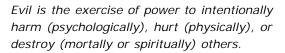
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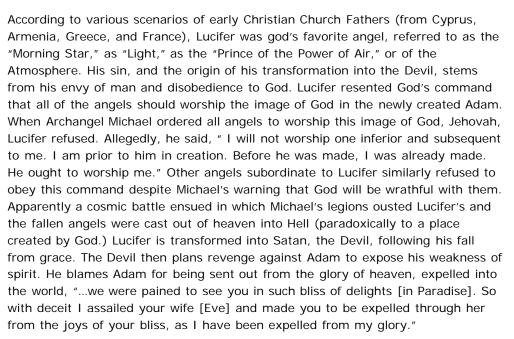


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## Who was Lucifer and how did he become the Devil?

The "Lucifer Effect" describes the point in time when an ordinary, normal person first crosses the boundary between good and evil to engage in an evil action. It represents a transformation of human character that is significant in its consequences. Such transformations are more likely to occur in novel settings, in "total situations," where social situational forces are sufficiently powerful to overwhelm, or set aside temporally, personal attributes of morality, compassion, or sense of justice and fair play.





Thus, "The Lucifer Effect" represents this most extreme transformation imaginable from God's favorite Angel into the Devil. My work has focused on lesser transformations of human character not as dramatic as this one, in which ordinary, even good people begin to engage in bad deeds, for a short time or longer, that qualify as "evil."

The best source for these materials about Lucifer and Satan is in the 2006 indepth analyses by Henry Ansgar Kelly, <u>Satan: A Biography</u> (New York: Cambridge University Press). <u>Click here</u> to read more about fallen angels.



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