

I Really do NOT Like To Write About Religion and My Faith. My Faith is a Deeply Personal Issue, as is my Personal Relationship with my Creator. But some stories Deserve to be Told.

My Late Sister, Karen Lynne Neugent, and I were sitting on the front porch steps of the family house in Oakciff, a suburb of Dallas, Texas. It was late Spring in 2011. It had Rained The Night before.

The weeds were shin high in the front yard, and the insects and dragonflies were hovering over the weeds in the late afternoon sun. The dancing of the insects brought a vision to my mind's eye. It reminded me of the war between the angels and demons within God's Kingdom when Lucifer's angels rebelled.

We were in agreement on the matter of discussion. Our consensus was that mankind is still in this spiritual war between the angels and demons. At present our souls

ARE IN THE BALANCE, WE ARE THE REASON THE WAR STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

LUCIFER WAS THE FIRST OF GOD'S SONS CREATED, AND HE HAD PRIDE IN THIS FACT. WE ARE STILL IN THE 6TH DAY OF GOD'S CREATION. WE HAVE NOT REACHED THE 7TH DAY OF GOD'S REST YET. THEREFORE GOD IS STILL IN THE CREATION PROCESS, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED.

WE ARE LOCKED IN TIME, CREATURES OF THE PRESENT. SUBJECT TO THE WEAPONS OF THIS SPIRITUAL WARFARE THAT IS GOING ON IN OUR DAILY LIVES. THESE WEAPONS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE ARE THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS. WE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE: PRIDE, LUST, GREED, HATE, ENVY, GLUTTONY, AND SLOTH. THESE ARE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES, THEY ARE NOT PHYSICAL IN NATURE.

THE SCRIPTURES NEVER TELL US WHY LUCIFER REBELLED. IT ONLY ALLUDES TO PRIDE. HE WAS INCENSED OVER THE FACT THAT THE CREATOR MADE MANKIND. THE REAL ISSUE WAS THAT GOD'S PLAN

WAS TO SET THE SAINTS OVER THE ANGELS, AND THAT THE SAINTS WOULD JUDGE THE ANGELS IN THE LAST DAY.

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

BACK TO THE FRONT PORCH IN OAKCLIFF. AS I WAS SAYING MY SISTER AND I WERE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE OF ANGELS AND DEMONS, I LOOKED DOWN IN THE GUTTER OF THE FRONT WALKWAY TO THE SIDEWALK. THERE WAS A PIECE OF PLASTIC, IT HAD BEEN BLOWN INTO THE YARD BY THE WIND, AND PELTED DOWN BY THE RAIN, FOLDED AND WET, WHERE IT RESTED IN THE GUTTER.

I POINTED IT OUT TO MY SISTER BECAUSE OF OUR DISCUSSION. IT LOOKED JUST LIKE A DEMONS' HEAD AND FACE! SHE EVEN SAID, "YES, IT LOOKS LIKE A DEMON'S HEAD." SO I REACHED DOWN AND PICKED IT UP. IT UNFOLDED IN MY HANDS, IT WAS A STICKER FROM THE BACK WINDOW OF A CAR THAT HAD FALLEN OFF. IT HAD ENDED UP IN OUR YARD WHERE I FOUND IT.

When UNfolded it was Two ANGELS FACING each OTHER IN The air WITH WINGS AND HALOES. They were blowing TRUMPETS AT each OTHER.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO COINCIDENCES IN THIS UNIVERSE. We have HOPE, but IT'S OPPOSITE IS DESPAIR. JUST SO THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS HAVE THEIR OPPOSITES.

PLATO CAME UP WITH THIS CENTURIES AGO. "we live in a DUALISTIC UNIVERSE.", he said. We have GOOD AND EVIL, UP AND DOWN, HOT AND COLD, LEFT AND RIGHT, DAY AND NIGHT.

FOR THE SEVEN THERE IS: PRIDE AND HUMILITY, ENVY AND CONTENTEDNESS, SLOTH AND LABOR, GLUTTONY AND FASTING, HATE AND LOVE, GREED AND GENEROSITY, LUST AND SELF-CONTROL.

I WON'T SAY I HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS TO MANKIND'S WOES. ONLY THE CREATOR HAS THOSE ANSWERS. I DO KNOW THIS: WE LIVE ON A PARADISE WORLD. MANKIND IS THE PROBLEM. CAN WE ALL JUST PRACTICE THE GOOD FOR ONCE,

INSTEAD OF THE EVIL. IT IS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL,

HOW MANY MORE CENTURIES CAN THIS GO ON?

MAYBE OUR CIVILIZATION IS NOT WORTHY OF

CONTINUED EXISTANCE? I DO BELIEVE THIS;

THAT IF WE AS A WHOLE PEOPLE COULD GO ONE

DAY WITHOUT KILLING ONE ANOTHER. JUST ONE

DAY WITHOUT COMMITTING ONE OF THE SEVEN

DEADLY SINS. MAYBE THE MESSIAH WOULD

APPEAR AND SAY, "WELL DONE MY GOOD AND

FAITHFUL SERVANTS!". BUT ALAS NO SUCH

LUCK. JUST REMEMBER TO ASK FOR MERCY

AND NOT FOR JUSTICE.