Who is the Devil according to Yeshua / Jesus?

- **Identifying the Devil**
  - In John 8:44 Yeshua identifies who the devil is with several descriptors
    - It appears at first glance he's referring to Yahweh, the God of the Jews
  - Except that's contrary to the teachings of Judaism and Christianity
    - The majority view in Christianity is Yahweh is the Supreme God
  - Let's find out who Yeshua was actually referring to
- **Yeshua's conversation with the Pharisees on the Devil (Satan) John 8**
  - **A**
    - They answered and said, "Abraham is our father." Yeshua replied, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. But you are seeking to kill me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. You are doing the deeds of your father." John 8:39-41
      - Them: Abraham is our Father
      - Yeshua: If Abraham was your father, you wouldn't be trying to kill me
      - Yeshua: You're doing the deeds of your real father
  - **B**
    - They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God." Yeshua replied to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come from God, I have not come on my own initiative, but he sent Me. John 8:41-42
      - Them: God/Yahweh is our only father
      - Yeshua: If the true God were your father, you would love me because he sent me
      - If they were referring to any other God than Yahweh, the God they were making sacrifices to, these religious teachers would be blaspheming, breaking the highest possible commandment:
      - #1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no gods before me.
  - **C**
    - Why do you not understand what I am saying? Is it because you cannot accept My message?

      You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.

      He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:43-44
      - Yeshua: Your father, your God, is the devil
      - Yeshua: Your God is a murderer
      - Yeshua: From the beginning
      - Yeshua: Your God is a liar
      - "From the beginning" is a reference to Genesis. Genesis means beginning. In the beginning...
  - **Summary**
    - **Pharisees**
      - Identify their only father as their God, Yahweh
        - 1 — Yahweh is our only father
    - **Yeshua**
      - Identifies the devil, Satan, with four more descriptors
        - 2 — Your father is the devil
        - 3 — He's a murderer
        - 4 — From the beginning
        - 5 — He's a liar
    - **Who then, fits this description?**
      - Only one individual in the entirety of the Biblical text meets all five criteria
      - Let's take a look at the beginning
      - Read the Garden of Eden story
- **What happened in the Beginning?**
  - **Genesis 2-3**
    - Let's take a look at the beginning
  - **Yahweh**
    - Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. Gen 2:17
      - They did not die on the day they ate the fruit at all
      - Yahweh lied
  - **The Snake**
    - You certainly won't die! Gen 3:4
      - They did not die from eating the fruit
      - The snake spoke the truth
    - God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened. You'll be like God, knowing good and evil. Gen 3:5
      - Yahweh himself confirms the snake told the truth
        - Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Gen 3:22
      - The snake spoke the truth
  - **Summary**
    - Yahweh lied to Adam & Eve
    - The snake told them the truth
- **What caused the eventual death of Adam & Eve?**
  - **The snake?**
    - The snake did not kill them
  - **The fruit?**
    - The fruit did not kill them.
  - **Yahweh?**
    - The cause of their death was being denied access to the fruit of the tree of life
      - He must not reach out and take the fruit from the tree of life and eat. Then he would live forever." So the LORD God sent the man out of the Garden of Eden. God placed angels and a flaming sword that turned in all directions to guard the way to the tree of life. Gen 3:22-24
    - Yahweh denying Adam & Eve access to the fruit of the tree of life was the first cause of any and all human death
      - Being denied access to the fruit of the tree of life to this very day, all death is the direct result of Yahweh's actions
  - **Adam's eventual death**
    - The death of Adam & Eve was eventual old age
      - He wouldn't have died if he still had access to the fruit of the tree of life
      - How long did Adam live?
        - 930 years!
    - The death of Eve isn't recorded
- **Who then is the Devil, the murdering liar?**
  - **In the Garden**
    - Yahweh
      - 4 — From the beginning
    - The snake
  - **Name**
    - Yahweh, the God of the Garden and the Hebrews
      - 1 — Yahweh is our only father
  - **Deeds**
    - Murderer
      - Yahweh was responsible for the death / murder of Adam & Eve / all humanity
        - 3 — He's a murderer
    - Liar
      - Yahweh was the only one that lied to Adam & Eve
        - 5 — He's a liar
  - **Yeshua**
    - Your father / God is the devil
      - 2 — He's the devil
- **Conclusion**
  - Yeshua unambiguously identifies Yahweh as the Devil in John 8:44
  - But wait, God can't also be the Devil!
    - Correct!
    - Yahweh is not whom Judaism or Christianity claims he is.
    - The real God, Yeshua's Father, is not Yahweh
  - If Yahweh is actually the Devil, who then is the snake?
    - Great question!
    - Nowhere in the Biblical text does it identify the snake as the Devil/Satan. It's an extra-biblical idea.
    - Christianity is full of ideas that came from Rome, not the Bible
- **Learning more...**
  - To build greater context on what happened in the Garden and to answer additional questions this study will surely raise, watch my study...
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