness”.



**Here satan stood up saying:**

“You are my great assistants, so let us all put hands together to push those humans to accept our ways, which will lead to their destruction”.

**Side voices:**

“We request rewarding ‘the devil of the self’ and his assistants”.

**Other voices:**

“We are very glad to hear that the self became the new idol worshipped by most humans”.

**satan answered saying:**

“In response to your request, I decided to grant ‘the devil of the self’ and his chief assistant devils, the medal of the great satan with my congratulations to their activities and success.

**The hall is filled with loud clapping with different voices here and there.**

**Here ‘the devil of cruelty’ stood up saying:**

“Permit me to talk O my great master, who is named ‘the dragon’ being one of your well known names<sup>23</sup>. I am your very faithful servant and very strong in my work. I am the devil of devils. Is there is one of your chief assistant devils who destroyed tens of humans? I had destroyed thousands and millions. I am the one that possessed the mind of Nero, the Roman king who burned Rome to kill thousands of Christians. I am the one that possessed the mind of Diocletian to kill the greatest number of Christians in his time. I am the one that inspired humans to make the atomic bomb and also the hydrogenic bomb, which killed thousands of thousands. I am the one that inspired humans to create the different chemical, weapons which killed and defamed thousands of humans. I am the one who inspired them to make rockets and the different mighty weapons of destruction. I am the one that stirred the fights and wars between countries, causing massive deaths. I am the one who always stir - hatred and envy and I am the one behind all conflicts and fights in families; between brothers and sisters and all kinds of people. I am the one who worked from the very beginning, stirring Cain to kill Abel. I am the one...etc...



**Here he was interrupted by very loud voices from all around saying:**

“Great! how fabulous! you are the greatest O You ‘the devil of cruelty’. We didn’t know about the great success of causing death to these multitudes of humans, we all support you. Our banner is: “there is no mercy”. Mercy is a character of the weak but cruelty is the character of the strong. Continue more and more and we request our master satan to reward you also”

**At this moment satan stood to conclude this loud session as It became too long but he heard many voices and outcries from the crowd. From the professors of this University of Darkness.**

he heard:

- ‘The devil of rebellious’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of enticement’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of depression’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of dishonesty’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of faults of the tongue’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of rumors’ asking for a speech.
- The ‘devil of blaspheming’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of delaying repentance’ asking to talk to tell his interesting experiences.
- ‘The devil of despair and giving up’ asking for a speech to explain how he makes humans end their lives.
- ‘The devil of corruption’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of bribes’ asking for a speech.
- ‘The devil of negligence and forgetfulness’ saying, “How come you didn’t consider my great role”?

And many other devils cried out saying, “We also ask to be given a chance to present our experiences and hard work”.

Here satan stood putting his hands up saying, “We have to finish now and I promise you with another session to give you all a chance to tell us about your achievements and success.

satan started moving to leave the hall and everyone also moved with terrible loud voices here and there waiting anxiously to the promised other session.



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