

# Theogony II: The Birth of God

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## *Prologue*

Now all this *Thought* as yet was mere potential  
Existing deep within *the Dreamer's Mind*.

In order to advance it was essential  
That some with *Form* be presently combined.

The first of those to join with *Form* was *Evil*,  
And from this union was *the Devil* born.  
But this required the birth of something equal;  
Thus *God* appeared, its foe eternal sworn.

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We've almost reached the moment of *Creation*,  
But now we need to pause our tale awhile.  
Accounting for that primal vast explosion  
Requires acquaintanceship with something vile.

First, *Evil* fraternised with willing *Form*  
And from that act emerged a hideous shape:  
Of every wickedness a toxic swarm  
From *Bloody Murder* to *Incestuous Rape*.

And many *Archetypes* were there as well  
That screamed and squabbled for supremacy.  
And these became those *Denizens of Hell*  
Of which are *Woe* and *Death* the legacy.

Embedded was this shape in all existence;  
Forever after now this thing was there.  
Contending with it strengthened its resistance  
As gleefully it spread to all *Despair*.

This thing would soon be called by many names,  
As many as the empty desert's sands;  
But always was it constant in its aims  
While spreading like the plague in ancient lands.

*The Devil*, though, is what it's mostly known by;  
*The Fiend* or *Satan* also is it named.  
Its poisoned fruit is always what it's shown by;  
With *Hate* and *Lies* its presence is proclaimed.

And now this thing, or *Devil*, started working,  
Not ever resting while it hunted prey;  
And always somewhere in the background lurking,  
Or striving actively to lead astray.

Thus *Satan* in *the Dreamer's* world appeared  
To which henceforth a name was now accorded;  
With *Woe* and *Death* this *Heaven* thus was seared,  
As is forever afterwards recorded.

But his appearance had *this* consequence:  
*Duality* required a twin for *Evil*.  
And thus was born from *Form* and *Providence*  
A *Spirit Satan's* opposite and equal.

This *Spirit* Man has always known as *God*,  
Begotten of the *Dreamer's* timeless presence.  
And none should take offence or find it odd  
That *God* derives from something else's essence.

For *God* is but *the Dreamer's* active phase,  
Embodying Its kingly power in action,  
And born to battle *Satan* and his ways,  
Not cause uncaused but only caused reaction.

Alone *the One*, existing prior to *Thought*,  
Persists in isolation on its own.  
All else in twins *Duality* has wrought,  
And even *God* thus doesn't stand alone.

And this we see in all the world about us:  
Where *God* is found is also found that other.  
And though no doubt some kindly folk will doubt us,  
In truth, *the Lord of Hosts* is *Satan's* brother.

By other titles is He also known:  
As *Yahweh*, *El*, *Jehovah*, *Adonai*.  
Our *God Almighty* sits upon a throne  
As *Elohim*, *Tzevaot* and *El Shaddai*.

And so were born the two antagonists  
Whose struggle would the Universe create:  
The two incomparable protagonists  
Who would determine all of human fate.

And each now girds his mighty loins for battle,  
Their preparations all portending war,  
*The Devil* howling like a hideous jackal  
And *God* responding with a lion's roar.

Let none be either shocked by such an image  
That *God* is hereby likened to a beast.  
The world we know is but a temporal visage  
In which the greatest hide inside the least.

For *God* and *Satan* live in all we see;  
In all we think and all we do and say.  
And all that happens in *Eternity*  
Is always here, alive and well today.

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