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# Conflict

## Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

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## Conflict!!

Conflict -- We find it in our closest relationships. Couples battle it out in the courts – Family conflict is on the rise – Gangs war against each other in our major cities. Nation battles nation. Ideological sides polarize – Even the world's major religions seek to destroy one another – Global Conflict! Where does conflict come from? Where is the dream of World Peace? Why can't we all just get along? Is there any hope? We will turn to the Scriptures and get the answers! YES!! Peace on Earth will come!

## A. Why can't we all just get along?

*James 4:1-10 (KJV)*

- 1 *From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?*
- 2 *Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*
- 3 *Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*
- 4 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*
- 5 *Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?*
- 6 *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*
- 7 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
- 8 *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*
- 9 *Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.*
- 10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

## B. Where Does it all Begin?

1. It starts in the heart with the sin of lust!
2. Lust > Take > Kill > War
3. You have not because you do not ask (prayer)
4. You pray and still have not because the motivation is wrong (based on lust)

## C. Where did lust come from?

*Genesis 3:1-8 (KJV)*

- 1 *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*
- 2 *And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:*
- 3 *But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*
- 4 *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*
- 5 *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

1. Four Promises (false) by Satan (Genesis 3:4-5) And the serpent said unto the woman, 1) Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then 2) your eyes shall be opened, and 3) ye shall be as gods, 4) knowing good and evil.
2. “ye shall be as gods”
  - a. Can we all be equal gods?
  - b. Who will be “top god”? The God of this World: Satan

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV)

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

## D. The Real Conflict

Genesis 3:14-15 (KJV)

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

1. What is the Conflict of the Ages? It is Truth is challenge by the Lie!
2. What is Truth? Jesus Christ and Scripture

John 14:6 (KJV)

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 17:17 (KJV)

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

3. The Truth Shall Make You Free!

*John 8:30-36 (KJV)*

30 *As he spake these words, many believed on him.*

31 *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

32 *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. . .*

36 *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

#### 4. What is Non-Truth? Lies - Originating from Satan

*John 8:43-45 (KJV)*

43 *Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.*

44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

45 *And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*

### E. The Real Conflict

#### 1. Lucifer (the shining one, the light bearer) in Eden

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#### 2. The Main Players: God (His Will and Plan) versus Satan and his Opposition

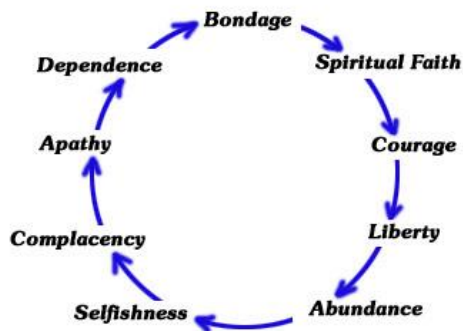
#### 3. Played on Earth with the Middle East being center stage

### F. The Circle of Freedom / Bondage

- ❖ From bondage to spiritual faith;
- ❖ From spiritual faith to great courage;
- ❖ From courage to liberty;
- ❖ From liberty to abundance;

- ❖ From abundance to selfishness;
- ❖ From selfishness to complacency;
- ❖ From complacency to apathy;
- ❖ From apathy to dependence;
- ❖ From dependence back into bondage.

### **The Tytler Cycle in History**



## G. Closing Thoughts

1. There are only two basic sides: The Broad Way and the Straight and Narrow Way

*Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV)*

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Consider how everything other than the Gospel and Scripture fits the Broad Way

2. Jesus was not a pacifist (Nor was He a warmonger)

*Luke 22:35-36 (KJV)*

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

Consider the Old Testament, The Book of Revelation, and Angels

### 3. Will there ever be “Peace on Earth”? ABSOLUTELY!!

*Revelation 21:1-7 (KJV)*

*1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

*2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

*6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

*7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

*Revelation 21:22-27 (KJV)*

*22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

*23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

*24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

*25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*

*26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

**No More Conflict!!**