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___ Heaven is the place where evil rose up to oppose God and His government. This rebellion led to the universal contest between followers of Satan and God. Upon the expulsion of Satan and his angelic army from heaven they were cast to planet earth.

___ Separated from Jesus we live a life of self-destructive isolation controlled by evil. Even in this state we can call out to and be delivered by the power of God. Demons, Satan's fallen angels, know their former leader and are powerless to resist His command.

___ In the quest to exalt himself over all that is God's, Lucifer, the light bearer, became Satan, the great red dragon. (Contrast his choices with the actions of Jesus (Philippians 2:6-11))

___ Lucifer an exquisitely majestic perfect angel created by God to attend His throne in heaven, chose to harbor and spread unrest and distrust of God gradually transitioning to all out rebellion. Through pride and self focus he irreversibly defiled himself and will ultimately be eternally destroyed.

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