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We are testing this assertion (and the related one that YHWH was SATAN*):

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- I will be commenting on certain issues/beliefs that are implied by this, and/or that are required to be believed BEFORE this assertion can be accepted. Some/much of the data for these beliefs can be found in websites, and I will have to discuss those as part of this. I have written a little over 100 pages of analysis already on the teachings of one particular website. This material will supplement and summarize (to a certain extent) my written material posted on the Christian Thinktank (<https://cttx.org>) at https://cttx.org/Was_YHWH_Satan.html .
- I will be referring to this other website as the “**OTHER VOICE**”. I do not know to what extent the original author of the question above *believes* the OTHER VOICE, but given that many links submitted by the author were to this site, I will treat their positions as being the same. The author can ignore any of my comments that address teachings of the OTHER VOICE that they do NOT hold in common with them.

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Intended Audience:

Since this examination is based on the **words of Jesus**, as presented in the text of the New Testament gospels, it presupposes / REQUIRES that the audience holds that:

1. Jesus has complete knowledge of all spiritual beings—God, Satan, angels, demons, humans. He absolutely knows who YHWH is, who Satan is, who the Father is, who His enemies are, etc. He knows all there is to know about the Hebrew bible's author(s), content, and relevance to humans.
2. The words of Jesus are the final authority in this matter, whether we are 'comfortable' with them or not. That is, do we trust Him as a moral authority too, and not just as a theological one?
3. The **more critical/dangerous** an issue was, the **clearer and more forceful** would be Jesus' warnings – because of His love and His mission from the Father. He would **not withhold critical information** from us, **nor** would He make it **so difficult or laborious for us common folk to discover**, that many of us would fail to get the message.
4. The narratives in the Gospels are faithful accounts of the events and settings for His words and deeds.
5. The gospel record is to be accepted as it stands, and all passages have equal weight and must be factored into ANY construction of 'what Jesus taught'.
6. But we must be cognizant that some passages are clearer and more precise than others (and therefore have a greater constraint on what we believe) and that more ambiguous or obscure passages must be interpreted in light of the more precise / explicit ones.

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This assertion entails 3 related topics/issues for examination/critique:

1. That the agent speaking and operating under the name/term “Yahweh” (YHWH) in much/most of the Hebrew Bible **was NOT “God the Father”** as revealed/discussed by Jesus in His first coming to the earth, but was in fact SATAN himself;
2. That the **text of the Hebrew Bible** at the time of Jesus was a **mixture of the voice/words of Satan** (operating under the name of YHWH) **and those of God the Father** (also operating under the name of YHWH and other titles) – with the majority of the text being from Satan-- and that readers **needed to separate out the 2 voices** embedded in the Hebrew Bible.
3. [If #1 and #2 above are true:] That the **Mosaic Law** given by YHWH was actually **evil**, and given by Satan (operating under the name of YHWH), and that the **foundational events of Exodus** (and the Conquest and Davidic Kingdom etc.) were instigated and executed by **Satan** (operating under the name of YHWH).

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- If the agent who gave the Mosaic law (with the Ten Commandments), caused the Exodus, and basically authored the vast majority of the Hebrew bible was indeed Satan (operating under the name YHWH) and NOT God the Father (as described in the teaching of Jesus), then the entire Jewish populace (religious leaders or not) at the time of Jesus was idolatrous (e.g., worshipping angels) and deluded in **almost all of their beliefs** about God, their values, the Law, their messianic hopes, and their opportunities to experience eternal life!
- This would be a staggering backlog of deeply entrenched and socially 'enforced' error for Jesus to have to challenge, overcome, eradicate and completely replace with an entirely new theological framework.
- This is not simply a matter of 'misunderstood' messianic prophecies or ethical complacency about taking God's law seriously – this requires bold repudiation and extreme persuasive force to get everyone (!) to ditch basically their entire worldview...

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Was this a critical issue for Jesus and His mission? (2)

- If this was indeed the case --that the god of the Hebrew Bible (YHWH) was indeed Satan in the vast majority of important passages--I cannot imagine Jesus not being exceptionally EXPLICIT in warning / teaching this to His disciples—and to the general population of the lost!
- If (the allegedly more-or-less unknown at the time??) God the Father cared for these people enough to send Jesus to save them, then we would expect the VOLUME and CLARITY of this warning about YHWH to be LOUD, CLEAR, and VERY powerful.
- Jesus was very CLEAR, very FREQUENT, very PUBLIC, and very FORCEFUL in warning and teaching the disciples and the people about the scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Satan, and other religious leaders!

“Woe to you, **scribes and Pharisees**, hypocrites...”; “**You blind guides/Pharisees**”; “Woe to you **lawyers** also...”; **Beware false prophets** (Matt 7:15), Scribes (Mk 12:38); “Beware of the leaven of the **Pharisees**, which is hypocrisy” (Luke 12.1); ‘... the teaching of the **Pharisees**” (Mat 16.12) ... of **Jewish leadership**: “You are of your father the devil”; **Satan**: “murderer... liar...” (John 8:44ff) ... **Religious leaders**: “You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil?” (Matt 12:34); **Scribes/Pharisees**: “You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?” (Matt 23:32); **Sadducees** [“You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God ... You are quite wrong.” (Mark 12:24, 27)]

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- This is not something Jesus could just throw up descriptions of the Father, and expect the populace to know enough detail about the OT texts themselves to (1) be able to compare the two and (2) to be able to draw the conclusion that the Father was NOT the God of the Patriarchs, Moses, the Exodus, King David, the Prophets, and the Exile, --as everybody around Jesus believed!
- Such a half-hearted approach to correcting the nation would not be in keeping with His mission. **He was the Good Shepherd, and His truth was to set them free** – from deception and sin. Casting off the Torah (and the rules and regulations they observed) would be critically important to this, if indeed its author YHWH was Satan, or evil, or someone impersonating the Father.
- Almost anything short of him ‘**carrying a protest sign, saying ‘Your GOD YHWH is (actually) the evil SATAN’’**’ would reflect a lack of commitment to his mission and/or a serious lack of teaching/communication skills!



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If this were REALLY true:

- We should expect **MANY, STRONG, and CLEAR denunciations**, focused on the title/name/terms 'God' & 'Lord' (i.e., Koine/NT Greek versions of El/Elohim, Adonai, YHWH), with explicit connections to Satan and/or explicit words of condemnation;
 - We would not need to build any 'comparison columns'—Jesus would warn us **DIRECTLY**, as He did concerning the religious leaders and false religion.
- And we should NOT expect to see **ANY positive or even ambiguous statements** or teachings about that individual/agent (YHWH), and certainly NO connections to the term "Father" (that could mislead His followers).
 - Closely related to this, we should **NOT see any positive** or neutral references to the LAW given by YHWH, any positive/neutral references to 'controversial' OT events, nor statements supporting an 'only-one-voice' view of Scripture.

We should also expect to see the same warning/teaching statements by His immediate disciples (this assumes He was effective as a teacher). This would include early-church statements in the book of Acts, the gospel authors, and the epistles of Peter, James, and John.

Honesty requires fairness and consistency in method

Important note on method—the original statement:

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Although we won’t need to make comparisons, **if we WERE** going to use Jesus’ words as the basis for some comparison, then we need to be consistent. Our comparison ‘columns’ should look like **one of these**:

What Jesus says
about the Father

Compared to

What Jesus says
about YHWH

What Jesus says
about Satan

Compared to

What Jesus says
about YHWH

Instead of ONLY this:

What Jesus says

We WILL use this, but ONLY
AFTER listening to JESUS’
words!

What Jesus says
about Himself

What data do we have about how Jesus saw YHWH of the OT?

And so, we START WITH the actual words of Jesus...

We MUST start with statements by Jesus explicitly mentioning the God of the Hebrew bible – which will be clearest in His quotations from the OT, but not limited to them. All other passages must be interpreted with these explicit statements in mind.