

The Inscrutable Question: Differences between Divine Integrity & Creature Integrity, Ezk 28:15a

- 29) Fortunately, there is a recovery procedure for the believer and that is rebound, a system emphasized by James in:

James 4:7 - Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

v 8 - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners [rebound], and purify your hearts [resultant purification from wrongdoing], you double-minded [διψυχος / dipsuchos /: divided loyalties between God and the world, between integrity and arrogance].

- 30) From this we can note a principle: Lack of understanding is always a basis for conflict and division. Conflict and division thrives on ignorance and false information.
- 31) There is no integrity in the devil's world except inside the spiritual life of any given dispensation.
- 32) We are not born with integrity as Lucifer and Adam were so created and with which system of integrity our Lord was born.
- 33) Integrity does not exist in created beings except as God provides a system for acquiring it. The only source of integrity is found in knowledge of the divine standard and the resultant confidence and courage to remain loyal to its guidance.
- 34) When the divine standard is rejected, ignored, or disregarded then there is a loss of integrity and the one who does so becomes double-minded.
- 35) Once the choice is made to remain with the alternate system of behavior that person is in full-blown revolution against God and then comes under the jurisdiction of divine integrity.
- 36) Righteousness is the standard by which the revolutionary is measured and justice is the system through which he is judged and punished.
- 37) True perfection is found in the integrity of God. Created beings may acquire integrity by means of a divinely approved system of data transfer.
- 38) Lucifer was created with maximum wisdom, which means he had complete knowledge of the divine standards pertinent to his position as anointed cherub at the moment of his creation.
- 39) This maximum wisdom is not to be confused with omniscience. Omniscience is total knowledge of the entire mind of God, which includes the entire inventory of His righteous standards.
- 40) Lucifer's maximum wisdom included a complete understanding of all that God desired him to know and understand regarding his assignment as the anointed cherub.
- 41) Adam was provided with maximum knowledge regarding his assignment as federal head of the human race but his wisdom constituted only a small fraction of the total knowledge contained in divine omniscience.
- 42) Following the fall, all of Adam and Eve's progeny were born with souls *tabula rasa*, they were blank slates.
- 43) In addition, everyone, with the obvious exception of the true humanity of Jesus Christ, was born with a sinful nature encoded into the DNA of every cell of his body.
- 44) This means that fallen man is different from Lucifer, Adam, and Jesus Christ in that he faces temptations from the inside as well as the outside and can only maintain his integrity by means of the spiritual life of his dispensation.

- 45) The spiritual life of the Church Age was invented by God and imputed to Jesus Christ at the Virgin Birth.
- 46) Our Lord tested and proved this system adequate for the maintenance of human integrity.
- 47) Human integrity is different from divine integrity in that it requires knowledge of those certain principles of divine integrity that are made available to him through divine revelation and then maintaining loyalty to those principles under the filling ministry of the Holy Spirit.