

100 SATANIC QUESTIONS

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;
when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. — 1 Cor. 13:11

When I was young and innocent, I was told the myth about Santa Claus. It went well for a while until my curiosity got me asking myself questions. How could he do it in one night? How could he get down the chimney in my house when it led to a boiler? If he made presents in the North Pole, how come my toys had manufacturing labels on them? Finally one day I had the confidence to proudly tell my parents I figured it out.

Over the years, asking questions when things didn't seem to fit became a habit. To me, there is no such thing as forbidden knowledge; you can't know too much. I have run into Christians to whom I have asked questions about their beliefs. There is only so far they will go. Then they will either change the subject, give an absurd answer or refuse to answer. It's a shame; but that is an element of human nature.

I've drawn up a hundred questions that bring out the multitude of contradictions and absurdities of the doctrine of Satan, Hell and eternal punishment. Try these on a fundamentalist and you won't get very far.

1. Who created the Devil and when?
2. From what kind of material was he made of?
3. Assuming he was made of nothing, wouldn't he be composed of nothing?
4. If he was not created by God, then doesn't it follow that he is self-created?
5. Doesn't it follow that we have two omnipotent, omnipresent Almighty beings?
6. If the Devil can take the form of a snake, then couldn't he take the form of a human?
7. If God is omnipresent, that is he fills all space, then what room can there be for another omnipresent being?
8. How is it possible for God to be omnipotent and there be another omnipotent being?
9. If anything is possible with God, then shouldn't it follow that anything is possible with Satan?
10. Or if anything is possible with God, isn't it possible he created Satan to be evil?
11. If we are dependent on God, then isn't God responsible for evil?
12. But if we are independent of God, then wouldn't it be absurd to believe he is Infinite, Almighty and Omnipotent?
13. If Satan is not omnipotent, then how does he manage to divert millions of souls to hell?
14. If Satan is not self-existent, then doesn't it follow that God created him?
15. If God brought Satan into existence, then doesn't it follow that God is the origin of evil?
16. How can God hate evil and yet allow the Devil to exist when he possesses the omnipotent power to destroy him?
17. If the Devil is a fallen angel as Christians teach, who tempted him or caused him to fall?
18. How could he be tempted if there was no Satan to tempt him?
19. Would God create him if he knew he would turn out diabolical?
20. If God did not know how he would turn out, then how could he be all wise?
21. If God did know how Satan would turn out, then isn't God the sponsor of evil?
22. Did God tempt Satan? It couldn't be other angels, for they were all good.

23. How could this perfect archangel fall in heaven when everything was perfect before Adam and Eve was tempted?
24. If there was a war in heaven at the start of the Apocalypse, what assurances are there that the saved won't find themselves in the midst of other future bloody conflicts a thousand years later when Satan returns?
25. What assurances are there that another archangel may instantly fall as what happened during the first creation?
26. Since the Devil can transfer himself into an angel of light, what chance does any right believing Christian have from being deceived?
27. Where did Satan get the light from?
28. Assuming Satan was a fallen angel who fell before he tempted Adam and Eve, what did he do?
29. If Satan did something, then how could Eden be perfect when God created Adam and Eve?
30. Assuming God saw Satan fall, why did he allow him in Eden?
31. As the sole Creator, didn't God create the great bottomless pit called Hell?
32. The Bible does not say when God created Hell, but wouldn't it have to be before or on the same day he created man and woman? Man and woman were created on the sixth and last day.
33. With Hell ready and waiting, doesn't it appear that God expected Adam and Even to fall?
34. Did God send Satan to Hell or did he make it inviting as a dwelling?
35. Since Satan appears to be enjoying his lower domain, doesn't it appear God rewarded Satan?
36. Why does God wait so long to wrench Satan from his fiery home?
37. Since Christians believe it is God who sends mortal souls to Hell, isn't Satan acting as God's agent?
38. Considering the thousands of people who die every day and the high odds of being sent to Hell, doesn't it appear that God is rewarding Satan for his deviancy?
39. How are souls directed to Hell? Are they pushed, floated, carried or what?
40. Is Satan winning against God or is he working for God?
41. If we consider that Satan has been winning against God for so long, doesn't that make Satan the stronger power?
42. If Satan is the stronger power, wouldn't it seem that God can never defeat Satan?
43. If Satan is the stronger power, wouldn't God be weakening?
44. If Satan is working for God, wouldn't that displace Satan as the greatest deceiver?
45. If God is winning against Satan, why would he need to destroy the world and remake it?
46. After all, the Bible says that to God, a thousand years is a day. Wouldn't it take a few more days to make things right?
47. If nothing is impossible with God, then wouldn't it mean that God has chosen to let Satan thrive?

48. Christians believe that Jesus died for Adam's first sin. Doesn't that mean that God preserved sin through Noah and his family?
49. Doesn't the Great Flood mean that God failed to eliminate sin through mass genocide?
50. Doesn't the Great Flood mean that God didn't or couldn't destroy Satan?
51. Doesn't it seem like a lottery system with God and Satan as the ticket holders?
52. Why does God offer no guarantees or better odds that faith and good works will land you in heaven.
53. So what is the point of even trying?
54. Remembering the Exodus when God hardened pharaoh's heart, where the first-born children sent to hell?
55. If so, did they deserve to be sent to hell?
56. How can a soul, which has no physical properties, burn in Hell?
57. With nothing to burn, how can there be fire in Hell?
58. How can anything burn forever without being consumed? Even stars consume their fuel?
59. Considering that it is God who orders eternal punishment doesn't that make him wicked far beyond anything humanly possible?
60. Realizing that God does not discriminate between minor and major sinners, doesn't it seem terribly unjust that God only accepts non-sinners?
61. There is hardly a Christian who does not believe he is without sin. Doesn't that mean he has absolutely no chance of getting into heaven?
62. How can a Christian know he is living by God's law when there is no feedback?
63. If God is perfectly good and kind hearted, wouldn't he experience some discomfort by such draconian punishment?
64. Since he continues to do it, wouldn't it seem that he is not discomfited enough to stop?
65. Doesn't it make sense that no being could order eternal punishment for billions of humans and have any feelings of regret for it?
66. Wouldn't it seem more like he likes it?
67. Doesn't it stretch tough love to incredulity that he would use his own son as a scapegoat?
68. Christians are typically grateful to Jesus for sacrificing for them, but the fact that he had to be arrested, wouldn't it seem like he had no choice?
69. Yes, Jesus did say at times he was doing his Father's will. Again, doesn't that seem like he was given no choice? After all, he was the only son.
70. Couldn't God have come up with a better plan?
71. Could a just God punish humans for acting on the impulses they were created with?
72. When God saw early on his creation going badly, why did he not make corrections then when the human population was much smaller?
73. If God is infinitely intelligent, how could he have made such a horrible mistake?

74. Assuming the Almighty Omnipotent God wills that all men be saved, why couldn't he make a few genetic adjustments?
75. Did God foresee man's proclivity to damnation or destruction?
76. If not, how could he be omniscient or a God at all?
77. Presuming that he did see it, why did he not restrain from bringing humans into existence?
78. Isn't God responsible for man's cruelty to man?
79. Can a soul experience pleasure and pain without a body?
80. Isn't it terribly hypocritical for God to ask us to love our enemies and yet arbitrarily refuse to forgive even those who proclaim to love him but have committed minor transgressions?
81. In what sense can Christ be the savior of all men when the greater portion is lost?
82. What good does belief in Hell and future punishment accomplish, when there is so much uncertainty on how to avoid it?
83. Can a man be truly virtuous when he refrains from evil merely from fear of the Devil and Hell?
84. Doesn't virtue come from volition because it is the right thing to do?
85. Is this fair to non-Christian denominations and to distant inhabitants who have had no exposure to Christ's teachings?
86. Considering that two omnipotent powers are at odds to get Christians to heaven, doesn't that mean that Christians have no influence on the fate of their afterlife?
87. Doesn't the story of Adam and Even and the smart talking snake seem fabulous?
88. Even if we treat this story as a metaphoric object lesson, what chance did Adam and Eve have when they had no prior experience?
89. How could they know good from evil if they had to eat the fruit to know good from evil?
90. Didn't they act on the impulses they were created with?
91. How did the Serpent know that God would not punish them as he threatened?
92. Didn't God have the perfect chance to kill Adam and Even and create two more in their place?
93. Why didn't he act when the destruction would affect two people instead of waiting so long when it would affect earth and billions?
94. By any stretch of imagination could there be an intelligent being, intelligent enough to create the whole universe and yet be thwarted on the first day after creation by a fallen angel disguised as a talking snake?
95. If God is everywhere, wouldn't he be in hell too?
96. If God has never been in hell, why not? Why has he waited so long to clean the place out?
97. How do church leaders know when they and the Founders have not been deceived by the devil?
98. Does it not occur that the priestly class has positioned themselves to positions of such power?
99. There are many unknowns. How does one choose assumptions with confidence?

100. Does it make sense the Christianity could be so similar to the pagan religions of its earliest days and not be based on the same false premises?