

## Why Would A Perfect God Make Imperfect Beings?

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All questions are not created equal. Those that arise from a trifling curiosity are usually quite shallow - and any forwarded answers may receive little more than just scant attention. But, if the questioner is driven by an intense “*need to know*,” those inquiries usually reflect a substantial amount of previous thought - and the questions are quite focused.

I recently received these questions from a website visitor: “*Why didn't God just create us perfect to begin with? And how does a perfect God create imperfect beings? At the end of time, He will make us all perfect beings - those that have accepted him - so, why not just do this to begin with ...?*” These questions are the product of ... thought.

When God calls me to stand before Him, the forthcoming material ... **may not**. But, then again ... it might.

### The Perfect God

The Bible declares we have a perfect Creator (Deut 32:4, Mt 5:48, and Heb 7:28). When He was by Himself, sin did not exist. “*In Him there is no sin*” (1Jn 3:5). This “*Being*” is beyond anything we can fathom. Somewhere along the way, He decided He wanted to reveal things about Himself to morally sentient beings. So, ... He created some. Now, let me ask you some questions. If all those creatures were perfect for eternity, how well would God actually be known? For example, we now know He is capable of anger. But, if all was perfect around Him forever, how would that ever be exposed? Or how could His justice, patience, or mercy ever come to the fore? You already know the answer. Those traits would be forever veiled.

I believe God decided to reveal aspects of His character that could only come out if there were morally accountable beings in rebellion to Him. In that setting, many complexities of his character - some subtle, and some not so subtle - would be revealed for all to see.

### Created Innocent ... and with the capacity to sin.

God created two orders of beings with the capacity to sin - angels and man. Had they been created perfect, they would never have sinned. They were created **innocent** - and then sinned. The following passages are usually understood as referencing Satan: “*You were in Eden, the Garden of God ... You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created - until unrighteousness was found in you ... You were internally filled with violence and you sinned ... Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty* (Ezek 28:13, 15-17). “*You said in your heart ... ‘I will raise my throne above the stars of God ... I will make myself like the Most High’*” (Isa 14:13,14). This was probably the first sin. It did not surprise God. He knows “*the end from the beginning*” (Isa 41:21-23, 42:9, 44:6-8, 45:21, Rev 1:8, 22:13).

Adam was created in God's image (Gen 1:26,27). Initially, he was free of sin. But, God allowed Satan access to an innocent Adam and Eve in the Garden. Had they been perfect, Satan's "influences" would have failed. But, the fallen angel prevailed. With Adam's rebellion, monumental changes were ushered into this world. Here are a couple. God decided that Adam's "gift" to billions of descendants would be ... to inherit a sin nature. But, there was another "gain." Satan was granted enough dominion by God to be called, "the god of this world" (2Cor 4:4). And, he brought his legions.

God allowed these disasters in both orders, but is Himself innocent of wrongdoing. "God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed **by his own lusts**" (Ja 1:13-15). Every sinful creature will acknowledge this at The Judgment - "even he who did not keep his soul alive" (Ps 22:29 and Isa 45:23,24). Our Creator will emerge from this ... perfect.

### **More On The Angels**

Satan is the dragon in Revelation 12 whose "tail swept away a third of heaven." Many think this means that one third of the angels rebelled with him (Rev 12:3-9). My guess is that God created a finite number of angels and they do not reproduce (Mt 22:30).

It may be that all the angels could have joined the rebellion ... but only some did. If that is true, it is possible that at a certain point, the unpolluted angels were confirmed in righteousness forever. On the other hand, Michael, Gabriel and the rest, may have been locked in as righteous from the start as "His chosen angels" (1Tim 5:21). But whatever the case, I believe the angels "who kept their place" credit God for that - or else they too would have gone Satan's way. It is doubtful they consider themselves "superior angels" (See Jude 9). Do you think they believe they can keep their own selves free from sin - by their own power - for eternity? But my point here - I think Satan's angelic ranks has hit its limit. There will be no increase.

### **God's Opportunity**

With this setting and reality, God made some determinations. Since He is still the ultimate Ruler, He can impose His will - at will. "Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth ..." (Ps 135:6). For starters, it appears the fallen angels are so heavily accountable that no remedy for their rebellion will ever be extended. But, with man, God decided to mount a "rescue operation." But, how could He navigate this sea of sin and righteously work with fallen man, redeem him, and not violate His own demands for justice? How could He be active in this trough ... remain unsullied ... and still dominantly impose His will? These are "things into which angels long to look" (1Pet 1:12).

In this complex scenario, God revealed many things about Himself. But, some of these "scenes" are one time events. For example, I do not believe He will ever prepare another body for Himself, enter into that order of creatures - and allow them to murder Him. That is who

Jesus is - and exactly what He did. Through that death, God could extend mercy - with justice being met. He requires life for sin - and when He gave His own (that had no guilt of sin upon it), He could apply it against my guilt. That is why I say, "*Jesus died for me.*" He died to pay for my sins. This is an act of undeserved - yet needed - *mercy*. The act of the cross is laced with inexhaustible depths of wisdom, compassion, righteousness, justice and power that I believe will be on open display for eternity. But the act itself will be a once in eternity event.

A fallen creation presents occasions for God to reveal other things, too. For example, as "*the god of this world*" how did Satan's rule go? Maybe this fallen age will stand as an eternal demonstration (and warning) of what kind of rule comes from a creature who wants to be God. And look at the children he fathered ... us! You know, the Pharisees did not like being told their father was the devil either (Jn 8:44). Morally responsible creatures out from under the moral jurisdiction of the true and living God produce an age of violence, perversities and death.

***"I Don't Like This! I Never Asked to be Born!"***

Well, I'm not so thrilled either. But, if my suspicions are accurate, can you stop God? His only restriction is that He cannot, and will not, violate His moral character.

*"... He does according to His will in the host of heaven (angels) and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His Hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?'"* (Dan 4:35).

*"For the Lord of Hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His outstretched Hand, who can turn it back?"* (Isa 14:27).

*"Even from eternity, I am He; and there is none who can deliver out of My Hand; I act and who can reverse it?"* (Isa 43:13).

*"I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted"* (Job 42:2).

*"... our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases"* (Ps 115:3).

Also read Job 9:1-12, Isaiah 45:9 and Romans 9:10-22.

**Conclusion**

I believe this situation of fallen moral creatures will prove to be a once in eternity, limited event. Sin will only be a reality in two created orders - angels and man. Any other orders (assuming there are, or will be, others) will never be so affected. I realize, some of you may not like what I have forwarded here. But, if you have a better answer as to why a perfect God created imperfect beings ... well, I'm listening.

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