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## ESCHATOLOGY: This pariah dog will have to keep licking the Pentecost Phlegm—the First Supper of the Prince of the World ...

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**This pariah dog will have to keep licking the [Pentecost Phlegm](#)—the First Supper of the Prince of the World\*—off the sandals of the Savior for the rest of his life. (July 7, 2021) \*[John 12:31](#), [14:30](#) and [16:11](#)**

**Christianity is “the story of how God becomes the devil—a devil who remains with us in our ostensibly secular age.” Or is it the story of how the devil again became God on Pentecost for Christians, as he was for Jews [prior](#)? So did Jesus consciously choose crucifixion to ultimately defeat the Devil in the future Age to Come? (July 8, 2021)**

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I came across Adam Kotsko's [The Prince of This World](#), and spent two days trying to delve deeper into Jesus' unprecedented warnings about the Father:

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44

That warning has always disturbed me because the patriarchal fathers of Christianity substituted the feminine Aramaic “Spirit” or “Mother” of Jesus into the masculine Latin “Spiritus” or “Father” (biblical God). And Adam Kotsko's book turned that disturbance into something truly frightening. Honestly, I was shaken up today by what I read about the millennia-old association of the Prince of the World with the biblical God.

“And he [the Prince of this World] evolves alongside the biblical God [Old and New Testament], who at first presents himself as the liberator of the oppressed but ends up a cruel ruler who delights in the infliction of suffering on his friends and enemies alike. In other words, this is the story of how God becomes the devil—a devil who remains with us in our ostensibly secular age.” Adam Kotsko, *The Prince of This World*, 2016

“This diabolically gripping genealogy offers a stunning parable of western politics religious and secular. It tracks as has never been done before the dramatic shifts of the relation between God and the Devil—conflict, rivalry, game of mirrors, fusion. With the ironic wisdom of a postmodern Beatrice, Kotsko guides us through the sequence of hells that leads to our own.” -- Catherine Keller — *Drew University*

“The devil's visitations have been multivalent in the course of history and we should not be shocked by the reach of his wily creativity. The devil is, as ever, the prince of this world, and he will have his seat at the table. The central idea of his truly excellent study—that the devil exists and persists in a living gallery of secularized forms—is a highly engaging exercise in political theology and deserves a wide readership.” -- Michael P. Murphy — *Reading Religion*

Yesterday and the day before has been difficult, especially today morning when I almost got a panic attack from all the stress of realizing a most formidable foe of the Savior who, though hiding in plain sight of history, continues to remain invisible.

I felt the fear and weakness of being alone, or almost alone, in being able to see the invisible foe of Jesus today and trying to do the impossible for Christ tomorrow. How can others see the Prince of the World who has remained disguised as divine for 2000 years?

The answer finally came at 7.35 a.m. today: Did Jesus consciously choose crucifixion to finally defeat the Devil in the future Age to Come? Since morning there is no question in my mind that He did and there is ample historical evidence confirming that!

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