

“Know your enemy.” We’ve all heard these words of wisdom that have guided military leaders as well as people in all walks of life. As we look at this crazy world today where truth is false and up is down, how do we make sense of it all? What’s going on, and exactly what’s driving this madness?

It’s not a secret really if you think about it. The process to the solution is similar to one that leads directly to a creator. Questions move from complex life forms to primitive, to slime, to matter. But where did matter come from?

Taking that same approach, if we start with the person espousing the error and move to the person or organization enabling and directing him, we eventually make our way back to the true source. Ron decided to try this approach when he spoke with a candidate in our district for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ours is a “safe district” for the Democrat incumbent. Indeed, he won again as usual. But before the election, Ron quizzed the challenger. “Who’s pulling the strings of the incumbent?” His answer was, “Nancy Pelosi.” Ron continued. “And who’s pulling her strings?” “Chuck Schumer,” he said. Okay, Ron had him moving in the right direction.

“And who’s directing Chuck Schumer?” The candidate said, “The Democrat Party.”

“Who’s pulling their strings?” “The establishment.”

“And the establishment?” “The deep state.”

“And who is pulling the strings of the deep state?”

He paused, and then replied, “George Soros, globalists, and the New World Order.”

“And who’s behind those guys?”

Again he paused and thought before coming to the realization of who is the true Adversary.

“Satan,” he said.

In *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy meanders along a treacherous path to finally reach the Emerald City and stand before the terrifying Oz. Then, her dog, Toto, revealed the man behind the curtain as very ordinary and unimpressive. The great and powerful Oz was neither. Satan too is a fake. Although he seeks to be a king and a God, he’s neither God nor even man.

In the Bible, there’s another famous curtain. When Jesus died, the curtain in the temple that separated man from God was rent from top to bottom – symbolizing the free access that Jesus Christ provides man to God. Satan, the father of lies and minister of death who caused the separation, was defeated by the God man, Jesus Christ.

But, if Satan is defeated, why must we put up with Him? God is using him for His purposes and will deal with him when the time is right. In the meantime, Christians can enlist “the whole armor of God” to take him on. So this Christmas, let’s focus not on the chaos that surrounds us but instead on the One who came to earth to vanquish the enemy. We can take comfort that because of Him, truth and righteousness will ultimately endure:

The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
(Proverbs 10:30)

Merry Christmas!
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