

12. Lucifer's genius is off the charts when compared to the mentality of Homo sapiens. However, the management of the human race over the course of millennia is far more than even Lucifer's genius can consistently manage.
13. His efforts are focused on the creation of a perfect environment equal to that God produced with the original creation of the universe in Genesis 1:1 and which He restored back to its pristine perfection in Genesis 1:2b-2:4.
14. When Adam fell, so did the planet. Since then, it has been Lucifer's desire to restore the earth to its former perfection.
15. However, the planet fell with original sin and its restoration will require the intervention of the Creator, Jesus Christ, Who will accomplish that mission with the introduction of His millennial kingdom.
16. Nevertheless, Lucifer's objective is to restore perfection which will require him to restore the earth to its pristine perfection. These efforts are characterized today by the brainwashing that has taken place in the Federal Schools for the past 100 years.
17. Systems of government that have been shown to be either excellent or inferior have been what Lucifer has spent his time trying to implement perfection.
18. Economy refers to the exchange of goods and services in a way that benefits both participants privy to the process. Scripture indicates that the best system for an economy is capitalism.

**NOTE:** Consult the study, *The Parable of Labor Unions v. Management* (LUM10): Matthew 20:1–16; 33 lessons, available through the link below:

<http://www.joegriffin.org/media-archive/our-class-catalog/lum10/>

19. All other systems of economy are far inferior and every time tried, fails miserably. Nevertheless, there always are those susceptible to Luciferian propaganda that insist their efforts will surely get it right.
20. There are presently those who speak about dollars numbering in the trillions which unfortunately refer to our national debt, an unfathomable number a generation ago, but is presently nearing 30-trillion dollars in the red. The next number in the math book is 1 quadrillion: \$1,000,000,000,000,000. Madness!



21. The theory that motivates Satan's desire to rule the world is the notion that he and those he propagandizes can restore a perfect environment that God implemented at the beginning.
22. To do this he assumes that this includes the elimination of human suffering which he declares to be unjust and caused by those who march to a different drummer.
23. However, mankind is fallen. People make poor decisions. They are led by their sin natures to apply human good and evil. These things are destined to fail and thus result in forms of failure that those so affected consider unfair and unjust.
24. However, the fact is that man must learn how to orient and adjust to the dark side of his existence. He is born fallen. He commits sins. He makes wrong decisions.
25. On the other hand, some believers are able to grow in grace and consistently make great decisions that result in great prosperity.
26. Yet, Lucifer's assumption that he can create a problem-free life by means of his genius system of totalitarianism is refuted by none other than examples contained in Scripture.
27. Recently, we studied the first chapter of Job where every blessing he possessed in goods, possessions, and members of his own family were taken away, yet his response to these considerable losses were, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21*b*).
28. Yet in the last paragraph of the last chapter in the book, "The Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold" (Job 42:10*ff*).
29. There are several other Phase-One examples of those who were witnesses in the Old Testament:
  1. Every believer who advanced to spiritual maturity presented evidence for the Prosecution. In addition to Job, we recently studied Abraham's advance through evidence testing by his willingness to sacrifice Isaac on the altar atop Mount Moriah, and the initial historical impact Elijah performed in his confrontations with Ahab and his 450 prophets of Baal, and Jezebel, and her 400 prophets of the goddess, Asherah.
  2. It is concluded from these examples that God permits Lucifer to cross-examine mature believers.



## Phase Two: The Rebuttal Phase: Arguments for the Prosecution:

1. This phase introduces rebuttal arguments by the Prosecution which are presented in two phases: (1) The physical birth of Jesus Christ in hypostatic union which initiates the strategic victory in the angelic conflict, and (2) the introduction of the mystery dispensation of the Church and the tactical victories of believers who advance to spiritual maturity.
2. The rebuttal includes two categories of witnesses in the the two dispensations of the Incarnation and the Church.
3. The dispensation of the Hypostatic Union only presents one Witness: Jesus Christ in hypostatic union. The dispensation of the Church presents those believers who advance in the plan of God to spiritual maturity.
4. Characteristics of mature believers include the acquisition of wisdom, occupation with Christ, invisible historical impact, and the royal law.
5. The Lord's First Advent establishes the Prosecution's strategic victory in the rebuttal phase of the Appeal and interestingly brings the Lord's Old Testament theophanies to an end.
6. The Church Age amounts to a tactical victory by believers who make the spiritual advance all the way to spiritual maturity logging maximum time inside the divine dynasphere or the evanescent bubble containing divine power from maximum doctrine.
7. Within systems of royalty are those who are members of the royal family. The sovereign rules his domain by means of his inherent power while his royal family possesses certain benefits common to the standards of their peerage.
8. Standards regarding the royalty of Jesus Christ are contained in Scripture which are revealed in two verses:

**John 1:1**            In the beginning [ **eternity past** ] **was the Word, and the Word was with God the Father, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:14**            And the Word [ **Jesus Christ** ] became flesh [ **the virgin birth** ], and dwelt among us [ **First Advent replaces the Shekinah Glory** ], and we beheld His glory [ **deity** ], the uniquely born [ **true humanity** ] of the Father, and full of grace [ **divine wisdom** ] and truth [ **ἀλήθεια (alētheia): immutable and absolute** ]. (EXT)

9. The humanity of Jesus Christ entered time as royalty: undiminished deity and true humanity in one Person forever— King of kings and Lord of lords.
10. However, as royalty in the hypostatic union, He did not have a royal family. This developed in the mystery dispensation of the Church in which a royal family of believers was formed.
11. During the Incarnation, the Lord grew to maturity from childhood to adulthood and in that process, He advanced to spiritual maturity. We do not learn from Scripture how these things developed from His age 12 to age 30.
12. However, the outcome is clearly revealed by this passage in Matthew 4:1–4, a passage which documents the Lord’s strategic victory through evidence testing accomplished by his debate with Lucifer.

**Matthew 4:1** Then was Jesus led up under the authority of the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted from the source of the devil.

1. In order to provide a royal family for our Lord, He had to be tested in order to become the prototype for the Church-Age believer. Jesus was impeccable and therefore not able to sin, nevertheless, the temptations were real.
2. The Holy Spirit led him into the desert where His volition was challenged in order to establish the prototype for the soon-to-become Church-Age believers.
3. Jesus had the filling of the Holy Spirit and was tested to follow the will of God while being tempted by the devil: [ **διάβολος (diábolos): “accuser, slanderer, adversary, tempter”**; proper names: **“Lucifer, Satan”** ].

**Matthew 4:2** After He fasted [ **νηστεύω (nēsteúō)**: privately for concentration on the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit ] forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.

1. Fasting refers to the decision to avoid eating so as to focus attention on the study and retention of divine guidance.

**Matthew 4:3** And when the tempter [ **devil, Lucifer, Satan** ] came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, and you are, speak to these stones commanding them to become bread.”

1. Lucifer issued a first-class condition to command Jesus to speak to the stones. The structure of the sentence indicates that Lucifer knew Jesus is the Son of God.

