

## BCS D2 - THE POWER AND PRINCIPLES OF MONEY 1

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The Power and Principles of money has to do with the issue of making, managing and multiplying money. However, this begins with understanding what money is.

- Money is not the paper. Money is universal but currency is national and regional.

### THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

If we hold to the biblical truth that the love of money is the root of all evil, then the first and original sin ever committed in God's Kingdom must have been associated with the quest for riches.

- The love of money is simply the lust for material possessions, which money is used to obtain. It lives and breeds in the business arena and has been the root source of evil from the first time that unrighteousness was found among the heavenly host.

***"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High". Isaiah 14:12-14***

The prophet Isaiah describes Lucifer as being so filled with pride that he attempted to raise himself above the stars of heaven and become "like" (equal with) God.

- This act of pride is what established the biblical principle that ***"pride goes before destruction"*** (**Proverbs 16:18**) and has become what some consider to be Satan's original sin.

### LUCIFER'S ORIGINAL SIN

The prophet Ezekiel explains how Lucifer's abundance of trade caused iniquity to be found in him, which led him to commit the first sin:

***"You [Lucifer] were in Eden, the garden of God ... You were the anointed cherub [archangel] who covers, and I [God] placed you there ... . You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your trade [merchandise and business] you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned ..."*** (Ezekiel 28:13, 14-16)

There are a lot of things happening in this passage of Scripture.

- First, it would appear that before his attempted coup against Jehovah (YHWH), Lucifer was involved in an abundance of business and trade that was being transacted in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Second, it would also appear that original sin was birthed in Lucifer while he was in the midst of those business activities.

This abundant volume of trade filled Lucifer with so much violence that he actually launched a frontal assault against Jehovah to get more.

This appears to be the first example of how the lust for money and material possession can drive anyone to believe that they don't have to obey God's Word.

***“Your heart was lifted up [in pride] because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor .... “ (V 17)***

- Lucifer's financial prowess caused him to focus on his own beauty instead of the beauty of the Lord. This produced vanity in him which led him into pride.

***“When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; lest, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart becomes proud, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt [saved you], out of the house of slavery [prospered you].” (Deuteronomy 8:10-14)***

- Once Lucifer came to believe that he was God's equal, he lost his submission to God and began to make up his own rules. It was here that he began to operate according to his own unrighteous standards when conducting his business affairs.

***“By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade, you profaned your sanctuaries” (Ezekiel 28:18)***

- Lucifer's abundant trade produced the root sin of lust to obtain wealth faster than righteous trading would allow. So he began to implement dishonest business practices that he used to cheat his trading partners. This ended his ministry as the covering cherub, and God expelled him from the Kingdom, thus excluding him from its business affairs.
- At this point, Lucifer became his own god, who is now Satan, ***“the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4)***. As Satan, he began to follow the leading of his own spirit, which is ***“the spirit of the world” (1 Corinthians 2:12)***, and started building his own kingdom, which is ***“the kingdom of this world” (Matthew 4:8; Revelation 11:15)***.

## THE HISTORY OF MONEY

In the early days of civilization, money was of a different nature than it is today.

## **Hunter /Cave men Era:**

- In this era, people hardly wore cloths and never needed shops, cars and such things that abound today. Lands and other resources were useless to them as they never knew its potential.
- They had only their skill and ability to hunt animals as their means of survival. Money at that time, would be useless as they had nothing to spend the currency on.

## **Farming / Agrarian Age:**

- People started growing the consciousness of the potential of the lands and hence began devising means of extracting its benefits. There was movement from hunting to agriculture as a means of measuring wealth and value.
- Lands became valuable and people began to take possession of lands. Money now moved from skill and ability to hunt and now to trading by barter. This created the issue of competition of owning and cultivating bigger lands and hence slavery and polygamy began.

This system birthed the **barter trade system** because the dominant possession became crops.

### **Challenges of Barter System:**

- Logistics Limitation
  - Disagreement on value and quantity inequality because everyone believed in the superiority of their product.
  - Inability to find an exchange partner.
- Mobility Limitation
- Storage Limitation

## **Industrial Age:**

- This followed after discoveries of several potential underneath the soil; mineral resources like gold, coal, crude oil, etc
- At this time, farmers have also realized related uses of their products apart from feeding; fruit juices, pomade, etc.
- This era introduced a revolution in the educational system in order to train people to manage this new movement and economy. Like a chain, it also produced the job and salary system in order to keep people in a new form of slavery unlike what the farmers had.
- Use of coins, cowries and gold bars was resorted to as a solution to the limitation of the barter trade. As nations began to trade with each other, carrying gold bars and coins became almost unbearable and paper note was invented. Money now become a paper note which was just promissory note to indicate how much is owed. All this while the bank stored the gold and coins as security.

## **Technological Age:**

This has evolved with the introduction of cards for electronic commerce as a result of disparity in the various kinds of promissory note. All forms of cashless transactions have been introduced and in use.

**IN ALL OF THIS, THE KEY PRINCIPLE IS THAT THERE IS A TRANSFER OF  
AN INVISIBLE SUBSTANCE FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER, ONLY  
REPRESENTED BY VARIOUS CHANGING MEDIUM AND SUBSTANCES**

## **WHAT IS MONEY**

- Medium of Exchange. Money is whatever you have, which you can use to exchange for anything you need. Examples are time, energy, skills, resources, etc.
- Reward for solving Problems. Money only flows in the direction and in exchange for solutions. The level of problems you solve determines the level of money that flows to you. It is a reward system for adequate compensation in the use of talents, gifts and resources.
- Representation of Value. Money represent the level of value; both intrinsic and transferable. The amount of investment one puts in himself to produce excellence is a determination of value and it has commensurate levels of money that it attracts.
- Measure of Capacity: Money reflects how much a person is able to contain and manage. It is a neutral medium that showcases what a person is made up of. It amplifies every hidden reality within the capacity of a person.