

CHAPTER 6

Beyond the Experience of Death

(The Sixth World Age, 6 = Waw, "connect")

**Do people have two birthdays?
What happens when we die?
Will we meet up with the Judge?
What about angels and/or demons?
Is Hell like the bar down the street, only hotter?**

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People have Two Birthdays

The Bible teaches something extraordinary: people were created to have two birthdays. How is that possible?

We are all familiar with our natural birthday in the flesh or *Daleth* (seven-based) dimension, but the second birthday takes place when and if a person is born into the *Heh* (five-based) dimension. The Bible refers to this second birth as being "born again" by God's Holy Spirit. The process begins when one receives the Spirit in faith, which cannot be seen yet because it happened in the *Heh* dimension outside the realm of our five senses. (John 3:5-8)

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Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God! That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew. The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 3:5-8, ASV)

This latter reality is invisible on earth because if and when it takes place, it happens on the other side. If you do not become a Christian, then your second birthday will take place in front of the Great White Throne that appears at the end of the *Daleth* dimension. Remember there is another resurrection of all the remaining dead after the 1,000-year reign of Jesus and the resurrected saints. All people who have ever lived will be judged, and all of the unrepentant will die in the lake of fire, which is the second death.

Consequently, people have two birthdays, but we will experience either one or two deaths. This is the system God has put in place for mortals, whether you agree with it or not. When you are born again in God's Spirit, your assurance of the future resurrection is accomplished by your faith, which is your signature to God's new covenant. God will keep his promise, and the second death will have no power over you because life will be inherent within you as a spring of living water. (Revelation 20:6; John 7:37-39)

The Butterfly Story

I am really amazed how these two books turned out. When I started writing, I only had a vague idea about wanting to share the good news of God's plan for humanity. What I read in the Bible I never heard in church, and it is too good not to share. As I researched and wrote, I discovered many new concepts as well as new ways to apply them to Scripture. While not the only way to look at some of the unusually complex subjects in the Bible and its prophecies, the analogical tools and multiple perspectives offered in these pages will serve you well. With God's help your understanding of his purposes for your life and the world around us will grow.

And so I want to give you a story from nature that teaches us about God's program of two birthdays for humans. Our lives are like that of a

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butterfly. The butterfly's life cycle is unique among all the other critters, and examining its developmental stages will help to explain **why** we are here on this planet, **where** we go after death, and **what** is eternal life all about?

The butterfly has two life cycles or two major development stages. The butterfly starts out with a wormlike caterpillar stage, and I compare it to our mortal life on this earth in the *Daleth* dimension. At the end of the caterpillar stage, it spins a cocoon where it experiences an apparent death before being transformed into a beautiful butterfly.

When it emerges from its own prison, this little insect wears a body designed for a totally different environment and purpose. We get excited when we see its splendor. Its beautiful, colorful wings are almost angelic. This part of the butterfly's lifecycle symbolizes the *Heh* dimension reality for believers after death. It hints at how beautiful our eternal life existence will be. The saints will experience something that we have never encountered before - just like a butterfly. Think about how it must be for the new butterfly that enters a whole new environment when it soars through the sky (*Heh* dimension - the universe) that first time instead of crawling around on some twig. Humans will experience a similar transformation when their physical bodies die. After mortal life ends, eternal life will seem to be a brand new creation.

In the caterpillar stage of the butterfly's life cycle it feeds and hides in trees or bushes. It is in constant danger that its life will be terminated by one of its many natural enemies. Considering a caterpillar's predators, sickness and natural catastrophes like rain, heat and wind, it is a miracle that any of them ever become butterflies. In parallel we too experience pain, trial, sickness and tribulations on our journey in the *Daleth* dimension.

Scientists¹ tell us that the wasp is the butterfly's worst nightmare. The female wasp can inject up to 60 eggs inside the plump body of a caterpillar without it really being aware of what has happened. There is no pain. The caterpillar does not know it, but the seeds of its destruction were quickly implanted within its body. The poetic side of me thinks that God designed a lesson into this ecological drama that we can apply in our own lives.

The eggs inside the caterpillar hatch as tiny maggots that feed off of the caterpillar's life juices. They do not damage the main internal organs essential to maintaining the caterpillar's life. As parasites, they simply

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suck the biological energy out of the living caterpillar until they have matured themselves. Before the caterpillar enters the cocoon stage, the fully developed maggots break out of the host caterpillar's body to be born as wasps and to repeat the cycle.

The poetic side of me discovers a allegory where the female wasp is like Satan, who infects humans by injecting evil into them. Following this analogy, the wasp eggs are like temptations that one does not resist. Eventually these temptations "hatch" to become the sin maggots that that consume us from within. The infecting wasp maggots are like the bits of evil that naturally indwell humans. The Bible calls these bits of evil "sin." For a long time everything may seem normal on the outside of our lives, but internally our biological and spiritual lifeforce is drained to debilitation and death by the spiritual maggots of our sins.

Like the unsuspecting caterpillar destined to die in agony when the maggots mature and erupt from its body, most people will be painfully shocked when they are forced to face the consequences of their hidden "maggots." Sins not abandoned and covered by the blood of Jesus erupt without warning in our external lives for all to see even as they destroy us from within. Instead of effortlessly turning into a spiritual butterfly of some kind, people infected by sin never make the change. They remain caterpillars that suddenly experience a deadly crisis after it is too late to neutralize or extract the maggots.

I find the reported fact that the wasp lays 60 eggs symbolically significant because the number 60 conveys the concept of "snake" or "serpent" in Hebrew. Satan is the serpent who deceives people; he is the originator of deceptive evil or the "father of lies" in the universe. (John 8:44) Satan can only infect us with sin in the *Daleth* dimension. Beyond this present time and place he no longer has any power over human beings. But the damage done will change the next stage of the human beings' spiritual lifecycle unless a person repents and humbly seizes the loving grace of God's promises through the Son in faith.

Only the miracle of Jesus' salvation can remove the maggots of sin from us so that we might realize our full potential as butterflies with wings to soar. At the believers' resurrection God will rearrange our material bodies as he transforms them into the metaphysical ones of the *Heh* dimension so that we can live in the beautiful meadow of eternity, radiant in a glorious kaleidoscope of color.

The caterpillar stage of a butterfly's life is followed by the cocoon stage where the caterpillar seems to be dead during his transformation into an adult butterfly. This transformation is hidden out of sight by some kind of enclosure: the caterpillar disappears from the world of the living.

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After the time of waiting passes the cocooned caterpillar experiences a kind of new birth and emerges as a butterfly. The butterfly is designed for and lives in a new universe. No longer an ugly worm that once crawled on a bush, it is now an insect with beautiful wings that can fly high in the sky. It lives in a totally new world flying from flower to flower.

Prior to the cocoon there is nothing in the caterpillar's appearance that would indicate its potential to be transformed into a butterfly. Many worms and slugs remain worms and slugs even as they reproduce and multiply. How could a novice observer expect a beautiful butterfly to emerge from the dead body of a caterpillar? It is only by observing the entire lifecycle that we can come to expect its later life form.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead demonstrated in eternal power the potential beyond this mortal life that God has planned for people. Jesus' manner of life, death and resurrection gives us hope. The Bible records hundreds of living witnesses to the fact of his conquest of death as does the initial history of the church, which faced hundreds of years of persecution that was overcome through peaceful, sacrificial living by faithful disciples in love.

The caterpillar has another predator, an unnatural one that threatens its potential to become a butterfly. By analogy, I refer to the scientist who collects caterpillars for various experiments. The caterpillars are put into a carton and fed under controlled conditions until they cocoon. As the butterflies emerge, they find themselves trapped in a dark box instead of being able to fly about freely. The scientist may now expose them to chemicals purposely, perhaps testing new pesticides so that the voracious caterpillars can be controlled.

When I was young, I used to see thousands of butterflies in the meadow near my home. Now they seem to have disappeared. They suffered from an apocalypse of poisonous insecticide attacks at the hands of giant, godlike creatures (humans) who, like Satan, seek to deny, distort and destroy all that God has created. We have very nearly succeeded in exterminating most of the butterflies as well as all kinds of plants and many other creatures small and large.

I compare the scientist's controlled enclosures to what Jesus called the "outer darkness" of hell. Satan and his agents are like the predator scientists who only have one thing in mind, to catch as many caterpillars or butterflies as possible for the purpose of destruction. They are studied and destroyed so that pesticides can be developed to destroy them more efficiently.

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Similarly, Satan and the demons work feverously to destroy God's plan for humanity and his Creation. They have studied human nature with intense interest with the purpose of learning and implementing the most efficient agents of destruction with the most exacting accuracy. Satan and the demons hate the Creator with all their being because they are permanently broken and incapable of forgiveness. They cannot submit willingly, but they will be forced to their own pre-planned destruction with the exacting and inevitable justice of God's omnipotence. They have no escape to the annihilation of nothingness except as God permits.

Thankfully, God has made better provision for us mortals. Fallible human "caterpillars" can and will escape the apocalyptic trap that God has permitted Satan to set. Sinners can even escape when caught in the net if we will only take refuge and believe God's provision of grace as stated in the Bible. There is no sin he will not forgive if we truly repent and sincerely seek to abandon it. Only when we are too proud to ask for forgiveness do we tie his hands from saving us.

Unlike the newly transformed butterflies that still face predators, the resurrected and transformed saints will be eternally secure in the omnipotence of the Kingdom of God. But not everyone who dies will experience a second birth into the heavenly dimension of glory. Some are born into the regions of "outer darkness."

In my books I state that God does not usually intervene in the affairs of the *Daleth* dimension because he gave authority over it to Adam and his descendants. But Adam and Eve surrendered that dominion to Satan as a result of his deceit. Through faith in Jesus, God freely offers us a way to escape from the consequences of Adam's original sin. We can be resurrected into the golden freedom of the *Heh* dimension with an eternal purpose. Without him we can only fearfully, and perhaps defiantly, await our permanent end in the lake of fire.

My books have told you the story. It is up to you to decide where you are going to wake up after your cocoon death. Where will your "butterfly" stage of life be spent? Free in the garden or shut up in a box of suffering unto death?

God's Wrath against Man's Godlessness

"The only certain things about life are death and taxes." That's the commonly accepted wisdom of this age. Only knowledge of a very complicated reality can take away all of the doubt and confusion that entangle our lives. Find out the rules from God's perspective and act wisely according to the wisdom of eternity while there is still time.

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God has a standard by which he will judge unrepentant sinners. In our modern world we have lost sight of the guidelines that should be used to determine right and wrong. We even have laws that protect evildoers. God will bless us if we follow the rules he has laid down.

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (Romans 1:18-20)

The educational system today teaches evolutionary theories that are proclaimed as science. These theories attempt to explain the beginning of the world and mankind while denying the Creator. The proponents of evolution willfully choose to ignore the thousands of scientific facts that are contradictory to their beliefs.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. (Romans 1:21-23)

The people who promote the theory of evolution have one thing in common: they are all mortal. Many of the scientists I used to work with on hi-tech projects in the advanced research laboratories of major corporations are gone. They are dead and departed. Their textbooks are obsolete as are most of their inventions. As an example, God said in above verse that our scientifically educated fools exchanged a historical belief in a living God for a theory of dead apes as distant relatives. How low can you sink?

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were

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inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossipers, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Romans 1:24-31)

In my forty years of working in upper management I had a great deal of exposure to corporate greed, corruption, lying and deceit. The attitude of political correctness that accepts gay marriage in America and elsewhere in the world will only be short lived. It will end in judgment full of eternal curses and regret for those who mouthed it.

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:32)

Outer Darkness, Purgatory, *Fegefeuer*

Different degrees of sinfulness must be addressed. How, for example, will God judge people who murdered innocent children?

Jesus told stories that indicate the existence of an in-between state of consciousness called outer darkness. This is where wicked servants are placed until they have paid their debt in full. The Roman Catholic Church calls this place "purgatory." The Germans call it *Fegefeuer*.

The Greek word for this dimensionless space is *Hades*. It is basically a waiting room where people wait to be called to their final destination. This is the place we call hell or the "fiery furnace." (This should not be confused with the lake of fire, which is a final destination where every substance of existence is eliminated.)

But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 8:12)

They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:42)

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This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:49-50) [My book, *The Mystery of Tammuz 17*, describes those four death angels in detail explaining how they will separate the righteous from the evil people.]

God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment. (2Peter 2:4)

God created man in his image. Although tempered in a finite, earthly environment and tainted with sin, we should reflect something of his nature. He is light in the darkness. He is righteous, forgiving and merciful. As he is, so should we be also.

This raises the question, "What about people like Hitler or Stalin and the other mass murders or war mongers of history?"

People are born with free will. Each person has the choice to become saved or to be defiant and hateful toward God. In order to be saved, man must acknowledge that he has done evil, confess his sins, and ask God for mercy.

Jesus taught that Hades has an upper side and a lower side, with a huge canyon or gulf between them that cannot be bridged. He told the story of a poor beggar named Lazarus and a rich man. (Luke 16:19-31) Both woke up and found themselves on "the other side." One was comforted, enjoying good fellowship; the other experienced panic, fear and the recognition that he was doomed. The one in darkness was waiting for his final judgment, and he knew that the burning lake was his destiny.

The Lord punishes those who are rebellious and evil, and he will not let those people inherit heaven. They will not fit there. They would not enjoy being there and would only cause trouble because of their unrepentant opposition to God. Therefore, he must send these people to hell, which is a place where condemned sinners will recognize their shortcomings in light of God's standard.

But our loving God will not torture his created beings forever. He is merciful and does not take pleasure in the sinner's doom. The second death, therefore, is a complete cessation of life, where the soul-spirit is annihilated.

Man is given two choices:

1. Mercy unto death.

2. Mercy unto life.

Rewards for the Righteous

The Bible speaks of five different crowns given to express special honors as rewards for righteous deeds accomplished on earth. These heavenly crowns follow the pattern of the Hebrew numbering system and the comparison to the hand (the one being over the other four). They will all be given on "the other side."

The first belongs to Jesus Christ (the thumb of the hand). He exchanged his crown of thorns for a golden one when he ascended to heaven after his death. The other four crowns (the four fingers on the hand) are given to the saints who honored Christ in "this world in this time."

1. Crown of the King of Kings (Revelation 14:14; 19:12)
2. Crown of Righteousness (2Timothy 4:8)
3. Crown of Life (Revelation 2:10; 3:10)
4. Crown of Glory (1Peter 5:4)
5. Crown of Salvation (1Corinthians 9:25).

John describes a meeting in heaven at which the saints will remove their crowns and place them before the throne, signifying that they understand they do not merit such honor. They give God praise, thanking him for his love and mercy.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back . . . Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:6, 8-11)

At the end of Apostle Paul's journey shortly before he was executed, he wrote one last letter to his friends - the book of 2Timothy:

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The time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing. (2Timothy 4:6-8)

For each good deed man does in God's name he will receive a reward in Heaven that I call "mercy chips" from God. Good deeds will not save us; Jesus' atoning blood did that. However, the souls who enter the new heaven with their rewards (their "mercy chips") will receive recognition for the good things they have done on earth.

When the saints begin their lives in heaven, they will have to come to terms with their past and the pains inflicted upon them by people who caused them harm on earth. These redeemed souls, reflecting the merciful nature of God, will forgive those who have hurt them. They will give "mercy chips" to those who are doomed being condemned to outer darkness.

These acts of mercy express their desire to forgive the debts owed them by their earthly enemies. The mercy chips given to the doomed souls will be placed at the feet of the guardian angel standing at the edge of the lake of fire. That gift from the saints given to lost mortals will shorten their stay in hell.

How Do Condemned Souls Pay for their Deeds?

The condemned souls in hell must repent and acknowledge that they have done wrong and seek forgiveness from those they have transgressed. They must go through the process of collecting "mercy chips" from everyone they have sinned against. They will remain in hell until every debt is paid and every individual they have harmed has given them a "mercy chip." The longer they wait to confess their sins and ask for forgiveness, the longer they will remain in hell.

When they have collected "mercy chips" for all their transgressions and received forgiveness for all their misdeeds, they will go to the angel of death who stands guard at the entrance of the fiery lake. Since during their earthly lives they refused to acknowledge Christ's death for their salvation, they have no chance to enter heaven. They can only request "mercy unto death." This will be their final opportunity to escape eternal torture, loneliness, darkness, life without purpose and total depravity.

When the unbeliever finally acknowledges that he was sinful and concedes to forgive his fellow man, he will make the journey to the

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death angel. God's mercy will grant him his request. He will be thrown into the lake of fire, which is the second death.

Collecting mercy chips to escape hell sounds too simplistic and may not be an easy task. The mortals in Hades share the same place with evil angels. These demons and unclean spirits from before the time of Noah's Flood are horrible creatures. Previously in history, they united with rebellious and evil people to form an invisible alliance in opposition to God's plan, but in the underworld they are deadly enemies. Many lost mortals will be shocked to find out that the conflict between good and evil continues unabated with no end in sight. Most people's wishful thinking assumes that death stops everything. No one prepared them for what they must face in Hades.

The demons know they will finish last in the order of God's plan. Their existence will continue until all mortals have disappeared in judgment, so they will do anything to prevent mortals from forgiving one another and collecting mercy chips. Interrupting the process of reconciliation gives them extensions on their lives. So they will intercept every transaction to prevent any mortal from escaping out of that cursed, evil, foul smelling and totally repulsive place.

The principle of good versus evil applies even in hell because every lost mortal must demonstrate mercy to get out from his place of torment. Each created soul is under the law of nature with embedded characteristics of a divine potential. Received at birth, the spirit of mortal life connects every person with the divine breath of God similar to what was received by Adam. Every human being has been created with the imprint of the image of God.

One of God's character traits is mercy. That is a potential trait that indwells all mortals - redeemed and unredeemed alike. It is what makes us human as opposed to diabolic demons and evil spirits. As the willingness of the lost mortals comes to the point of exchanging mercy chips, this battle will intensify and continue until even Hitler and Stalin have collected all their mercy chips and the last human soul has departed to the lake of fire.

This hellish battle of good and evil will take a long, long time. Jesus warned His generation many times about this place of torment where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Most people refuse to accept the pardon that Jesus Christ offers for free, but God's grace requires that unregenerate sinner to pay all they own, including their very souls.

After all the lost mortals escape from hell and are mercifully thrown into the lake of fire, all the evil angels will be cast into the lake as well until

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the last one, the chief of all angels - Satan, remains. He will be the last one in hell. God will ask him, "Where are your people, the multitudes who followed you, then left you willingly? Where are the angels who from prehistoric times were subservient to you? Why are you alone? This place is empty. Where is the promise of your accomplishments?"

You had the seal of perfection, created with wisdom and perfect beauty. Every precious stone adorned your body. I positioned you in the highest honored place, an anointed cherub who covered and you walked in the midst of fiery stones exalted above the stars -until you corrupted your heart and were filled with violence so that you sinned. I cast you to the ground, and I put you before kings that they may see your end. (Ezekiel 28:12-19)

"You have slain your own people. Where are they now to comfort you? You destroyed what I created. In your hatred toward me you perverted everything that was good. Where are the results of your big plans for the universe? Can you present to me anything that will endure forever?"

This final confrontation with Satan will be broadcast to every place in heaven for all to see how the mighty one has fallen and come to his end. The angel of death will grasp the devil and throw him into the fiery lake.

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. (Revelation 20:14-15)

Hades (hell) will then be empty and no longer exist.

The Lord is faithful to all his promises
and loving toward all he has made.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving toward all he has made.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him,

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but all the wicked He will destroy.
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever. (Psalm 145:13-21)

The Number 666

For generations Christians have wondered about the number 666. There have been many interpretations in the past. I will add another one for your consideration.

The apostle John saw a "beast coming out of the earth," which we identified as the Antichrist, "the man of lawlessness" who will appear during the last half of the Apocalypse:

Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. (Revelation 13:11 NRSV)

In Revelation 13:16-18 this beast is personified with the number 666 and is identified with Satan residing in an incarnated human body. This strange coexistence of a heavenly being within a human person has only one other similar correlation in history: the Lord Jesus. This passage states that the number must be calculated in order to become a reality:

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six. (Revelation 13:16-18 NRSV)

The number 666 contains three digits, which represent three domains. The first domain is outside our world somewhere in the universe where God lives. God is surrounded by angels, which are on a higher level than man. Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said they are greater in power and might than we are. (2Peter 2:11)

The Antichrist of the last half of the Apocalypse will become an in-between creature - an angel-man, who operates on a separate level than either angels or humans. God did not create this deviant state of both *Daleth* and *Heh* dimensions merged as one, and He condemns it.

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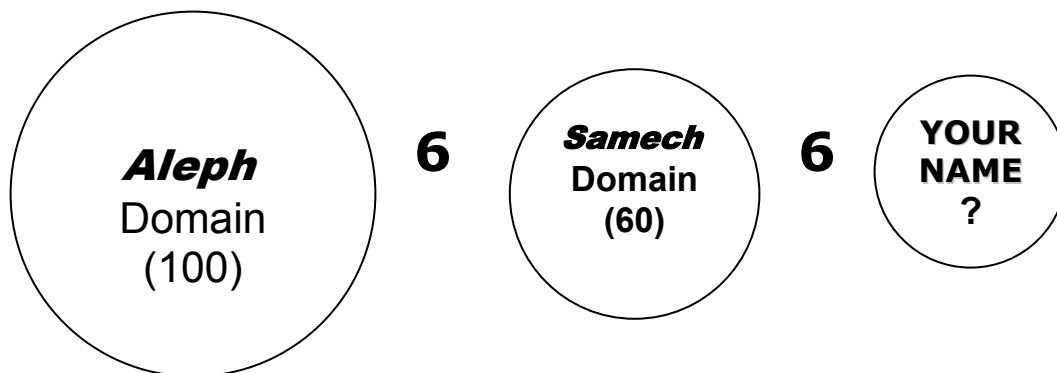
As a matter of fact the angel-men that existed before the Flood are presently chained in the underworld waiting the final judgment day. They will all be destroyed without mercy. They cannot ever be redeemed. They are outside of God's permissible will, being the spiritual cancers of creation.

And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great Day. (Jude 6 NRSV)

Let me sum up the statements made in the book of Revelation regarding the Antichrist who bears this mysterious number:

1. A future world government system will come out of the earth. ("The earth" represents a specific number of people who can be numbered.)
2. A king (a human body indwelt by Satan, identified with two horns, symbolizing divine attributes), identified as the Antichrist, will govern that system.
3. The whole world will be astonished. Since they have never witnessed a resurrection, they will follow this leader blindly.
4. The world's educational system will still teach that heaven does not exist, nor do angels. Consequently, it is ludicrous to believe in Satan (a mythical figure). The so-called war in Heaven, where he is supposed to be cast out, is seen as just a fable.
5. The people within this world religious and political system will blaspheme God and slander His name.

The Hebrew numbering system writes the number 666 as $(100 \times 6) + 60 + 6$. The three domains represented could be compared graphically using three circles: an outer circle, a middle one and a center. If we pull the circles apart, the three domains could be displayed as follows:



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The First Circle

The first and biggest circle is the *Aleph* domain. It contains the number one hundred (100), which can be expressed as 10^2 . The little two (2) means "squared." Property is recorded in square feet. When you purchase property, your name is added to the deed, which identifies you as the owner of that domain.

The Hebrew numbering systems identifies the number one (1) with *Aleph*, meaning "the eternal, infinite God." The three digits in the number 100 indicate that it belongs to the third domain, which is the highest. This is the domain where God lives.

The Hebrew numbering system identifies the number two (2) with *Beth*, which means "house." The two (2) in this formula (10^2) expresses that God, who is infinite unapproachable light, reveals Himself in the *Beth* dimension: the physical universe, which is our home.

The First Bridge

The number six (6) between the first two circles is like a bridge connecting the two domains. The number six represents *waw*, which means "connect" but can also mean "manifestation of sin" or "weakness of men." This illustrates the idea of God crossing a bridge to enter the time dimension in order to be linked with the domain of Satan. This reveals His purpose for this fallen world of sin and corruption.

The Middle Circle

The middle circle contains the number sixty (60), which means *Samech*, the serpent. This circle represents Satan's domain, which is on earth where we live and die. In the Garden of Eden, Satan walked upright before the highest throne in heaven. After the fall of man his domain (the earth) became cursed, and he had to walk on his belly and eat dust. (Genesis 3:14) He is now invisible on earth, but his influence is everywhere. According to the first prophecy of the Bible, a foot (Jesus Christ) will crush his head.

The Second Bridge

The second number six (6) connects Satan's domain with humanity.

The Last Circle

Notice that the last circle is empty. There is no number there because it is still being created. The structure of the number 666 cannot be fully

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calculated yet because it is missing something. Let's find the missing link.

666 or 888?

If your name is recorded in the Book of Life, you have been given a special name by God Himself. (Revelation 20:11-15) Each letter of your name has a corresponding number value attached to it. If you have a special God-given name, the empty circle at the end of the above diagram can be filled in with the numerical value for that name. Adding this number to 666 will change it to 888, a number beyond the dominion of Satan and outside the judgment of that domain.

Jesus' name in Greek is spelled *IESOUS*. The numerical equivalents of the letters are as follows:

I = 10
E = 8
S = 200
O = 70
U = 400
S = 200
888

The number eight (8) means "a new beginning." The number 888 represents a new beginning on three levels, a coming together of all God has planned for the world. This number means "the first resurrection saints." Jesus said that He is the resurrection and the life. No one can come to the GodFather but by Him.

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life.

And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

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This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15 NRSV)

The last pages of the Bible speak of books being opened. If your name is recorded in the Book of Life, your corresponding number (888) will be the same number as Jesus' name and a coming together of all He has planned.

This special number will qualify you to enter the great blessings of the future world. You will become one with God, just as Jesus said, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." (John 14:10 NRSV) Since all true believers are children of God, we will be materially transformed into an eternal substance becoming unified with God, the Creator of all.

Is Your Name in the Book?

If your name is not recorded in the Book of Life, you will not have a new name. You will be nameless in the spiritual dimension. Your last circle remains empty. Therefore your number is 666, the beast's number, and you will join him in the second death.

Understanding the number 666 is a matter of life and death for each person on earth. The Bible proclaims with urgency that men need to respond to God and receive mercy before it is too late. No one will have an excuse. Every knee shall bow and acknowledge Him.

I gladly bow now before my Creator, of my own free will and thank Him for His indescribable gift:

Eternal Life!