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• The Leviathan

In this Edition:



Dear readers,

Here is a separate topic on:



"The writhing one", a sea monster from prehistoric times.

The Leviathan was already known in the Phoenician mythology of ancient Canaan under the name Lotan which is derived from Lawtan or serpent.

There are some "traditions" outside the Bible and references that, taken together, confirm the characteristics of Leviathan described in Job 41.

When a boat on Rattle Snake Island approached the habitat of a large giant fish, it created deep waves with its tail, causing the boat to sink immediately, according to Indian people who saw this happening. In addition, a very large sizeable sea fish in the Indian Sea was able to create a storm by blowing on it. This reminds us of the Biblical Leviathan.

Texts have been discovered that refers to an ancient Canaanite creation myth, in which Baal slew the Lothan *(Goddess)* as <u>Marduk</u> once slew the serpent <u>Tiamat.</u>

The origin of the Leviathan myth may now be clearer. In the Hebrew dialect of the Old Testament, the Lawtan is referred to as the "Leviathan," a variant of the same name.



In the <u>Ugaritic</u> texts of the <u>14th century BC</u>, the Leviathan is described as the enemy of the <u>storm god Baäl</u>. The word *Baäl* in Canaanite meant *"mighty ruler,"* possibly related to <u>Sanskrit</u>. For *'bala'* = 'strong', a title, comparable to the term 'pharaoh'. Leviathan would be the king of fish, like <u>Ziz</u> the king of birds and <u>Behemoth</u> the king of mammals. In other

religions, the mythical creature is represented as an indestructible, seven-headed whale demon and also the king of lies.

In the Hebrew Bible, the Leviathan is described as the swift, writhing serpent...the monster in the sea. In the <u>apocalyptic</u> writings, as in later <u>Christianity</u>, the Leviathan was seen as a representation of the <u>devil</u>. In the book of <u>Enoch</u> he appeared as a great immeasurable creature who "spans the abyss over the fountains of the waters." Its jaws are sometimes called the gates of hell. <u>At the end of time</u>, he will wage his last great battle with the Archangel <u>Gabriel</u>.

The Leviathan is mentioned only a few times in the Bible. It appears to be a large sea monster. Even before Israel came into existence as a nation, the Leviathan was mentioned in a cuneiform text from the ancient Ugarite.

A sea monster is mentioned six times in the Old Testament, and mentioned as Leviathan: twice in the Psalms, twice in the book of Isaiah, and twice in the book of Job.

You have split the sea by your strength and crushed the heads of monsters in the water. You have crushed the heads of Leviathan and given it as food to the creatures of the desert. (Psalm 74:13-14)

In Psalm 104 attention is paid to the sea with the creatures that dwell therein:

This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great. There the ships sail about; There is that Leviathan which You have made to play there. (Psalm 104:25-26)



In Job 3:8 we see his discourse: "Out of the storm wind God brings up two beasts about the meaning of guiltless suffering: 'Behemoth' and 'Leviathan'.



Monsters imaginations of the spirit.

Three remarkable animals appear in the OT writings: the Leviathan, the Behemoth, and also the Ziz. The first two in Job, while the Ziz appears in Psalm 50:11 and 80:14. Ziz is called the king of birds, Leviathan king of fishes, and Behemoth king of mammals.

The Leviathan and the Behemoth are mentioned in Job 40-41. The Ziz is a mythical creature from Jewish mythology, a bird so large that when it stands in the middle of the ocean its head still sticks out. The animals are mentioned at the end of the book of Job. (Job 41:25).

The Behemoth appears to be a herbivorous dinosaur. The large-tailed brontosaurus lived on green food and weighed about 30 tons. (an elephant weighs about 5 tons). The ultrasaurus, which could grow up to 18 m high and 30 m long, weighed 136 tons; he too was a herbivore with a huge tail.

The description in Job points to a kind of fire-breathing dragon. The Leviathan goes into the sea and makes the depths swirl there. Does Job 7:12 now becomes easier to understand with "setting guards against such sea monsters?" The Leviathan is mentioned in other writings, such as found on Ugaritic clay tablets. What is the meaning of these great beasts, which must have been known to Job?

In the Household of God, we read much more about this. Not every reader is familiar with the extensive book collection of the Jakob-Lorber-Works, hence the complete version.

Enoch was carried away by the power of the Lord for 7,000 paces outside a city to a place where a road to the height began.

There they were all [fellow companions of Enoch] left to their own strength again and from then on walked up the mountains step by step.

When they had completed about half the distance and were passing by a large mountain cave, behold, a mighty dragon crawled out of the cave obstructing the road to the travelers. Its form was a terrible sight and its strength threatened to swallow the mountains; its eyes were like boiling metal, its jaws like a yawning abyss from which came forth dense smoke and flames; the form of its head was like that of a wolf, but was as such larger than a giant ox; its neck was like that of a leviathan, which is the greatest and mightiest monster of the ocean; its body, covered by mighty scales and wing-like, pointed double fins, was **666** yards

in circumference. [analogous to the number of the beast that draws power and has the most selfishness]

its feet were like mighty uprooted oaks and its tail, also **666** yards long and covered with scales, was divided into seven coils. Thus the dragon looked terrifying and behaved as though it wanted to kill or at least challenge our wanderers.

Since Enoch looked through the evil nature of the monster, he spoke the following words to the dragon: "Listen, you scum of creation, who have arbitrarily formed your abominable phantom form, I know who you are and what your intention is! Me you will not ever deceive, just as you have so far been unable to do! For my love for God is mightier than all your strength, and out of it goes forth a great, holy light, in which light you stand before me naked in all your bottomless malice; but this your malice is an equally great weakness which my love can scatter with a whiff

. "Let this be said to you openly so that you may learn before whom you stand! I, Enoch, the sole High Priest of God on earth, tell and command you in the name of my and your God and Lord to leave this spot and rush to the sea of your bottomless wickedness and then no longer visit this region but remain in your depth there to feed on the slime of your malice! So be off and flee and do not risk being touched by my finger; for you have known for a long time what such a touch might do to you! - So be off and flee in the name of the Lord! Amen."

Here the dragon turned to Enoch and spoke with the voice of a whore: "Yes, Enoch, I know you and none of you is unknown to me since I am for you all a firm ground from the beginning! For there a sun was shining in the firmament and ere a thought was given to the forming of things and beings of every kind, I alone existed as the first efflux from God. In me, the Deity divided Itself, and I was the light in God. [Luzifer=Lucifer] And God saw that the light was mightier than He, wherefore He grew very fearful of the might of the light. [o, what a big lie is this!]



"Still He let the light shine more and more brightly through eternities, for He reasoned that thereby the light would consume and weaken itself, allowing Him to be again fully strengthened in His nature. However I, as the free light in God, could easily see through the eternal primordial God's scheme and I realized that with all my far-reaching power I would not ever be able to oppose His primordial fundamental power; I therefore spoke to Him most gently: Hear, You, my eternal, invincible First Cause! Since You fear my power as though it were greater than Yours, which called me into being, do take all this Your light from me, leaving me only with an existence that may stand opposite You, behold You and discourse with You!'

But God, instead of granting my wish, only became angry, created other beings out of Himself, confronted me with them as lords and charged them with apprehending me in my center and then everywhere in infinity.

"Thus I was wrongly imprisoned. I was stripped of everything right to the ground of my being, and what you here see is all that was left to me in my great guilelessness, - namely, nothing but this most miserable form, the awareness of what I was and the sole capability of doing evilest mitigating circumstances should ever arise for me in eternity, moreover, the full recognition of the divine will be added to which however the always wrong intent!"

"I am a forever wrongfully accursed being, merely because God's wrath wills it so; I must be a devil out of God's anger; I must forever suffer and be accursed by every being because God in His wrath and anger wants it thus. "O Enoch, I am a most miserable being! I must feel this forever most bitterly, yet I find it forever impossible to mend my ways. I am forever deprived of a chance to turn back and am unable to change this my form. I must lie and deceive to deserve even more the revenge on the part of God. I must eagerly see the good and true, but must owing to my innate wrath do only evil to become more damnable and punishable."

"O Enoch, this is a bad state for me! Will no one ever have mercy on me? "O Enoch, do not send me away from here; do not make me more miserable than I am anyway! However, if you can destroy and scatter me forever, do so, and the realization of such action shall be my eternal thanks to you!"

Then there follows a dialogue of Enoch with the dragon, which after a long argument finally disappears:

But Enoch looked the dragon firmly into the eye and said to him in a serious, kind tone of voice: "All right, you most miserable being, I have heard your complaint against God and have fully understood. If that is so, you are truly the most pitiable being in the whole of infinity. For there can surely be no more miserable and wretched being than one who, having to recognize in all depth the good and true, has the greatest urge to do it and when following the urge it wants to be active in full earnest, the Deity seizes it with Its wrath and against its own will and cognition urges it to do evil, thereby providing the most unloving and unjust Deity with a fresh cause for making the miserable being culpable of a new and ever-growing damnation."

"If that is so, say, how come that the Lord is so gracious and merciful towards us that we cannot help, firstly, recognizing Him as the very purest, eternal, infinite love and loving Him above all and, secondly, publicly learning from Him in person that He, as the most loving

Father, has done everything possible and in the future will do everything imaginable to break your everlasting obstinacy so that you may be again won over?

"Yes, tell me how come that the Lord called forth the whole visible creation alone for your sake to move you to turn back completely through the harsh trial of physical death and you still refuse to turn back to the Father so that the Father is now coerced by His endless love to divide your total life-force into a countless, diversified life of the humans on this earth as well as on the countless other globes, thereby ridding you of your self-will and thus in us men leading you back divided, because undivided you would certainly not ever decide to do so? Do tell me how this can be and I will then fulfill your request."

Here the dragon again opened his mouth and said to Enoch: "O You immature man! You do not know as yet how a thousand years taste to the earth, and you claim to know God, the Eternal, better than I, who have experienced Him in all His moves since eternities? Oh look, how endlessly weak and foolish you are! Listen, I will open your rather young eyes so that you may have at least a tiny glimpse of how matters stand with your God Whom you think you know. And so listen!"

"Of such creations as this present one I know already countless great billions. Every one of them existed about a great billion of earth years (NB.: Such a great billion is a figure of one thousand digits or numbers,1 and nine hundred zeros), a for you, poor young man, already unimaginable number!"

"When such a period of creation had passed and God had become tired of His creatures, He gave up His great play of thoughts, that is, mind you! - He again destroyed the entire infinite creation and there ensued again an endless void for several great billions of earth years, and there was nothing apart from Him and myself who have always been able to mightily withstand destruction, since I am, and always have been, an essential part of the Deity."

"When after a for you, unimaginable time the Deity had made another great plan of creation, the creating began again and when the creation had again passed through its time and the Deity had again become tired of its created beings, such a new creation was again doomed and the total destruction of all things, which anyway are nothing but for a definite time fixed thoughts of God, ensued and an, as it were, infinite void took the place of the former splendor of creation. *[what a disgusting twist this is!]*

The dragon continued; "That this is always in God's primordial-eternal plan of how to exercise power and sustain it, you can already see on earth where there is a continual change between coming-into-being, existing and ceasing to exist. Today you see a flower gloriously blossom, tomorrow it dies and is forever ruined, and so it goes on forever with countless things great and. Of this, I am an already old, indestructible witness. Therefore, if you *[Henoch]* believe in an eternal life you are very much mistaken; for apart from God and myself nothing has an eternal and thus indestructible existence, - God, because in His own eternal Being He is inherently primordial-essential, and I because I am not a thought like you and the entire creation out of God, but an indestructible, essential part segregated from the Deity Itself.

"So, if you ask why, despite all efforts on the part of God, I do not want to turn back although you have found Him to be the purest love, I tell you: 'The reason is quite obvious, namely: Because I know God as the First Cause, - which will be impossible to you since you cannot

possibly grasp eternity such as it was as an ephemera (one-day being) - nor as it will be in the future!

"Of course, you could with your present life-force which also is an infinitesimal part of the divine Being, like me, completely separate yourself from God and thus gain eternal permanency, if you knew how to do it; however, if you did this, the endlessly greater might of the Deity would treat you as horribly as It is now treating me and your eternal permanency would benefit you extremely little, for it is surely better not to be than to be as I am! [*Here we see the greatest liar in all creation playing the part of a pathetic 'victim'!*]

Lucifer, here in the form of a dragon further said to Enoch: "Having in all earnest become sick and tired of this fickleness on the part of the Deity, I have now decided on two things, namely, either to deprive God of His power forever, usurping all His might to finally establish for all created beings an order of truly eternal permanency, - or, should I fail in this, I will in the second case kill myself forever, thereby putting an eternal end to the Deity Itself! *[What an arrogance and pride thought!]*

"For how often I have asked the Deity to establish a firm order of eternal permanency in creation, but every time it was all in vain. [that is, an eternal matter!]

"I offered to return my light *[the Dragon]* to It; *[he Deity]* It imprisoned me through other short-lived beings Not able to conquer me, It left me with a most miserable existence since my former nature shrunk from its unlimited being to this form. Only now does the Deity in my light realize that I am now by far more dangerous to It than in my erstwhile allness; wherefore It makes every effort to apprehend me!"

"But you as well as your loving God can be fully assured that it will not ever succeed in this! Rather will I kill myself and the Deity than be imprisoned by It thus giving It all the more scope for creating and then according to whim again destroying what It has created! *[what a delusional dragon!]*

"This is why the thinking beings are always guided to humility by the Deity so that no one might succeed in rising above the divine whim! 'This time, *[that's how the dragon ended his words]* have firmly decided to play a prank on the Deity, which shall put an end to Its whims forever! Truly, this time I will show It my might and will chastise It like an old criminal! - Do comprehend this, Enoch! Amen, Amen." Here the dragon suddenly disappeared. [Household of God, part 2, chapter. 273,274]

In chapter 275 Enoch discusses with the seven messengers what is or is not true here with all the opposing statements of the dragon [Luzifer].

Now we come to the actual being and true name of Satanas, later to be called Satan. In Earth and Moon by 'Jakob Lorber', it is explained who actually is this Leviiathan.

Creature and name of Satana.

Theron the Lord now speaks: "You must have often heard and read, and even now still hear and read, how this evil spirit appears under various names, and besides him a multitude of companions of the same kind, whom we call devils. On this occasion, I will give a precise explanation as to why and whence this thoroughly evil spirit has been given so many different names and who those devils actually are."

"Satana, Satan, **Leviathan**, Beelzebub, Gog, Magog, the Serpent, **the Dragon**, the Beast of the Abyss, **Lucifer**, and other suchlike names designate and characterize him. Lucifer or Light-bearer was the original name that characterized him."

"Satana was the polar opposite of the Deity. As Satana, this spirit was actually so set towards the Deity as the woman is to the man. The Deity would be getting His eternal ideas in her being without limit so that they would mature in her concentrated light, and thus from the light of this spirit would have sprung a creation of beings in the greatest clarity, and all infinity would have been populated, on and on, out of this light. For in infinite space, there would be infinite space, and all eternities could never fill these spaces to create a rush of beings."

But as we know, because this spirit had the infinitely great vocation of being a second God besides Me, it also had to pass a corresponding trial of freedom, which, however, it did not pass, because it wanted to rise above the Deity.

"A struggle for rank was, therefore, the first thing that this spirit committed against the Deity. Since the Deity could not agree to give him preeminence and submit Himself completely to him, his anger was ignited and it wanted to destroy the Deity; **he would not have lacked the strength for this, had not God, in His eternal wisdom, caught this mutineer firmly at the right time.** It sounds a bit puzzling that there should have been such great power in this spirit to resist the eternal Deity, that it should have finally succumbed to its power and finally let Itself be completely captured and thereby would be paralyzed for all eternity, which would be tantamount to being destroyed. But the matter becomes more intelligible when one considers that it is precisely in this spirit, so to speak, that the Deity had placed a wholly second "I" which, though created in time, nevertheless exists in all spaces of infinity with equal force against the Deity was set.'

This spirit, in which the Deity Himself had concentrated its light, was, like the Deity, extended over the whole of infinity, by which it would also have been possible for him, for his part, to seize the Deity everywhere and make him powerless. But at these selfish thoughts, in him arose a great vanity and pleasure in himself, in his light and his endless sublimity and power. In this selfishness and self-satisfaction, he forgot the old eternal Deity, ignited in his vanity and consolidated himself. Then the Deity seized his being in all its parts, stripped him of his specific nature, formed from it celestial bodies throughout infinity and struck the spirit of this endless soul being in the most mighty shackles and chained him in the depths of matter.'

"In this position. this spirit is then no longer called 'Satana'. But because it has detached itself to a certain extent from the eternal divine order, it is called 'Satan', which means as much as an equal pole with the Deity. But it is known that like polarities never attract but always repel each other. Therein also lies the reason that this being is also furthest from the Deity and forms the greatest contrast with Him, and therein also lies his earthly wickedness. Now it is known why this spirit is called 'Satan'."

"The word **'leviathan'** was only meant to indicate his strength and might by comparing him to this extinct sea monster, which was once the largest, most powerful, and most indestructible animal on earth. He was as great as a country, his stature was that of a giant dragon, who

had such strength that he was able to endure a strong fire in his entrails, and suffered no harm from it when this fire often with terrible sparks of fire sprayed from his mouth and nostrils. For this reason, our evil spirit was also often called the "fire dragon" or the "dragon of the abyss." This spirit, whose soul had been completely decomposed, but whose spiritually purer being was still very much bound, made it several times appear as if he wished to mend himself, if anything were allowed to him.

He certainly could have done that, as he had been stripped of all his evil soul specifica, as far as possible. Now, this spirit desired that he be allowed to be worshiped divinely for a time, and if he saw that this worship did not please him, he would completely turn around and become a pure spirit. He was allowed that too. All paganism, which is nearly as old as the human race, bears witness to this. That is why the Lord originally also selected for Himself a single small nation on earth; all other peoples could, in full freedom, follow the wish of this spirit with impunity, just like the animals."

"The most different names for this being worshiped as God then arose from these states. But because this being was not satisfied with this, and instead of the promised improvement intervened more and more in the divine order, it was driven into a very narrow prison. However, as it had already trained for itself many like-minded spirits of the human race during that time, it worked through these angels of him; for a Diabolus or Devil is nothing but a spirit reared and formed in the school of Satan."

"It is not to be understood in this way, as if such spirits were literally trained in a school of Satan, but they formed themselves by the specifica that they absorbed from the bond with this spirit. These spirits, because they also have earthly evil in them, are called 'devils' or 'disciples of Satan', but they differ greatly from him. With them, only that which belongs to the soul is homogeneous with the evil spirit, but their spirit, though firmly imprisoned, is yet pure, while the spirit of Satan is the real evil. Therefore it will and can happen that all devils will be saved before Satan is compelled in himself to undertake the great journey to his eternal fall."

Now we know of what nature Satan and the devil are. Following are memorabilia to illustrate all this more powerfully."

About the whale of the prophet Jonah:

As for the whale, it has both its natural history and its spiritual correctness; for both the one and the other must be correct, because without this correctness or without the natural-historical background the spiritual would have no agreement.

To understand the natural part, it must be known that at that time, especially in the Mediterranean, there existed a kind of gigantic fish which some, especially the Egyptians, called Leviathan, and the ancient Greeks at the time of the famous writer Herodotus called them Phalos. This species of fish, also mentioned in the book of Job, disappeared completely from the sea, soon after the breaking of the sea [near Gibraltar] and was then dragged southwards in the Atlantic Ocean by the great sea currents, where it is then for the greatest part in the cold waters, like other large animals of the mainland, has completely perished.

These fish first had an enormous mouth, which was connected by a wide opening to an equally large stomach. They had no teeth, nor a tongue, but instead, like the present-day

whales in the region, a great number of fins that, not infrequently, had a length of two to three fathoms in the full-grown state, which these gigantic fishes used like an elephant it's trunk.

They seized their food with these fins and shoved it completely undamaged into their large stomachs, which contained no water, but secreted from the inner walls a kind of juice which after a few days began to dissolve the still living spoils of food in this stomach which gradually are utterly destroyed. [The aggressive gastric bile-juices!]

Before the flight of this gigantic fish, which was also a mammal and gave birth to live young and had to breathe like modern northern whales and often remain on the surface of the sea so as not to suffocate, the large number of also very gigantic sharks that used to live in the northern middle sea [the present Black Sea], but which, with the breakthrough of the Deukalion already known to you, from which the present straits of Constantinople and the Dardanelles arose, in the today's Mediterranean.

These mighty sea-pikes began to hunt the great Phalosses hard, biting off their fins, and also the other not insignificant extremities, to which belonged the great breasts, as well as the gigantic fins on both sides of these breasts, resembling a human hand in shape. '

These extremities were very well suited to the use of sharks for food, and the Phalosses **[Leviathans]** were therefore more and more fleeing and became rarer and rarer in the Mediterranean. In Jonah's time, there were scarcely a few a hundred more present, in the said sea



And Jonah, who was cast overboard at the troubled sea, had a good fortune — by My permission — to be devoured by such a Phalos, and thereon to spend three days in the fish's stomach. I also further allowed this very Phalos, being chased by a shark, to take refuge on the low Asian shore, and on this occasion get rid of the food lying in his stomach, which was a characteristic of this gigantic fish, that they went ashore when a great danger threatened them in the water, or to visit their young, so to speak, whom they usually protected and cared for on a shallow seashore, and to give them food either from their breasts or from an already

in the stomach present but still living prey. For they did not let their young into the deeper sea until they reached a certain size, strength, and power.

On this occasion, our Jon came to the Asiatic coast, and when he was spat out on the shallow bank by the Phalos for the aforesaid reason, he quickly gathered all his strength, fled all the way ashore, where neither old Phalos nor one of his four young ones could pursue him.

Here you have described the natural thing as it was then – and has not been for a long time now....So we're done with the Bible's hard-to-believe whale of the Mediterranean. Everything else about this prophet can be found in the Bible.

Wilt thou draw the **leviathan** with the sting, or his tongue with a cord that thou wilt sink? Job 40:20

Psalms 104:26: There the ships walk, and the **leviathan**, which thou hast formed to play in them.

Isaiah 27:1: On that day the LORD will visit with His sword, hard and great and strong, the **Leviathan**, the long swarming serpent, Yea, **Leviathan**, the crooked, dumb serpent; and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.

The Leviathan is a huge, multi-headed sea monster that stirs the depths of the ocean! From his mouth come torches and scorching fire; smoke comes out of his nostrils (Job 41). Indomitable and horrifying! In the Bible, the Leviathan is a symbol of demonic terror and dark power. The Leviathan is the great enemy of God and the human.



The Lord said to His own, near Capernaum: 'Do you not see that the spirits of this storm are also subject to My will?! Don't be afraid - no one will be hurt! I invoked it not so much because of the people of Capernaum, but rather because of those sent out from Jerusalem, to show them even more how God rewards and protects faithful servants of mammon."

But when I said that, just in front of us lightning struck the ground with a deafening bang."

"The Jewish Greeks withdrew in fear, and ONE OF THEM said to Me: 'O Lord, drive this monster from here, or else we will all come to an evil end! I threatened the storm, and it passed away, and above us, the sky was clear and blue, which pleased the Jewish Greeks very much and for which they began to praise Me."

"But as we left the hut and walked close to the sea [the Sea of Galilee], one of the Jews noticed that at a distance of about two hundred paces there was a monster writhing tremendously, and a flock of seabirds flying from the sky. descended on it. He asked Me what that beast was."

"And I said: 'It is a great sea serpent, which now, during the storm, goes on a rampage as usual; but otherwise she is always in the depths of the sea. Once she has eaten enough, she sinks back to the bottom and often remains there for several weeks. When she gets hungry again, she comes to the surface to hunt her prey. When she finds too little in the water to satisfy her hunger, she crawls up to the bank and there she plunders lambs, goats, and also pigs and donkey foals. If she comes near the ships, it is dangerous, because when she is hungry she also devours people. And now you know what kind of animal you have seen in this rare case.'

Then Peter asked: 'Lord, I once saw such a monster as a fisherman, and then I thought: 'Look, this is a huge eel; it must be able to be caught with a good bait! 'I made a bait with my helpers and put it out; but the animal dodged it and then suddenly disappeared, and I never saw it again until now. How could one catch such an animal?'

I said, 'That would be virtually impossible for humans under the current circumstances! For, firstly, such a snake is very cunning and knows how to avoid all dangers that threaten it, secondly, it moves very quickly, so that even the best sailing ship cannot overtake it, and thirdly, it is unbelievably strong compared to you. If she felt threatened and cornered in any way, she would pounce on the enemy and crush him instantly. Therefore, it is not advisable to pursue her seriously. There are only two of these animals in this sea, and when they die, these waters will be completely free of these critters. But the two that remain are already very old and belong to the animal antediluvian age, though they are only of Noah's age, that is, from his birth to this time."

"These animals really belong in the great ocean; but at the time of Noah's great flood they came into this inland sea, and they have been living here ever since and will continue to live here for a few hundred years. In such gigantic beasts, the rawest material of life of the world's souls collects, and it is softened therein and in a sense made more mature for a higher life. When the animal finally dies, its accumulated life passes into a thousand times thousands of higher forms of life, in which it already reaches a greater maturity in a shorter time, whether still in the water, or in the air or on the ground, and that is how it goes. through all forms of life up to the man. But the human souls which have evolved by this way are nevertheless on a very low stage, and were called by the ancient sages "children of serpents and dragons; for the ancient sages in their simplicity knew more of the origin of souls than the sages of today."

"So those are the children of this world; they are in their own way very clever and earthly rich and powerful - but far from being fit to take up the higher, spiritual life. Our merchants from Capernaum therefore have exactly the same spiritual origin. They are still plundering in their trade and having the greatest pleasure when they have really made a huge profit. They therefore still possess very much of the voracious nature of such a serpent, and keep accumulating treasure after treasure, just as this animal, merely through its insatiable gluttony, accumulates all kinds of vital substances within itself."

But just as everything is taken from the animal at its death and divided among the higher forms of life, so also after the physical death of such rich, selfish eccentrics everything is taken away, and they must be purged of their old serpent nature through great poverty and hunger and thirst. It is indeed bitter and bad that it is so, but for such lower forms of life it cannot be otherwise."

But after all, we also find such a story in the first part of John's Great Revelations: "But after an hour there is suddenly a booming sound as if a bolt of strong lightning struck right next to the house. Everyone is shocked and flies up; but they remember My words and soon calm down."

After an hour, however, there is suddenly a resounding bang as if a violent flash of lightning had hit a house nearby. All get a mighty shock and start-up, but then remember My words and return to their quiet.

But Satan does not waste any time, soon after the bang the relaxed but spiritually active hear an uncanny hissing and whistling and before long an unusual monster emerges at the seashore. The head resembles that of a wolf but is at least a hundred times as large. The long tongue sticking out from the jaws resembles a wildly writing python. Both the immense ears are like those of an ox. The eyes look like two large sheets of glowing iron. The forefeet resemble those of a giant bear, the hind-feet those of a lion of immense size. The body is like that of a crocodile with the tail of a basilisk (African vampire). Its cry is a resounding bang and its breath an uncanny hissing and whistling. Thus it emerges from the sea.

Sheep, oxen, cows, calves, and many donkeys are grazing on the shore and the monster immediately begins to hunt these domestic animals and devour one after the other. The animals now flee, but the monster heads in our direction.

When several notice this, they rise to their feet and say: 'Lord, this test is a bit too hard. The horrible monster has already devoured some calves, about 10 lambs and 2 young donkey-foals. Now it is after some delicacy here and has, guided by its sense of smell, surely selected something among us since it is slowly approaching in our direction. In this case, it should surely be advisable to get out of the way of this death bringer. For by natural means a fight with this beast could not possibly lead to victory.'

I said: 'Do not let this disturb you in the least. Externally all of us together could not master this monster which is a fully developed Leviathan but from your inner power, he will have to flee to the end of the world. So be completely unconcerned. Another short hour and you will have broken through the barriers and boundary defenses of Hell and the domination of all the Hell and its army shall be your reward.'

Immediately following these My words the monster again sounds its detonation-like voice several times in succession and then quietly, but rather fast, proceeds in our direction clearly demonstrating its voracity by the violent movement of its serpent tongue and the constant lashing of its long, tree-sized tail. The disciples, however, are now in a good frame of mind and without fear and faint-heartedness allow the monster to approach them.

When it has come to about 10 paces from us, I - only in My mind - give the angel Archiel a sign and he suddenly steps up to the beast and asks it: 'What do you want here, Satan? Withdraw, or I shall destroy you.' The monster now opens its jaws as if it wanted to speak, but the angel once more bids it to withdraw. Then the beast gives off several banging sounds and with loud hissing and whistling rushes into the sea.

After it had sunk back into the sea, it for some time stirred the water in the large bay as if by the worst storm, but all that no longer confounds any of the disciples and with the greatest inner zeal everyone now rested in God during this last hour.

Towards the end of that hour of rest, there suddenly arises a mighty thunderstorm. Wild lightning is flashing and strong gusts of wind are bending the trees almost to the ground while heavy drops of rain mixed with hail are already falling from the dark clouds.

Some of the weaker disciples were already at the point of escaping in the house, but the angel says: 'Stay and recognize Satan's empty trickery.' So they stay and easily put up with the empty rain. The rain does get worse and the hailstones are dancing on the ground, but no one is hit by one and the rain hardly wets anyone's skin.

Then the angel threatens the clouds which promptly disperse and it becomes immediately a clear day. [GGJ1-225:1-11]

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