

"Declaration of Independence From the Devil"  
adapted from the original 1776 U.S. Declaration of Independence  
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When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for any persons to dissolve the spiritual bands which have connected them with the evil power known as the devil, and to assume among the people of the earth, the special and righteous station to which the word of God and the blood of Jesus entitles them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, because God is no respecter of persons, and that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, because God is good and God is love and God loves all people and wants all people to enjoy all His blessings!

To secure these blessings, people try all kinds of ways to make themselves happy, and they are guided in that pursuit and in seeking fulfillment, meaning and comfort for their lives by two forces: the forces of God and the forces of the devil.

When enough time has passed in their lives, they can recognize which force has produced for them lasting peace, joy, health and prosperity, and which force has only come to steal, kill, destroy and mess up their minds. Recognizing that one Force produces life in all of its goodness, and the other force produces death in all of its decay, they can choose life and cut all ties to the author of death. They can choose to confess that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is their Lord, and they can choose to declare that their ties to the devil are forever and completely broken!

To keep themselves from slipping back into sin and all of its snares, they can remind themselves as necessary of all that satan has done to torment them and their ancestors, so that they will lose all desire to ever consider falling back under the devil's tyranny. The history of the devil is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over all mankind. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

The devil was created to lead worship in heaven, but got the Big Head and decided he would ascend to the throne of God and be like the Most High. He created strife in heaven and convinced other angelic forces to join his rebellion. For all this he was cast out of heaven and his angels with him.

At that point the devil came down to the earth having great wrath, knowing that he only has a short time before he shall be

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cast into the lake of fire, hell and brimstone; thus he has endeavored to bring hell on the earth and take as many people to hell with him as he can.

Words cannot fully describe how vile and vicious his attacks have been. Suffice it to say that he is the father of lies and the source of all iniquity, including sickness, poverty, racism and all other forms of suffering and strife.

In the garden of Eden he lied to Adam and Eve and stole their rightful authority as God's underrulers on this planet. Using Adam's lease he became the god of this world who blinds the minds of them which believe not the gospel, and with their unwitting cooperation he continues to use their authority to resist the purposes of God in the earth.

As soon as Adam and Eve were out of the garden, the devil got one of their sons, Cain, to kill his brother, Abel, and folks have been killing each other at the devil's urging ever since.

Before the flood of Noah, he brought mankind into total and wicked degradation, so that only one family was left serving God with any common decency, and they were spared alive in the ark when the devil and his sin brought death in the form of the great flood over all the earth, which flood killed all the people and creatures left behind.

At the tower of Babel the devil deceived mankind into some kind of weird spiritual rebellion, whereby they endeavored to build a tower to heaven for the purpose of joining the devil in his arrogant presumption against God, and so their languages were confused and separated so that the different races of men were isolated from one another and spread over all the face of the earth.

The devil came against all the people of God throughout history, including Abraham and his nephew Lot who chose to live in Sodom and Gomorrah where the devil got the people there wanting to rape angels, thinking they were just men, and so both towns were overthrown with fire and brimstone as once again the devil and his sin brought forth death on the earth.

The devil got Joseph's brothers to sell him into slavery, but God spared him alive and then used him to provide food for his brothers in the time of famine, once again brought by the devil to afflict the people of God.

The devil got Pharaoh to put the whole Israel nation into slavery in Egypt until God raised up Moses to let God's people go, but even then the devil hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he pursued after the children of Israel to put them back into

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slavery, until the waters of the Red Sea closed over his head and he was washed up on the shore with his army--another tribute to the devil's schemes.

Throughout the Old Testament, the devil brought stealing, killing and destroying through war, pestilence, famine and plague. In the book of Job he brought fear that opened the door for him to then take Job's kids and all his cattle and even Job's own health until Job prayed for his friends, and the Lord was then able to turn his captivity and bring him out of the snare of the devil and restore to him much more than what he had before.

In the New Testament the devil came to tempt Jesus after first trying to get him killed as a baby. Eventually the devil got Jesus crucified, not knowing that through death Jesus would destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil, and deliver us who through fear of death were all our lifetime subject to bondage.

But now we are established in righteousness and far from oppression because we have no fear and we are far from terror and it shall not come near us, because no weapon formed against us shall prosper and every tongue led by the devil that raises up against us for no good reason shall be proven wrong, for this is our heritage as servants and children of the Lord and our righteousness is of God in Christ through the blood of Jesus that has overcome the devil and given us peace and truth and a new creation of spiritual life and light in our hearts, such that we are now kings and priests unto God as a part of the body of Christ and we shall never be brought back under the yoke of the devil's tyranny, because the Spirit of the Lord is upon us because He has anointed us to preach His Word that meets every need, and by that anointing the yoke of satan's oppression is utterly and completely destroyed so that it cannot be reconstructed or reimposed on us ever again--Hallelujah!

Now we know the truth and the truth has made us free, and we declare ourselves to be totally free and independent of all the devil's influence and we rebuke him and renounce him and cut off all ties that have ever existed between us and him. And in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ we command the devil to Go!--Come out!--and Stay Far Away!--from our lives, our families, our church, our nation and our world.

We declare ourselves off limits for the devil and all of his evil spirits, but we declare ourselves to be one spirit with the Lord who inhabits us as His Holy temple and who now sends us forth to take the light of His Word to all the nations, so that we shine forth now as fireworks lighting up the night sky, except that we fade not away, but our path is like the shining light of day that grows brighter and brighter, and lo our redemption draws

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nigh and the lamb is the light of that glorious city on high  
where we'll never grow old and never more cry or weep except for  
joy at being forever in the presence of the Lord! To God Be The  
Glory!

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