

that God implanted in us. (Ecclesiastes 3:11) He created the first humans with the prospect that they could live forever on earth. (Genesis 2:16, 17) Why, then, do humans die? How was death introduced into the world? The knowledge of God sheds light on these questions. —Psalm 119:105.

A SINISTER PLOT

⁴ A criminal tries to cover his tracks. This has also been true of the one responsible for a crime that has resulted in the death of billions. He has maneuvered things to shroud human death in mystery. Jesus Christ identified this criminal when He told those seeking to kill Him: "You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him."—John 8:31, 40, 44.

⁵ Yes, the Devil is a malicious "manslayer." The Bible reveals that he is a real person, not just the evil in someone's heart. (Matthew 4:1-11) Although created as a righteous angel, "he did not stand fast in the truth." How fitting it is that he is named Satan the Devil! (Revelation 12:9) He is called "Satan," or "resister," because he has opposed and resisted Jehovah. This criminal is also called "Devil," meaning "slanderer," for he has blasphemously misrepresented God.

⁶ What motivated Satan to rebel against God? Greed. He greedily coveted the worship Jehovah received from humans. The Devil did not reject the desire to receive

4. How did Jesus identify the criminal responsible for human death?

5. (a) What was the origin of the one who became Satan the Devil? (b) What do the words "Satan" and "Devil" mean?

6. Why did Satan rebel against God?



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