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Christians traditionally think of Satan as Lucifer, God's enemy, who rebelled against Him out of pride and then caused Adam and Eve to sin. But, as Henry Ansgar Kelly shows, this portrayal is not Biblical but a scenario invented by the early Fathers of the Church which became the "New Biography of Satan." The "Original Biography" must be reconstructed from the New Testament where Satan is the same sort of celestial functionary we see in the Book of Job – appointed to govern the World, specifically to monitor and test Human Beings. But he is brutal and deceitful in his methods, and Jesus predicts that his rule will soon come to an end.

Kelly traces the further developments of the "New Biography": Humankind's inherited guilt, captivity by Satan, and punishment in Hell at his hands. This profile of Satan remains dominant, but Kelly urges a return to the "Original Biography of Satan."

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Abbreviations

- AB Anchor Bible series of commentaries and monographs
- ANF *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, 10 vols. (New York: Scribners, 1908–13; repr. Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 1971–86). Most of these texts are online; for an overview and partial texts, see <http://www.searchgodsword.org/his/ad/ecf/ant>. For complete texts, search for other sites
- ANT *The Apocryphal New Testament*, ed. J. K. Elliott (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993, rev. 1999)
- DR The Douai-Reims Bible, translated into English from the Latin Vulgate: the New Testament printed at Douai in 1582 and the Old Testament at Reims in 1609; reprinted by The Scholar Press (London, 1975) in the series, *English Recusant Literature, 1558–1640*, vols. 265–67
- D.H. Deuteronomistic Historian. See **chap. 1.1**
- GL *The Golden Legend* by James of Varazze (Jácobus de Voragine, ca. 1260), tr. William Granger Ryan, 2 vols. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993), cited by chapter number
- HB Hebrew Bible. See *The Interlinear NIV Hebrew-English Old Testament*, ed. John R. Kohlenberger III (Grand Rapids MI: Zondervan, 1987)
- KJV The King James Version of the Bible (1611)
- LCL Loeb Classical Library (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press)
- LVB Latin Vulgate Bible, translated by St. Jerome (d. 420) and others
- LXX The Septuagint (translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek by the Jews of Alexandria and elsewhere, mainly between

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- the third and first century BC; includes the Book of Wisdom [Wisdom of Solomon], dated between 50 BC and AD 50). For an English translation, see *The Septuagint with Apocrypha: Greek and English*, ed. Lancelot C. L. Brenton (London 1851, repr. Peabody MA: Hendrickson, 1986, 2003)
- NJB* *The New Jerusalem Bible* (New York: Doubleday, 1985)
- NPNF 1, NPNF 2* *A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church*, series 1, 14 vols. (New York: Scribners, 1891–1909; repr. Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 1983); series 2, 14 vols. (New York: Christian Literature, 1890–1900; repr. Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 1986–89). For an overview and first parts of texts, see <http://www.searchgodsword.org/his/ad/ecf/nic> and <http://www.searchgodsword.org/his/ad/ecf/pos>. Search other online sites for complete texts of works of individual authors
- NRSV* New Revised Standard Version of the Bible in English
- NTA* *New Testament Apocrypha*, ed. Wilhelm Schneemelcher, tr. R. McL. Wilson, 2 vols. (Cambridge: James Clarke, 1991)
- OAB* *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books: An Ecumenical Study Bible*, 3rd edn. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001): uses the NRSV
- OTP 1, OTP 2* *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*, ed. James H. Charlesworth (New York: Doubleday, 1983–85), vols. 1 and 2
- PG* *Patrologia Graeca*, ed. J. P. Migne

- PL Patrologia Latina, ed. J. P. Migne
PL John Milton, *Paradise Lost* (1667)
Q Qumran: site of the Dead Sea Scrolls. See **chap. 2.3**
Q Hypothetical common source for the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. See **chap. 4.1**