

# Were the Nephilim Genetically Psychopathic?

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## Introduction

The Nephilim were said to be a race or a group that had distinct physical characteristics of large size and great strength. They are first mentioned in Genesis chapter 6 as the progeny of the “sons of God” and the “daughters of men.” Although the psychological characteristics of the Nephilim are not specifically described in the Bible, they are generally pictured in Second Temple writings as being tall, proud, belligerent, sexually aggressive, and prone to conflict. This paper explores the possibility that the Nephilim were genetically psychopathic as an explanation for their behavior, and possibly for how the wickedness of man could have become so endemic, causing God to respond with the Flood of Noah.

## Background on the Sons of God and the Nephilim.

Genesis chapter 6 contains a short and cryptic account of the ancient world at some point after Creation, which is one of the most mysterious and debated portions of the Old Testament. It indicates that a group of individuals called the “sons of God” were attracted by the beauty of the “daughters of men” and took some of them as wives. The children of these unions were called “the Nephilim.”

Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless, his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.” (Genesis 6:1-7)

Scholars have debated extensively about the identity of the “sons of God” in the above passage. Some have suggested that they were human men, either “divinized” individuals or possibly the descendants of Seth, the third son of Adam (i.e., they were “good” men). But the text explicitly contrasts the nature of the sons as being “of God” vs. the daughters as being “of men.” Furthermore, the continuing context in Genesis indicates that these sons of God were somehow instrumental in debasing human society and making it so corrupt that God reduced human lifespan, and ultimately became “sorry that he had made man on the earth.” Therefore, the sons of God were evil rather than beneficial.

Others have raised the possibility that they were the descendants of Cain (i.e., they were “bad” men). However, that view also does not fit with the context ([Petrovich, 2016](#)). If a purely human connection was intended the writer could have stated “the sons of Seth or Cain” and the “daughters of Seth or Cain.” It is also difficult if not impossible to understand how a purely human connection could have produced the Nephilim who were essentially evil giants.

My opinion and understanding is that the sons of God were spirit beings (i.e., previously angels) who assumed human form and mated with human women. This seems to be the position most in accord with other Biblical texts, as well as providing a framework for understanding what the world was like in those ancient times and why God responded in the extreme manner that He did. The consequence on earth was a flood that destroyed most of humanity, whereas the fate of the spirit beings who were instrumental in debasing people is described as follows:

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly... 2 Peter 2:4-6

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Jude 6

Those that consider the Bible to be primarily mythological may believe that the sons of God were actually the “ancient aliens,” often discussed in the media and on the internet, who were said to be an advanced humanoid race that came from elsewhere in the universe – possibly from Mars. One of the main originators of this idea was Erich von Däniken with his 1968 book, *Chariots of the Gods*. Many have followed in his steps, and Ancient Aliens have become a long-running media attraction along with speculations on the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, Stonehenge, the Easter Island figures, Atlantis, and others.

The best example of ancient ruins for which conventional archaeology does not have a sufficient explanation is Puma Punku located in a high mountainous region of Bolivia near La Paz ([McDermott, 2019](#)). It is part of Tiwanaku, a larger complex that the Incas believed to be the site where the world was created. At this location there are huge carved stone blocks shown below weighing many tons which are scattered around the landscape like toys in a kid’s playroom. Many of the blocks seem to have been machined with precision tools – the surfaces are smooth, and a number of them have drill holes and complex indentations where the stone was seemingly cut with a laser or a diamond saw in order to achieve precise angles. The source of the stone was a quarry a number of miles away but given the mountainous location and the lack of trees, it defies the imagination as to how these blocks could have been cut and then transported to the site by an ancient civilization. The purpose of the construction is unknown; according to local legend, Puma Punku was built by gods and/or giants who later disappeared, followed by a catastrophic flood which destroyed the site.



Puma Punku site – there are around 80 ancient “H” blocks (shown above) that seem to have been manufactured, with straight edges and indentations that were seemingly cut with precision tools. The weight of the blocks range from 140 to 800 tons with dimensions as large as 26 feet long, 16 feet wide, 4 feet thick.

Probably the most prolific and tenacious researcher is Graham Hancock who has done extensive literary and archaeological investigations on the ancient world. He has published many books, such as *Supernatural: Meetings with the Ancient Teachers of Mankind*, *Heaven's Mirror: Quest for the Lost Civilization*, *Fingerprints of the Gods: The Quest Continues*, *The Mars Mystery: The Secret Connection Between Earth and the Red Planet*, *Magicians of the Gods*, *The Message of the Sphinx: A Quest for the Hidden Legacy of Mankind*, *Underworld: The Mysterious Origins of Civilization*, and others. In his video series *Ancient Apocalypse* (available on Netflix) which is a summary of his life work, Hancock investigates Gunung Padang in Indonesia, the large pyramid in Cholula, Mexico, the ancient temples of Malta, the Bimini rock formations off the coast of Miami, and the ruins of Gobekli Tepe and Derikuyu in Turkey. Like Puma Punku, all of these involved huge construction projects using massive, multi-ton stone blocks, and are seemingly impossible to have been built by ancient peoples with stone age tools. A summary of Hancock's research and his general speculations about ancient aliens are as follows:

1. There are many ancient structures around the entire globe that could not possibly have been built by hunter-gather peoples with the limited technology available to them. These structures typically have a religious and sacrificial significance as well as a connection to the stars.
2. A more technologically advanced and physically stronger civilization or group came to earth from elsewhere in the universe to educate people, but perhaps their goal was also to indoctrinate, corrupt, and enslave. The structures mentioned above were built by them or under their direction. The arrival of this superior group is clear from both ancient art as well as from the creation legends that have been passed down through many civilizations.

The land area of the globe was connected at the time (e.g., South America originally was connected with Africa) into what has sometimes been referred to as “Pangaea” making migration easier. The oceans were smaller, and the climate of the earth was also different with the entire planet being warm (i.e., the polar regions were not frigid as they are now).

3. The ancient aliens then disappeared for reasons unknown, a catastrophic flood devastated the earth, and only a few people were spared to repopulate the planet. The continents split along tectonic fault lines,<sup>1</sup> and the ocean size increased. Virtually all civilizations have stories of this event, such as the legend of Gilgamesh.
4. Along with the flood, volcanos erupted spewing huge quantities of ash into the atmosphere which cooled the earth due to all of the particulate matter obscuring the rays of the sun. The enlarged oceans provided more water vapor, and huge amounts of snow fell in various places which compacted in glaciers. The earth eventually warmed, the glaciers receded, and the geological and climactic characteristics of our times was then established which are substantially different from the pre-flood world.

The above speculations by Hancock and other ancient alien enthusiasts are a complete fit for what the Bible tells us took place, with only a few details changed, as follows:

1. The sons of God came from other locations in the universe and possibly had direct connections with certain stars, galaxies, or galactic regions over which they ruled or had influence. So rather than being a humanoid race from another planet (e.g., grey aliens or “the Anunnaki from the planet Nibiru”) they were ex-angels (i.e., demons) in human form. Why did they come to earth? Possibly because there were no people in the area of their domain, and they sought subjects over which they could rule, and with whom they could create their own race and progeny.

The Sirius star system is one of the brightest in the night sky and is relatively close to our galaxy. It is part of the constellation Canis Major and was known as the “Dog Star” in many ancient cultures – Babylonian, Assyrian, Chinese, and even North American. It was revered in some African societies, and in ancient Egypt it was the most important star in the sky, associated with the goddess Isis, and the foundation of Egyptian astronomy, calendars, and religion. It was also instrumental in the Egyptian economy because its rising occurred just before the annual summer flooding of the Nile. Astronomical studies of the Sirius star system have concluded that life would not generally be possible on any orbiting planets, but the sons of God may have come from that region of the heavens and/or previously ruled over it.

They came to earth possibly on or near Mount Hermon as discussed below, selected human women, mated with them, and the half-breed race known as the Nephilim were born from these unions. The Nephilim along with the sons of God then built the ancient structures referred to above, possibly using the human population as forced labor.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, South America splitting apart from Africa.



2. The sons of God educated people on a variety of topics (discussed below) but also corrupted and enslaved them.

These angel/demons may well have been the inspiration for national deities such as Viracocha (Inca), Quetzalcoatl (Aztec), Bel, Marduk, Astarte, and Ishtar (Mesopotamia), Mot, Amun, Osiris, and Isis (Egypt), Molech, Chemosh, and especially Baal (Canaan). All of these had probable connections to actual angelic/demonic beings alluded to in the Bible as “the host of heaven.” In his book *The Lost World of Adam and Eve*, John Walton describes the nature of the gods of the ancient world and the worship these gods demanded of the people. They were capricious, selfish, and often cruel – humans existed only to serve and cater to them.<sup>2</sup>

3. The conditions of society grew worse as evil proliferated, and the Nephilim attacked other groups. God eventually removed the sons of God and imprisoned them in a hellish place known as “Tartarus.” At the same time He decreed the flood of Noah as a judgement on the world in which only eight individuals along with animals survived in the Ark.
4. The flood was a world-wide catastrophe and was accompanied by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, both on land and under the seas<sup>3</sup> resulting in the separation of the continents and in the climatic and geologic changes described above. The flood was followed by the ice age.

Hancock and others date the ice age to approximately 10,000 BC which is at variance with most Biblical dating. But the only secure dating method is C<sup>14</sup> which requires organic material and is based on the amount of the radioactive isotope carbon 14 in the sample relative to normal carbon or C<sup>12</sup>. This method assumes that the amount of C<sup>14</sup> in the original was the same as in contemporary organic material, but that may not have been the case. C<sup>14</sup> is created by cosmic radiation, and in ancient times the world may have been better protected and cleaner with lower amounts of radioactive carbon and other pollutants in nature. Factors such as this may explain the longer lives of the people in the book of Genesis, as well as resulting in older and incorrect dates when ancient organic material is tested. So rather than 10,000 BC these events could have taken place around 4,000 – 3,000 BC with the ice age lasting for a shorter period. Despite the contention from some geologists that there have been multiple ice ages, there was only one ([Oard, 2011](#)).

The Greek legends of Uranus, Zeus, and the Titans have a similar connection to the sons of God. The Titans were said to be a group of spiritual beings, or lesser gods who rebelled against their father, came to the earth, engaged in a variety of mischief, mated with women, and produced half-breed children of incredible strength, among whom were Atlas and Prometheus (Atlas is often pictured as carrying the world on his shoulders). However, Zeus captured the Titans and

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<sup>2</sup> For example, in the Epic of Gilgamesh the reason given for the gods sending the flood of Noah was that “the people were making too much noise” and the gods therefore had trouble sleeping.

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 7:11 states, “All the fountains of the great deep burst open.”

imprisoned them in Tartarus, i.e., in hell. The Incas have a similar legend: their god Viracocha created giants who rebelled and were turned into the stones seen at Tiwanaku.

The Biblical book of Jude states, “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day” Jude 6. The term “eternal bonds under darkness” is the Greek word “Tartarus,” so the same Greek word is used in the Bible to describe the fate of the sons of God.

Jesus’ disciple Peter also wrote of this: “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly...” 2 Peter 2:4-5. The legend of the Titans is thus another ancient analog to the sons of God and the Nephilim with only a few details changed.

Despite all of this background there is scholarly disagreement about who and what the Nephilim were. The word “Nephilim” probably comes from the Hebrew word *nophlim* meaning “fallen” in the sense of “become evil,” so it is a description of their character rather than their name as a group. Ezekiel 32:27 refers to *gibborim nophlim* meaning “fallen warriors.” But the word may also mean “giant” (from the Greek) which originally meant “earth-born” but later the word came to have its current meaning of large size and strength.

The Nephilim apparently had a hybrid nature that was both human and demonic, and their genetics included both of these elements. In the book of Enoch (discussed in more detail below) they were called “bastards”, neither fully human nor fully spirit. The book of Genesis does not give us any further details on the Nephilim in the days of Noah, but they reportedly reappeared after the flood in the land of Canaan<sup>4</sup>. If the reportedly large individuals were actually descendants of the pre-flood Nephilim, they were apparently fully human at that point, albeit with physical and psychological characteristics similar to their ancestors. How did they survive the flood? (See: ([Sorensen, 2020](#))). They were sometimes referred to as *rephaim* meaning “dead ones”, which is possibly a reference to the fate of their progenitors being “cast into hell and committed to pits of darkness” and “kept in eternal bonds under darkness” as in the quotes above.

In our day there is great resistance to anything supernatural. Post-moderns have been inculcated with idea that “science = good, and religion = bad”, that “science is intelligent and contemporary” and “religion is backward and medieval.” As our ancient ancestors did not fully understand the causes for disease and the scientific aspects of nature, they often ascribed disasters and mysterious events to actions of the gods. But now we supposedly know better, the supernatural is said to be an ancient myth, and therefore we are able to fully rely upon science; or

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<sup>4</sup> The spies sent out by Joshua to explore the land of Canaan returned the following report: “We went into the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there... The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” (Numbers 13:27-28, 32-33).

are we? Even scientists now acknowledge the existence of the soul even though it is impossible to prove this issue one way or the other ([Lanza, 2011](#); [Smith, 2017](#)). In some near-death experiences the person had flat-lined, but they later reported seeing and hearing things that took place after their brain was technically dead ([Sunfellow, 2019a, 2019b](#)). The Bible is likewise considered by many to be myth, but there is too much evidence for the Bible's veracity to ignore it ([Wellman, 2019](#)). Our culture is therefore in great danger of making the opposite error of our ancient ancestors. As Jesus said to Nicodemus:

The wind blows where it will and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it came from and where it is going, so is everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

The Bible often speaks of an unseen spiritual world:

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

This unseen realm, which according to the above text is more permanent and therefore more “real” than the physical world<sup>5</sup>, is inhabited by spirit beings who have the ability to interact with our physical world. Our bodies are composed of carbon-based compounds whereas angels and demons may be electromagnetic or have a nature that is totally beyond our current physics and chemistry. What is spirit? Do all spirit beings have the same nature, and are angels and demons made up of the same “stuff” as God? We barely understand physical matter and have no clue at all as to how spirit is propagated, what it is composed of, and what its capabilities are. Therefore, we also don't understand how a spirit-to-body transformation would work and what the limitations are, if any. Nevertheless, the Bible records many instances where spirit beings assumed human or at least visible form and interacted with people. For example, Genesis 18 tells of a lengthy meeting between Abraham and several spirit beings who appeared to be human, and who both talked and ate with him.

Some scientists have posited that our universe has dimensions beyond the four that we know (length, width, height, and time), and superstring theory holds that there are ten dimensions, in which the additional six are possibly collapsed in minute quantum distances within the existing dimensions ([Williams, 2014](#)). These additional dimensions may be the realm of spirit beings which would help explain why they can appear and disappear at will. It could also explain how spirit beings could instantaneously move between regions in our universe which are light years apart. Therefore, what we now perceive is only a very small portion of reality, and we have no

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<sup>5</sup> Quantum physics has shown us that the “reality” which we see and touch is vastly different at its basic level (atomic and subatomic). Contrary to the notion of atoms being solid balls of matter, they are mostly empty space. Someone used the analogy, “If the nucleus of each atom is a fly on the pitcher's mound of a stadium, then the electrons surrounding the nucleus are minute gnats circling the stadium.” Therefore, things which to us seem to be solid, such as the surface of a desk, are only so because we can only see and experience the world at the macro level. The world is therefore “sub-empirical.”



idea what the laws of science<sup>6</sup> are that underlie all of this unknown complexity. At the quantum level (the level of subatomic particles) we cannot “see” what is actually happening even in our realm of four dimensions, and we have difficulty even conceptualizing it (e.g., why do subatomic entities sometimes behave as particles and other times as waves? Why does time slow down as an object speeds up?) In the words of the physicist Niels Bohr, “Everything we call real is made of things that cannot be regarded as real.” Thus, we are essentially clueless regarding any reality beyond our four dimensions and have no way of detecting and analyzing it, much less understanding or controlling it.<sup>7</sup> A good analogy is the spectrum of light that is visible to us (i.e., from above infrared to below ultraviolet) which is only a tiny fraction of the entire electro-magnetic spectrum.

Our modern worldview, obsessed as it is with empirical science and human reason is so blinded to its own ignorance of transcendent reality that it amounts to idolatry, [viewing] the limited, fallible human mind and senses as God... Modern material descriptions of reality are [therefore] more “false” than ancient pictures because they do not include the immaterial aspects of reality: meaning and purpose.

But even more basic than that, human observation of the universe is always changing from Newtonian physics, to Quantum physics, to String theory. That change is less an increase in the instrumentation precision than it is a change of ideas. What we think we see is more affected by our philosophical presuppositions (and theories) than empirical scientists are willing to admit... A proper response should be more humility and less hubris regarding the use of scientific models as standards in judging theological meaning and purpose ([Godawa, 2014, pp. 316-317](#)).

The Hebrew term used for the sons of God in the Genesis 6 passage is *bene ha elohim*, (*bene ha* meaning “son of” and *elohim* meaning “god”). The word *elohim* is a term used elsewhere in the Old Testament mostly for God (i.e., the Most-High God or *Yahweh*, who is himself a spirit being), but sometimes also for spirit beings in general.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, it sometimes may refer to “god” with a lower-case “g” – what the New Testament would call an angel or a demon. The word *elohim* in the Old Testament thus may mean *Yahweh*, a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ, a lesser spirit being (good or bad), or a group of them. The context is necessary to understand who or what is being referred to ([Heiser, 2015](#)).

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<sup>6</sup> The “laws of science” such as the 1<sup>st</sup> Law of Thermodynamics (the conservation of matter and energy) or  $E = MC^2$  are not necessarily universal. They are only “universal laws” in the sense that we have never observed any exceptions to them in the physical world. However, if we were able to fully analyze and understand both physical and spiritual, we may discover that the laws of science we know can have exceptions and/or are simply a small subset of a much larger and more fundamental set of laws.

<sup>7</sup> Beyond the examples above, the Bible does provide a few more clues about the spirit world: 1) Spirit is typically not visible, which may be because spirit beings are in another dimension, or they do not reflect visible light, or because the nature of spirit may be entirely non-physical; 2) God is present everywhere, although this is not true of other spirit beings; 3) The limits of physics such as the speed of light apparently are not limits in the spirit world; 4) People have a spirit aspect which is somehow collapsed and contained within the physical.

<sup>8</sup> For example, Genesis 35:7 which refers to angels or the Angel of *Yahweh*, and Judges 11:24 and 1 Kings 11:33 which refer to the gods and goddesses of other nations.

Spirit beings may therefore be either good (i.e., angelic) or bad (i.e., demonic). All spirit beings (at least all of the ones that are described in the Bible) seem to have the same basic nature, although we know very little of them and potential differences between them (e.g., are there species of angels and/or demons?).<sup>9</sup> However, the major difference is in their moral characteristics, in the same way that humans can be either morally good or bad. Of course, human morality is far from absolute – even the most moral individuals have faults, and likewise the worst individuals may have one or more redeeming qualities. But there seems to be a very sharp and perhaps a total moral division among spirit beings – either for God or against him. This may be an attribute of their nature and/or it may be impossible to hide one’s orientation. Once a spirit being chooses to join the “dark side” they have essentially rejected God and everything God stands for, so they become everything that God is not. Apparently, it is not possible for demons to repent and return to being an angel, due either to their own choice (i.e., they have taken a vow and will not turn back), or a divine refusal to allow repentance (2 Peter 2:4, Hebrews 2:16).

Another significant difference is that there is a pronounced hierarchy, with some spirit beings much more powerful than others. Among humans, height, strength, and athletic ability vary (e.g., NFL football players vs. the average man on the street), as well as degree of intelligence. But hierarchy in the spirit world seems to be much more extensive, with some having very great power and authority, and others much less. The Bible speaks of “cherubim” and “seraphim” as being “super angels” (the former being leaders and the latter being “spirits of fire”). However, their exact characteristics and the specific differences between them and regular angels is not fully described. On the good side there are many angels (unnamed) as well as archangels or cherubim (two of which are named in the Bible – Michael and Gabriel). On the bad side there are many demons (unnamed) as well as Satan, who is known by many names, such as the Devil, the Accuser, Belial, Apollyon, the Serpent of Old, the Great Dragon, etc.

The Bible tells us that there are a large number of these spirit beings (the “heavenly host,” Luke 2:13). We have no idea how many there are, although the Bible may provide an indication of the relative number of angels vs. demons: “And his [the Dragon/Satan’s] tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth” (Revelation 12:4).<sup>10</sup> Furthermore, there is a constant war taking place in the unseen realm:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-12)

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<sup>9</sup> Some view “demons” as being distinct from “fallen angels.” Demons are said to be the spirits of the Rephaim/Nephilim and seek to inhabit a body, whereas the spirit beings who followed Satan in his rebellion are said to be “fallen angels.” But given the fact that this is a point of theological dispute, the term “demon” will be used in the context of this paper for all evil spirit beings.

<sup>10</sup> This passage seems to indicate that a third of the angels chose to follow Satan’s rebellion against God and became demons.

Unlike humans, spirit beings apparently do not have any native reproductive capability, either by sex or by means of the power of creation (Luke 20:34-36).<sup>11</sup> However, if the sons of God in Genesis 6 were spirit beings, it would mean that in human form they were capable not just of talking and eating, as mentioned above, but also of copulation and impregnation.

This raises the question of why the “sons of God” would want to do what they did, and to risk divine censure. There are a number of possible answers:

1. Demons, like many arrogant people, are in denial about their ultimate destiny.
2. The task assigned to angels by God is to be his messengers and therefore to serve people. Satan, the proud spirit, thought that this task was beneath him and wanted to rule instead (“Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven”). Some of the other angels apparently felt the same way (“Why serve when we can rule instead?”), hence the defection of many of them into Satan’s camp. Demons are therefore in rebellion against God and seek to corrupt, pollute, and tear down everything that God does and stands for. As Jesus said in John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.”
3. Demons have intense desires to inhabit and control other beings, especially humans. We often speak of “demonic oppression” and “demonic possession” in which spirit beings entice an individual in order to enter that person, oppress them, and if possible, take full control. People are attracted to “occultic gateways” such as Ouija boards, fortune telling, tarot cards, mediums, spiritism, etc. and may become hooked.
4. As mentioned above, angels and demons seemingly do not have any reproductive capabilities. But Satan wanted to be like God, and therefore capable of producing offspring and creating his own tribe, similar to J.R.R. Tolkien’s depiction of the creation of Orc armies in his *Lord of The Rings* novels.<sup>12</sup> Producing the Nephilim allowed the demons to create their own people devoted to them, and an army of hybrids for attacking and destroying the rest of society.
5. God created plants, animals, and humans to reproduce “after their kinds” with genetic barriers against the comingling of kinds. Miscegenation is therefore wrong in the eyes of God and prohibited in the Bible. The demons of Genesis 6 sought to produce hybrids that, a) would be a slap in God’s face; and b) would be like them but also amenable to their control.
6. In response to the sin of Adam and Eve, God indicated that there would be a continual war between Satan and the “seed of the woman” (i.e., the children of the woman including the Messiah who would come later and ultimately crush Satan’s head).

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<sup>11</sup> In this teaching Jesus indicates that marriage will not take place after the resurrection, but he does not specifically mention either sex or reproductive capabilities, although they may be included by implication. It therefore seems that spirit beings do not have any sexual or reproductive capabilities.

<sup>12</sup> The Orcs were created by the great enemy Morgoth (Tolkien’s name for Satan) in mockery of elves and men.

Therefore the Devil wanted to corrupt the bloodline leading to Christ in order to pervert and defeat God's plans. He was unsuccessful in corrupting the Messianic bloodline, but may have succeeded with the wife of Ham, with her son Canaan, and with her grandson or descendant Nimrod, all of whom lived after the flood ([Sorensen, 2020](#)).

As they were the supposed products of a union between the human and demonic, the Nephilim therefore would have had the genetic characteristics of both. Genesis 6:4 calls them "mighty men" and "men of renown," and the Nephilim certainly had a reputation of large size and great strength. As mentioned above, there is a Biblical reference to the Nephilim possibly being in the land of Canaan after the flood, where they were described as follows:

And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who come of the Nephilim; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. (Numbers 13:32-33)

There are also other Biblical references to tall and belligerent men, such as Goliath of Gath, Sihon the king of the Amorites, and Og<sup>13</sup> the king of Bashan – these were Nephilim, especially Og who was "of the Rephaim." Bashan was the area over which he ruled and includes the Mount Hermon region where the "irruption" of the sons of God was said to have occurred, as discussed below. Writings from the large cache of cuneiform tablets discovered at ancient city of Ugarit indicate that the Bashan cites of Ashtaroth<sup>14</sup> and Edrei were considered to be gateways to the underworld ([Heiser, 2015, pp. 228-230](#)).<sup>15</sup> The name "Bashan" has also been known as "Bathan" which is the Ugaritic word for "serpent." Bashan was therefore the place of the serpent – the place of Satan ([Heiser, 2012, p. 169](#)).

There are extra-Biblical writings from the Second Temple Period (516 BC to 70 AD) that retell the stories of Genesis in more detail. The three which are especially relevant to this discussion are the books of Jasher, Giants,<sup>16</sup> and Enoch, specifically the first portion of Enoch known as the Book of Watchers ([Winter, 2015](#)).<sup>17</sup> There is much scholarly debate about the sources used for these writings. Some have suggested that the authors had access to ancient texts that have not been preserved. However, there are ancient Sumerian/Akkadian texts in cuneiform dating to

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<sup>13</sup> According to Deuteronomy 3:11, Og was "of the remnant of the Rephaim" and had a large iron bed which was 4 x 9 cubits in size (6 x 13.5 feet).

<sup>14</sup> Ashtaroth was the main city of Bashan and named after Ashtoreth, a Canaanite goddess of fertility, love, and war. She was said to be the daughter of the god El and the goddess Asherah, and the wife of the god Baal. She is a Canaanite version Astarte in Syria, Ishtar in Babylon, Anath/Isis in Egypt, and later Aphrodite and Venus. The word "ashtaroth" meant "womb" or "young", hence the association with sex and fertility. Ancient gods and goddesses morphed into each other from one society to others and their characteristics were typically fluid.

<sup>15</sup> In addition to being the wife of Baal, Ashtaroth was also associated with the Canaanite god Molech as well as with the Rephaim. Molech was a fierce god who sometimes demanded the sacrifice of infants; they were placed in the arms of his brass statue and burned to death. Ugaritic texts present Molech an ancient god of the underworld, involved in the cult of dead ancestors and the worship of snakes.

<sup>16</sup> Only fragments of the Book of Giants have been found along with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

<sup>17</sup> The book of Watchers is another name for the first portion of I Enoch (chapters 1 – 36). It is thought to have been written in the third century BC, with other portions of Enoch written later.

around 2500 BC known as the *Utukku Lemnūtu*<sup>18</sup> which were incantations and cleansing rituals<sup>19</sup> found throughout Mesopotamia and used for what we today would call “exorcisms” ([Drawnel, 2014](#)). They describe the behavior of demons as being totally evil, violent, and unappeasable, and may well have supplied some of the background for the above writings.

The canonicity of Second Temple Period writings was debated and ultimately rejected, so they do not have the same cachet of reliability as the Bible (some are considered canonical by the Ethiopic churches). But they did have a large influence on Jewish thought in the period of the early church and on the Biblical books of Peter and Jude. Like other ancient documents they may not be completely reliable, but still may have significant elements of fact and truth.

When the sons of men had multiplied, in those days, beautiful and comely daughters were born to them. And the watchers, the sons of heaven, saw them and desired them. And they said to one another, “Come, let us choose for ourselves wives from the daughters of men, and let us beget children for ourselves.” (I Enoch 6:1-2)

And they conceived from them and bore to them great giants. And the giants begot Nephilim... And they were growing in accordance with their greatness. They were devouring the labor of all the sons of men, and men were not able to supply them. The giants began to kill men and to devour them. (I Enoch 7:2-4)

[These fallen angels] knew the secrets of [all things]. [At this time] sin was great on the earth. The wicked angels killed many people and begot giants [with mortal women]. The wicked angels [consumed] everything that the earth produced: the great fish, the birds in the sky, all the fruit of the earth, all kinds of grain, [the fruit] of the trees, and all the creeping things of the earth. They performed every harsh deed with harsh utterance upon male and female creation and upon/among humanity itself. [The fallen ones] defiled all creation and begot giants and monstrous creatures, and corrupted all the earth, [which was] defiled by blood shedding, at the hands of the giants. But this did not suffice them and [they were seeking all the time] to devour/destroy more. The monsters attacked [all creation.] (Book of Giants)

“Watchers” is the term used to refer to the sons of God in Enoch. There is an ancient, probably Roman-era, temple near the summit of Mount Hermon<sup>20</sup> known as “Qasr Antar,” now in ruins but which previously contained a slab with an inscription stating that “Those who take an oath proceed from here.” This was probably based on a passage from the Book of Watchers, which tells of their arrival:

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<sup>18</sup> This term refers to methods for dealing with demons – spiritual beings not worshipped and not considered as gods, and who were evil “unclean spirits.”

<sup>19</sup> The incantation cast by the enchanter was meant to heal the patient by sending the demon to the Netherworld, similar to the destination described in the 2 Peter and Jude references quoted above. It is essentially what we today would refer to as an exorcism from a demon-possessed or demon-oppressed individual, but without the power of God. This can be very dangerous, and in some cases, can be a lethal process for both exorcist and exorcisee. See, for example, Martin, M. (1992). *Hostage to the Devil*. Harper.

<sup>20</sup> Mount Hermon is actually a range of mountains as shown in the map below. The name “Hermon” comes from *haram*, meaning “to designate or consign to the afterlife.” In other words, to separate something from its natural state and consign it, either to destruction if the object was evil, or to a devoted sacred service if the object was good.



And Shemihazah, their chief, said to them, “I fear that you will not want to do this deed, and I alone shall be guilty of a great sin.” And they all answered him and said, “Let us all swear an oath, and let us all bind one another with a curse, that none of us turn back from this counsel until we fulfill it and do this deed.” Then they all swore together and bound one another with a curse. And they were, all of them, two hundred, who descended in the days of Jared onto the peak of Mount Hermon. And they called the mountain “Hermon” because they swore and bound one another with a curse on it. (I Enoch 6:3-5)



Map of Galilee (northern Israel)



Location of Mount Hermon and Caesarea Philippi



Ruins of Qasr Antar near the summit of Mount Hermon

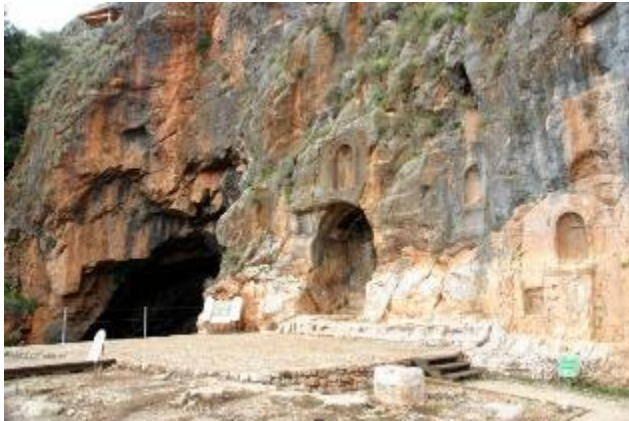
The “Gates of Hell” or “Gates of Hades” to which Jesus referred in the New Testament (Matthew 6:18) is a physical cave located near Caesarea Philippi at the base of Mount Hermon (also known as Baniyas or Panias), and out of which flows streams of water from the snow melt of the mountain. Niches were long ago carved into the rock face over the cave entrance to hold

statues of pagan deities, especially Pan – the satyr or goat-man, and possibly others such as the Centaur.<sup>21</sup> The ancient Jewish historian Josephus described the cave as follows:

A dark cave opens itself; within which there is a horrible precipice that descends abruptly to a vast depth. It contains a mighty quantity of water which is immovable; and when anybody lets down anything to measure the depth of the water, no length of cord is sufficient to reach it ([Josephus, 1987](#)).

The statues were removed, and the niches defaced in Byzantine times, but this area had previously been a large center of pagan fertility worship, with a number of shrines on Mount Hermon and in the vicinity. It was believed that the water flowing from this cave was from the gods of the underworld providing life or withholding it if the water failed to flow. The Watchers may have brought their women here to mate with them. If so, that orgiastic mating process coupled with the water flow may be why this area became one of the main centers of pagan fertility worship.

One of the sons of God was named Azazel, and he is mentioned in Leviticus 16 as the “Scapegoat sent into the wilderness.” He was a goat demon who may have prefigured and been the inspiration for Pan ([Burton, 2009, pp. 15-23](#)).



The Gates of Hell (Banias/Panias)

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<sup>21</sup> Pan was a nature god known for wildness, sexual debauchery, violence, and great strength. Centaurs were part man and part donkey or horse, with hooves and a tail (later depictions minimized the equestrian aspects). They were often depicted with large phalluses, and were orgiastic and sexually insatiable, mating with and raping both human females and animals.



Niches which previously contained statues



Water flow from the Gates of Hell

Mount Hermon may very well have been the location of Jesus' transfiguration which took place after his visit to Caesarea Philippi, and in which victory over Satan was declared. In the words of the novelist Brian Godawa, "This is a kind of ground zero for the gods against whom Jesus was fighting his cosmic spiritual war. Mount Hermon was the location where the Watchers came to earth and led their rebellion and miscegenation which birthed the Nephilim. Bashan, the Place of the Serpent, was their headquarters" ([Godawa, 2014, p. 287](#)).

The location which previously was associated with demons was thus reclaimed by Christ for Yahweh ([Heiser, 2015, pp. 285-286](#)). This fits well with the meaning of "Hermon" as being re-devoted to a sacred purpose. It may also be part of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy:

But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish. In earlier times he treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on he shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan - Galilee of the Gentiles.  
(Isaiah 9:1)

Likewise, the land of Canaan from ancient times down to the present is a battleground. It was first inhabited by the descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham who was cursed by Noah. The Canaanite tribes, perhaps like their progenitor, were the most sexually debauched of all of the

ancient peoples ([Sorensen, 2020](#)). The land of Canaan was also the place where the descendants of the pre-flood Nephilim were reputed to live. It was also the land which God promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants, so it is not surprising that this small region should have such a long history of conflict.



## The Watchers and Genetic Engineering

Ancient history is filled with both written and artistic depictions of man/beast combinations such as Pan and the Centaurs. It is generally assumed that these were legendary, but perhaps at one point in history they were real – it is often acknowledged that many myths have had some basis in historical reality. In that vein, it is interesting that Pan was one of the chief deities worshipped and celebrated at the Gates of Hell mentioned above.



Pan Images



Pan images





Centaur images

In current society we often use animals as team symbols and mascots. For example, the basketball and football teams from Chicago are the Bulls and Bears; one of my favorites is the “horned frogs” from Texas Christian University. However, the ancient use of animals goes much deeper than using them merely as symbols of strength or wisdom. Certain animals were thought to embody various divine characteristics or beings. Many of the ancient gods were, of course, represented as fully human or as an element of nature, but many others incorporated both animal and human features into the same entity, in both artistic and documentary references.<sup>22</sup> Here is a partial list of Egyptian gods and the associated animals:

- Anubis – jackal
- Apep – dragon or giant serpent/snake
- Apis (Baal) – bull
- Bastet – cat
- Horus – falcon or hawk
- Hathor – cow
- Khepri – scarab/dung beetle
- Khnum – ram
- Renenet – cobra
- Sekhmet – lioness
- Serket - scorpion
- Sobek – crocodile
- Taweret (Set) – hippopotamus
- Thoth – ibis and baboon
- Wenet - rabbit

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<sup>22</sup> There are hundreds of such references from almost all ancient societies.

People who acted as the god or on behalf of the god would wear or be depicted with the head of the associated animal. For example, Horus, the son of Osiris and Isis, is typically shown with the head of a falcon or hawk. The pharaohs of Egypt were supposedly descended from Horus.



Horus



Sobek



Renenet

The books of Jasher and Enoch both indicate that the Watchers engaged in genetic engineering in order to produce various combinations of animals and humans, as well as creating the Nephilim by impregnating their captive women.

The sons of men in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord ([Noah, 1887, p. 4:18](#)).

The Egyptian historian Manetho also spoke of this:

And they [the gods] were said to have brought forth double-winged human beings, also others with four wings and two faces, and with one body and two heads; male and female within one creature. Still other human beings had thighs of goats and horns upon their heads; others were horses behind and men in front. There were also said to have been man-headed bulls and four-bodied dogs whose tails emerged like fish tails from their

backs... and other monsters such as all kinds of dragon-like beings... whose images they ranged one beside the other in the Temple of Belos and preserved.<sup>23</sup>

The mixing of species and genders, if it was indeed performed by the sons of God, was a corruption of nature and an evil in the eyes of God.<sup>24</sup> We do not know how the sons of God would have accomplished this, but as spirit beings they presumably had much more information, intelligence, and insight into biology and other scientific matters than we do even today.

It is significant that their purpose was not to help or save humanity, but rather to enslave and destroy us.

This is not to suggest that all of the human/animal combinations such as the ones shown above were historically real. It may well have been that only a few of these were created and the rest were a later product of imagination and projection. Furthermore, all of them would presumably have been destroyed by the flood and would not have reappeared afterward. However, their presence would be remembered and communicated to future generations, who then depicted their gods as animals and forces of nature, such as the list above.

For example, the Bible describes the journey of Israelites through the wilderness of Sin to Mount Sinai where the Ten Commandments were given to Moses. He was on the mountain for forty days and the people grew tired of waiting for him. In response to their complaints, Aaron, the chief priest, created a golden calf for the people to worship (Exodus 32:1-5). This may seem strange, but the god of that region in Midian (now Saudi Arabia) was Sin, the moon god, and the Kaaba stone which is now at the center of the Muslim Hajj was originally a place of moon god worship.<sup>25</sup> The symbol of the moon god Sin as well as Baal and other Canaanite, Egyptian, and Mesopotamian gods, was a bull with upraised horns – examples of this are shown below. Rather than wait for Moses and remain true to Yahweh, the Israelites “took on the color of their surroundings” and engaged in worship rituals like the Egyptians and the peoples around them. The bull was an ancient symbol of strength, fertility, and sexuality, and after eating and drinking the Israelites “rose up to play” (Exodus 32:6).

Idols such as the bull forged by Aaron were not inherently magical. Rather, they were condemned by God because of their association with one or more demons which the idol represented. By worshipping an idol the people were thus identifying with and giving themselves to the demons behind the idol rather than worshiping the true God.

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<sup>23</sup> Manetho was an Egyptian who was commissioned by the Greeks to write a history of Egypt. Only fragments of his writings survive, but he is quoted by others such as Eusebius. The above quote is from *Eusebius-Werke, Die Chronik*, Josef Karst editor, Vol 5, Leipzig, 1911.

<sup>24</sup> E.g., “You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.” Leviticus 19:19, Deuteronomy 22:9-11.

<sup>25</sup> The crescent moon is still an Arabic symbol, and altars in ancient times often had “horns” at the corners which in some cases were symbolic of bulls. See for example, Andrew, B. (2002). *Allah and Hubal, the moon god of the Kaba*. <https://www.bible.ca/islam/islam-moon-god-hubal.htm>



Baal Stele from Bethsaida



Baal Figurine



Egyptian god Apis Figurine

As described in the book of Enoch, the sons of God were also apparently instrumental in corrupting people yet another way – by false religious teaching: astrology, divination, magic, and sorcery:<sup>26</sup>

Shemihazah taught spells and the cutting of roots. Hermani taught sorcery for the loosing of spells and magic and skill. Baraqel taught the signs of the lightning flashes. Kokabel taught the signs of the stars. Ziqel taught the signs of the shooting stars. Arteqoph taught the signs of the earth. Shamsiel taught the signs of the sun. Sahriel taught the signs of the moon.<sup>27</sup> (I Enoch 8:3)

We have no idea how long the sons of God were on the earth,<sup>28</sup> or any details on the progress of the fall of humanity into corruption, but there is a suggestion of the relative timeframe. The Book of Enoch indicates that the irruption of the sons of God took place at some point during the days of Jared, the father of Enoch. If we assume that this happened at Enoch's birth, the Flood occurred 1,034 years later, so there was plenty of time for the Nephilim to multiply and for their impact to be felt. Enoch's son Methuselah (meaning "when he is dead it shall be sent") was born when Enoch was 65 years old, lived for 969 years, and died just before the Flood occurred.

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<sup>26</sup> All of these are Satanic in that they are focused on an attempt to employ spiritual powers for selfish purposes (i.e., to gain more personal power, fulfill personal desires, etc.), and in ways that were banned by God.

<sup>27</sup> The list of sciences taught by the fallen Watchers is also the list of the professional specializations of the Babylonian *āšipu* (enchanters or magicians) in the Late Babylonian period. These spiritistic activities were condemned in the Bible because they involved contact with demons or demonic-inspired things with no protection, and therefore the deception and possible demon-possession of the enchanter/magician. See: Drawnel, H. (2014). *The Mesopotamian Background of the Enochic Giants and Evil Spirits*.  
[https://www.academia.edu/6271039/The\\_Mesopotamian\\_Background\\_of\\_the\\_Enochic\\_Giants\\_and\\_Evil\\_Spirits](https://www.academia.edu/6271039/The_Mesopotamian_Background_of_the_Enochic_Giants_and_Evil_Spirits)

<sup>28</sup> 2 Peter 2:4-6 and Jude 6 quoted above indicate that the sons of God were imprisoned in Tartarus, the underworld, to await the Day of Judgment, but we do not know when or how soon that took place.

## The Nephilim and Psychopathology

It usually takes time and events to turn marginally bad people into monsters, but given the way that the Nephilim were described, perhaps they as a race naturally had the characteristics that we would today describe as psychopathic or sociopathic.<sup>29</sup> The associated traits include the following ([Bussing, 2023](#)):

- Superficial charm combined with the use of mind games.
- Absence of nervousness and little concern for personal safety.
- Substance abuse.
- Extreme selfishness.
- No respect for law or custom.
- Continual deception, deviousness, and cunning.
- Unrelenting condescension and threatening behavior.
- Overly controlling and sexually obsessive.
- Guiltlessness – lack of conscience and refusal to take responsibility.
- Rapid mood shifts especially when the individual is unable to win and/or get their way, and swings between depression and animation.
- Twisted view of reality.
- Total lack of empathy.

Sociopathology may sometimes be relatively mild, whereas in more extreme forms there seems to be complete self-deception (“you are not truly a psychopath if you are able to realize you are a psychopath”). Also, there are often strong differences between the behaviors of psychopathic men vs. women. Females are typically less violent and exhibit more of the internal symptoms, such as depression and antisocial feelings and actions, whereas males tend to display the entire range of antisocial personality disorders as described above.

A psychologist with experience dealing with psychopathic individuals had this to say:

Some have suggested that psychopaths might rightfully be considered a different species because they’re so different with respect to the critical attributes that most of us think define us as “human.” But there’s certainly no solid scientific foundation for that notion. Nonetheless, during my many years dealing with psychopaths, I was most struck by the fact that many considered themselves not only very different from the rest of us, but also clearly superior to us because they did not carry with them the vulnerability that typically accompanies having feelings and a conscience. And it’s their pathological sense of superiority, a truly malignant narcissism that gives rise to their sense of entitlement to prey on those they regard as inferior creatures [*Italics, mine*] ([Simon, 2012](#)).

We don’t understand what causes these conditions and why they are more severe in certain people, but they seem to be psychosomatic and involve both genetics, physiology, and behavior.

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<sup>29</sup> The terms “psychopath” and “sociopath” are essentially interchangeable, although a sociopathic individual is typically considered to be less potentially violent than a person classified as a psychopath. For example, someone who abuses and attacks family members would be a sociopath, whereas a serial killer who selects victims at random would be a psychopath. Both are considered by psychologists to exhibit “antisocial personality disorder” or ASPD.



Psychopathology has been intensively studied in recent decades due to the incidence of serial killers and the need by law enforcement to understand and stop them, but investigation into any genetic basis is relatively new.

Little research has examined genetic and environmental contributions to psychopathic personality traits. Additionally, no studies have examined etiological connections between psychopathic traits and the broad psychopathological domains of internalizing (mood and anxiety) and externalizing (antisocial behavior, substance abuse). The current study was designed to fill these gaps in the literature ([Blonigen et al., 2005](#)).

The above 2005 study concluded the following:

These results indicate that *different psychopathic traits show distinct genetically-based relations within broad dimensions of psychopathology*. [Italics, mine]

In other words, there seems to be a genetic precursor in psychopathic individuals which causes differences in their brain structure and functioning, and possibly triggered by evil thoughts and actions. Studies of brain activity in psychopathic individuals show a lack of response to emotional scenes that would evoke a significant response in normal individuals.

A study from King's College in 2012 found that violent male offenders who met the diagnosis for psychopathy displayed significantly reduced gray matter volumes in the anterior rostral prefrontal cortex and temporal poles. This striking, and specific structural abnormality in the part of the brain associated with empathy and feelings of guilt, points to a clear neurological difference between regular violent offenders and genuine psychopaths.

A 2013 study took MRI scans of 121 prison inmates split into three groups: rated as highly, moderately, or weakly psychopathic. The inmates were shown images displaying physical pain and then asked to imagine that accident happening to themselves or others. The highly psychopathic subjects displayed a pronounced empathic response to the thought of pain when imagined to themselves. Brain activity across several regions involved in pain empathy was identified as heightened, including the anterior insula, the anterior midcingulate cortex, somatosensory cortex, and the right amygdala. It was clear psychopaths understood and empathized with the concept of pain when inflicted upon themselves. However, when asked to imagine the same pain inflicted upon others those psychopathic subjects displayed a very different response. Not only did those empathic areas of the brain fail to activate, but increased activity was seen in another area of the brain, the ventral striatum. This is a fascinating part of the brain, known to manage reward processing, motivation and decision-making, and this particular study suggested that psychopaths could actually enjoy imagining pain being inflicted upon others. But how this actually motivates a violent or antisocial action turns out to be more complex than simply deriving pleasure from other people being hurt.

These scientific conclusions leave us in a strange and conflicted position. Psychopathic tendencies clearly don't necessarily lead to criminal or anti-social behavior, rather it seems that a more complicated set of neurological conditions lead to the actual expression of psychopathy in negative, antisocial, or criminal action. A lack of empathy,

over-acting reward centers, and an inability to evaluate future consequences all line up and lead one to make a decision that normal people would classify as psychopathic.

The legal and social implications of this research are unsettling for many. If we can classify criminal or abhorrent behavior as mere neurological dysfunction, then our entire basis for asserting legal responsibility falls apart. Intent is currently a vital aspect in asserting judgement across our legal system. If someone can defer a degree of conscious responsibility regarding their actions to simply the way their brain is wired, then where does that leave us? [This may well be why God commanded Joshua in the Old Testament to completely wipe out certain groups that were genetically Nephilim. It was therefore an act of mercy for humanity rather than an act of cruelty.]

This increasing research into the neurology of psychopathy is not only helping us understand why some people do terrible things, as well as shedding light on why we all do what we do. The most confronting idea raised is that if we can identify how certain brain wiring can result in a person undertaking criminal or antisocial behavior, then the flip side is we must also associate altruistic or selfless actions to similar neurological functions ([Haridy, 2017](#)).

Damage to the brain can also cause psychopathic behavior, as in the case of the professional football player Aaron Hernandez ([Joest, 2020](#)), who despite being wealthy (he was awarded a \$40M contract by the New England Patriots), he mysteriously murdered two individuals for spilling a drink on him, and later killed one of his friends because the friend knew of the murder. Hernandez had experienced numerous blows to his head during the course of his collegiate and professional football career. After his suicide in prison his brain was donated to science, and it was determined that he had had an advanced case of CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy). This also may have been the case with historical individuals such as the Roman Emperor Caligula who initially was celebrated as a great leader, but who after six months became twisted and deranged, to the extent where he named his horse as a Roman Senator. Another example is King Henry VIII of England, who became morose and tyrannical after a serious jousting accident ([McCarthy, 2009](#)).<sup>30</sup> Head injuries in normal individuals may therefore create brain conditions leading to psychopathic behavior.

Behind all of these characteristics is an over-weening desire to have one's own way, as in the words of the Satanist Aleister Crowley, "Do what thou wilt!" The god Pan (from whom we get the word "panic") would seem to be a good example of psychopathology. He was said to be superficially charming, wild, violent, cunning, devious, drunken, orgiastic, sexually insatiable, and focused entirely on his own desires. Long ago people began to picture Satan as a goat, possibly because of his association with Pan. In any case, almost all of the psychopathic characteristics indicated above are associated with Satan who is the ultimate psychopath. Having rejected God and everything he stands for, Satan and the demons have become everything that

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<sup>30</sup> After the accident – just before he became estranged from the second of his six wives, Anne Boleyn – the king, once sporty and generous, became cruel, vicious and paranoid, his subjects began talking about him in a new way, and the turnover of his wives sped up. The accident occurred at a tournament at Greenwich Palace on 24 January 1536 when 44-year-old Henry, in full armor, was thrown from his horse, itself armored, which then fell on top of him. He was unconscious for two hours and was thought at first to have been fatally injured. But, although he recovered, the incident, which ended his jousting career, aggravated serious leg problems which plagued him for the rest of his life, and may well have caused an undetected brain injury which profoundly affected his personality.

God is not, and therefore they are the epitome of evil. Unlike the “gentlemen” devils of literature such as Mephistopheles in *Faust*, the real Devil and his compadres are totally corrupt, deceptive, vile, malicious, violent, perverted, foul, disgusting, revolting, and evil to the core.<sup>31</sup>

On the one hand, the demons know that God will ultimately judge and destroy them,<sup>32</sup> but on the other they seem to have the total self-deception and denial of the psychopath (human psychopaths will sometimes even taunt police with obscure clues to show how supposedly intelligent they are). Demons are highly cunning and may use superficial charm in pretending to be “angels of light,” but their purpose is ultimately to enslave and destroy people. Why? Because angels are God’s messengers sent to serve people, who from an angelic/demonic perspective are a lower order of being. Rather than debase themselves in serving such sinful wretches like us, the demons wanted to rule over us, and Satan as the ultimate demon wanted ultimate power for himself:

But to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:13-14)

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon (i.e., “on the heights of the north”). I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: “Is this the one who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, the one who made the world a wilderness, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?” All the kings of the nations lie in state, each in his own tomb. But you are cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch, you are covered with the slain, with those pierced by the sword, those who descend to the stones of the pit. Like a corpse trampled underfoot, you will not join them in burial, for you have destroyed your land and killed your people. (Isaiah 14:12-20)

You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold. The workmanship of your settings and sockets was in you, and on the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.

By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned. Therefore, I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God, and I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast

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<sup>31</sup> See for example, Matthew 25:41, John 8:44, John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8, and 2 Peter 2:4-5

<sup>32</sup> James 2:19

you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you.... All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have become terrifying in appearance, and you will cease to be forever. (Ezekiel 28:12-19)

Furthermore, Satan and the demons were angry at God for creating humans, considered to be weak and ignorant low-lives, but who could ultimately compete with and displace them.<sup>33</sup> They were also jealous of the human capacity for reproduction and the ability to create their own families and tribes, and apparently desired the same capability for themselves. Prohibited from attacking people directly,<sup>34</sup> one of their goals was to create a proxy army to do the job for them, hence the creation of the Nephilim. Genesis records the impact:

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

The books of Jasher and Enoch echo this in more detail:

And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence. And their judges and rulers went to the daughters of men and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice ([Noah, 1887, p. 4:17](#)).

When the demonic sons of God mated with human women, they therefore may have given their Nephilim progeny a large genetic dose and predisposition to an extreme form of psychopathology. If that indeed was the case, the sons of God would not only be able to create a proxy army, but also to genetically pollute the entire human race, as the Nephilim and their children in turn mated with others.

Imagine an entire society of psychopaths who were also very large, strong, vicious, cunning, and sexually ravenous at a time when there were few weapons that normal individuals could use to fend them off. They would be bad to each other but wily enough to direct their energies against others, creating continual conflict, rape, violence, suffering, and death. This seems to be the state of the world in Genesis 6 – in the days of Noah. Given these conditions, it become much easier to understand God’s mindset and response:

The Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart. The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, for I am sorry that I have made them... Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence because of them, and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. (Genesis 6:6,13)

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<sup>33</sup> “Do you not know that we will judge angels?” I Corinthians 6:3, “For he did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.” Hebrews 2:5, “For assuredly he does not give help to angels, but he gives help to the descendant of Abraham.” Hebrews 2:16

<sup>34</sup> Job 1:9-12. Satan apparently needed permission from God to attack Job.

According to the New Testament, the spirit beings who did this were consigned to eternal punishment:

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Jude 6

Jude described their human “progeny” as follows:

Clouds without water carried along by winds. Autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead and uprooted. Wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam. Wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. (Jude 12-13)

The worship of Pan and other historical gods has been revived by new age spiritualists, who view them as paradigms for liberation and sexual freedom from the supposed condemnation of sex by Christianity and the Church. The Bible however never condemns sex, only the misuse of it ([Sorensen, 2011a, 2011b](#)). Furthermore, the new age gods of today have been “tamed” from what they were like in ancient times in order not to overly offend modern sensibilities. If people were confronted with the real Pan, if they realized the reality of Satan and his true nature, and if they understood what actually took place in the days before the Flood, they would appreciate what God did, rather than accuse him of cruelty and injustice.

A subsequent question to be explored is: if psychopathology is heritable<sup>35</sup>, and if it began with the Nephilim, is it possible that this was the origin of all human psychopathic tendencies? This question is considered in my paper, Was Ham’s Wife from the Nephilim? ([Sorensen, 2020](#))

Another issue is the current research and development of “transhumanism” ([Anissimov, 2022](#)) which is the genetic alteration of people in an attempt to eliminate disease and provide super-human capabilities of size, strength, perception, night vision, and others. Ironically, after years of eating food based on genetically altered grains that were supposedly better and healthier, we now understand that GMO foods are actually bad for us in many ways:

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) urges doctors to prescribe non-GMO diets for all patients. They cite animal studies showing organ damage, gastrointestinal and immune system disorders, accelerated aging, and infertility. Human studies show how genetically modified (GM) food can leave material behind inside us, possibly causing long-term problems. Genes inserted into GM soy, for example, can transfer into the DNA of bacteria living inside us, and that the toxic insecticide produced by GM corn was found in the blood of pregnant women and their unborn fetuses.

Numerous health problems increased after GMOs were introduced in 1996. The percentage of Americans with three or more chronic illnesses jumped from 7% to 13% in just 9 years; food allergies skyrocketed, and disorders such as autism, reproductive disorders, digestive problems, and others are on the rise. Although there is not sufficient research to confirm that GMOs are a contributing factor, doctor groups such as the AAEM tell us not to wait before we start protecting ourselves, and especially our children who are most at risk ([Dean & Armstrong, 2009](#)).

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<sup>35</sup> Perhaps it is a recessive characteristic, like red hair, and only appears rarely and under certain conditions.



Transhumanism is the much more serious step of directly modifying people. Scientists have the audacity to forge ahead into a *Brave New World* and think that they can play God, with no idea of the consequences of their genetic tampering on the human race. Especially sobering is the thought of genetically altered people reproducing and having children – at that point there is no going back. What will the impact be on society if GMIs (genetically-altered individuals) develop new incurable diseases, spawn new pandemics much worse than the current Corona virus, and/or have new mental or physical issues that cause them to be violent and abusive on a mass scale?

Yet another related issue is that of alien abductions ([Stockton, 2024](#)) and the purported attempts by aliens to use human women to create a population of unknown characteristics ([Jacobs, 1993](#)). Given the total failure of SETI initiatives (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) to find any evidence for extra-terrestrial populations, many believe that aliens and UFOs are actually manifestations of demons attempting to recreate a contemporary race of Nephilim ([Henning, 2020](#)).

Demonology is not just another crackpot-ology. It is the ancient and scholarly study of monsters and demons who have seemingly coexisted with man throughout history... The manifestations and occurrences described in this imposing literature are similar, if not entirely identical, to the UFO phenomenon itself. Victims of demonic possession suffer the very same medical and emotional symptoms as the UFO contactees... The Devil and his demons can, according to the literature, manifest themselves in almost any form, and can physically imitate anything from angels to horrifying monsters with glowing eyes. Strange objects and entities materialize and dematerialize in these stories, just as the UFOs and their splendid occupants appear and disappear, walk through walls, and perform other supernatural feats ([Keel, 1996, p. 192](#)).

Are these races only semi-human so that in order to maintain contact with us they need crossbreeding with men and women of our planet? Is this the origin of many tales and legends where genetics plays a great role... the fairy tales involving human midwives and changelings, the sexual overtones of the flying saucer reports, the Biblical stories between the Lord's angels and terrestrial women, whose offspring were giants? ([Vallée, 1991, p. 13](#))

All of this raises the specter of hybrid armies, and other end-time scenarios from the Book of Revelation ([Gillette, 2022](#)).

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