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- seeks to prove Satan got a bad rap
- contends . . .
 - Satan is not the mastermind of evil
 - "church fathers" twisted the scriptures to frame Satan as evil in 1215 AD
 - Satan is God's jaded employee and NOT God's enemy
 - serpent in the Garden is merely a conniving animal
 - Satan is God's "hired heavy" to test faith in man
 - exonerates Satan's personality as only being suspicious of human virtue

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- "So the great dragon was cast out, (that serpent of old,) called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9)

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Who is the *Serpent of Old*?

- the reptilian leviathan (Is. 27:1)?
 - didn't deceive anyone
- wine (Prov. 23:32)?
 - the devil is a personal being who was cast to the earth; "he" had angels; wine was not cast to the earth
- bronze serpent (2 Kin. 18:4)
 - created by MOSES; destroyed by HEZEKIAH; thus not Satan
- Moses' rod (Ex. 4:3)
 - NOT!
- the *Tempter* in the Garden (Gen. 3:1-5; 13)
 - OBVIOUSLY!

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makes no sense apart from the Genesis record of Paradise!

SERPENT & SATAN

"And the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Gen. 3:13)

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"But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3)

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■ "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13, 14)

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If the Serpent is NOT Satan?

- How are we to understand:

"And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen" (Rom. 16:20)

■ "So the LORD God said to the serpent: 'Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel'" (Gen. 3:14, 15)

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Jesus & John

"You 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)

"He who sins is of the devil, **for the devil has sinned from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that

- ✓ sinned from beginning (creation)
- ✓ two sins in particular: murder & lying

"the father of lies"

- how can one be a "father" of something if others were doing it before?
 - how could one be the father of flight if others were flying before him?
 - how could one be the father of cars if others were making cars before him?
- how could the devil be the father of lies if another, a mere serpent, was lying before him?

