

22. The legal systems of Great Britain and subsequently the United States were developed by subscription to the principles of true freedom. Their protections were codified within establishment law. This included provisions that protected the citizen from the law's long arms without due process and maintained within a just system of jurisprudence.
23. Our Founders' desire was to incorporate these institutions into the founding documents of the colonies and ultimately within the several states. These laws were codified by strict attention to biblical systems in which the perfect justice of God managed mankind.
24. Then under the laws of liberty, citizens were allowed to go about their business freely to pursue opportunities, acquire necessities, assist others, and generally contribute to the maintenance of freedom and prosperity throughout the commonwealth.
25. Yet, mankind, like the angels who preceded us, have the propensity and inclination to sin, engage in wrongdoing, commit crime, and face retribution from those harmed in a court of law.
26. Until the downtrends accruing over the past thirty months, our nation's system of jurisprudence had provided maximum opportunities for the free will of men to pursue their desires, objectives, and opportunities freely as long as they stayed within the boundaries of the law.
27. One of the primary and obligatory doctrines of our system of law is that a man may not be found guilty of a crime without due process: a trial by jury, evidence presented, witnesses questioned, and his own testimony heard.
28. From this system we are able to borrow some ideas that will help us illustrate from American jurisprudence teaching aids that explain the ongoing legal drama that exists on this earth.
29. We have established that Lucifer and his minions have sinned against God. They have been tried and found guilty. As a result, the Lake of Fire was created in eternity past as the penitentiary where the convicted demons were to be incarcerated for all eternity.
30. We have documented that the guilty verdict was rendered before human history was introduced in the garden of Eden in the personages of Adam and Ishah.
31. We have further documented that, as a result, the sentencing of Lucifer and his demons into the Lake of Fire occurred, yet this event has been halted by a divine stay of execution:

Stay: a stopping or suspension of procedure or execution by judicial or executive order.¹

32. This stay is a term used in American jurisprudence. When information is brought forward following a conviction, but before incarceration occurs, the defense has the legal privilege to stay the sentence and petition the court to hear its appeal.
33. Although this procedure is part of American jurisprudence, it serves as an excellent explanation of why the guilty verdict reached by the Supreme Court of Heaven was stayed.
34. Lucifer petitioned the Court with an appeal, a legal tactic he used to stay the implementation of the sentence to the Lake of Fire.
35. For this appeal to be heard before the Divine Court of Appeals, then witnesses for the defense and witnesses for the Prosecution must be called to testify in the courtroom which God decreed would be planet earth.
36. The first to be called were witnesses for the Prosecution in the persons of Adam and Ishah, recorded in Genesis 2.
37. The first to cross-examine this couple was that cherub-rank angel, Lucifer himself— *Helel ben-Shachar*.
38. At this point we are now going to consult *Black's Law Dictionary* for the definitions of what is about to take place in the garden of Eden: (1) the Divine Court of Appeals is now in session, (2) Lucifer is the attorney for the defense, (3) the two witnesses for the Prosecution are Adam and Ishah, and (4) the Attorney for the Prosecution is God.
39. There are some idiosyncrasies in the following definitions of “appeal,” nevertheless, they clearly reveal why God allowed this legal tactic to be used in this appeal. (All of the following excerpts are cited from page 124.)

Appeal. The complaint to a superior court of an injustice done or error committed by an inferior one, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.

An “appeal” is merely a continuation of original lawsuit.

Appeal is sometimes used to denote the nature of appellate jurisdiction, as distinguished from original jurisdiction.

“Appeal” has no conclusive meaning, and it is necessary in each instance to look to the particular act giving an appeal, to determine powers to be exercised by the appellate court.

¹ *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., s.v. “stay.”



An “appeal” is a step in a judicial proceeding, and in legal contemplation there can be no appeal where there has been no decision by the judicial tribunal.

“Appeal” differs from trial in that it is a review on original record after that has been made in accordance with well-recognized principles of judicial procedure.²

40. It is from these definitions that we are able to project the sequence of events that occurred in time which take place between the sentencing of Lucifer and the fallen angels following their fall and the incarceration of them at the close of the dispensation of the Millennium.
41. Between these two events is a period of time that involves human history. Human history occurs in time. It begins with mankind’s innocence and continues up to the incarceration of Lucifer and the fallen angels.
42. During this period of time is when the Divine Court of Appeals is in session. When the human race was created, human history began. They are the first witnesses to take the stand in the Court of Appeals, initially for the Prosecution.
43. The first couple duplicated the conditions common to the angels before Lucifer’s fall. They were created perfect although they soon became witnesses for the defense by committing the original sin, first by Eve and second by Adam.
44. This fall by the original couple duplicated the fall of Lucifer. Adam and Eve and the angelic myriads were created perfect, but both used their free wills to fail.
45. Following the fall of mankind, both they and the fallen angels find themselves as witnesses in the divine courtroom of planet earth: **(1)** Adam and Eve initially testify for the Prosecution followed by **(2)** the fallen angels who testify for the defense.
46. Mankind was created to duplicate the conditions of the prehistoric angelic conflict. They were created perfect at their creation but by volitional choice they chose to violate divine policy.
47. This provided both evidence and precedence for Satan’s appeal. The fall of man replicates Lucifer’s fall and both did these things in a perfect environment.
48. Therefore, the arguments presented in the Divine Court of Appeals initially cover events that transpired during Old Testament history.

² Harry Campbell Black, *Black’s Law Dictionary*, rev. 4th ed. (St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1968), 124.

