

Here are some statements that I have come across that show how Seventh-Day Adventists viewed the conflict in heaven and understood the positions of the heavenly beings. While you can come to these conclusions from the Bible, it must be noted that much of what they shared would have come from how any simple minded person would interpret what Ellen White says on this topic.

The Bible gives a few details, but the Spirit revealed so much more to Ellen White on this topic throughout her life. Thus the opinions drawn here by these men would reflect the general Adventist view held and how they viewed the SoP's statements on this matter.

■ COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR October 5, 1910

The Origin of Sin and its Final Extermination - O.J. GIBSON

- The high honors conferred upon Lucifer were not appreciated, FOR THERE WAS ONE, THE SON OF GOD, whose position was more exalted, who had been one with the Father in the work of creation and had shared the Father's counsels. And this exaltation of the Son he looked at as an injustice, until he ventured to covet the honors of his Maker.

■ COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR Jan. 27, 1909

*Published again in 1916 in Review & Herald May 18 and Northern Union Reaper Aug 29 The Shibboleth Of Apostasy - G.B. Thompson

- I refer to Lucifer, who is now the devil. He was then in heaven. He had been appointed to a high and holy office. His position was near the throne; he was its lightbearer and attendant. He was the third from the head, THE FATHER AND SON ALONE being above him in position. But Lucifer did not like the idea of being the third from the top, he wanted to be first, to be at the top ; and because he was not first was clear evidence to his mind that there was a tyranny set up, and a despot on the throne of universal sovereignty. He pointed to the fact that GOD HAD PLACED HIS SON at the head of affairs in heaven as evidence that something was the matter. He did not believe in anybody's being at the " head." Doubtless he might have viewed things differently, though, had he been placed at the head.

■ Review & Herald 1913

The Great Exchange - H. A. WEAVER

- Lucifer's was the covering cherub on God's throne. Eze. 28: 14. ONLY TWO STOOD ABOVE HIM IN POWER, God the Father and God the Son.

■ The Youth's Instructor - Sept 14, 1915

The Great War - Published again in signs of the Times June 18, 1918 and The Oriental Watchman 1929

- While Lucifer in heaven occupied a highly exalted station, there were Beings who were far above him. THESE WERE THE FATHER AND SON. The angels worshiped the Father as Creator of all things. The Son was coequal with the Father in creation; and the Father had said, "Let all the angels of God worship Him." Hebrews 1: 6. Therefore the Son also received the worship of the heavenly host, and the worship of Lucifer with the rest. The Son of God was supreme over all the works of creation; for He was "the express image" of the Father's person, "the brightness of His glory," and He upheld "all things by the word of His power." Hebrews 1: 3. High over all the angels of heaven He reigned, and over the

unnumbered intelligences of the other worlds; and His rule was a rule of love. The angels delighted to serve and obey Him.

■ The Principle underlying the Tithing System By A. G. Daniels

The Church Officer's Gazette - October 1917

- Lucifer denied God's right to withhold anything from him. In "The Great Controversy," page 494, we read: "Coveting the honor which the infinite Father had bestowed upon his Son, this prince of angels aspired to power which it was the prerogative of Christ alone to wield."
- Lucifer stood next to Christ in glory and, power, but he failed to appreciate the great gifts he had received. He coveted the creative power BESTOWED UPON CHRIST, and denied the right of the Father to withhold from him the one great gift.
- When Lucifer sought the honor and power bestowed alone upon the Son of God, he denied God's right to withhold it from himself.

■ Union Conference Record - May 25, 1908

The Baleful Evil of Criticism - J. E. FULTON

- He criticised the government of GOD, he criticised the SON OF GOD, and he criticised all the LOYAL ANGELS who upheld GOD AND HIS SON. This spirit of evil speaking spread to others until a very large number of the angelic host were blinded with its damning influence.

■ J.E. White - Past, Present, and Future 1909

- "He was, next to GOD AND CHRIST; and is still, the wisest being in the universe"
- "Lucifer was, NEXT TO THE SON OF GOD, the commander of the hosts of the heavenly angels"
- "Christ STOOD ABOVE HIM, EQUAL WITH THE FATHER. Lucifer decided that by his beauty and attainments he was fitted for a position of equality with God"
- " But JEHOVAH COULD NOT PERMIT THIS. He Himself had established the order of heaven. NO CREATED BEING could be equal with God, THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON ALONE could occupy this position."

■ W.W. Prescott - {BEST February 17, 1896, p. 52.12}

- Christ was BEGOTTEN, NOT CREATED; Satan was CREATED, NOT BEGOTTEN. As the only begotten Son, Christ could enter fully into the councils of God. Because he could not do this as Christ did, envy sprang up in the heart of Satan, and he began to determine, I will exalt myself. He began to stir up rebellion, to say, God is arbitrary, and he began also to get his sympathisers. "We are in slavery, and I have a better plan of government. Choose me as leader, exalt me, and then I will exalt you." Do you not see the same principle that has been in the world ever since the fall? You exalt me and I will exalt you,-perhaps.

■ "Whence Came Satan?"

Did God Create the Devil?"

H.M. Kelly - The Canadian Watchman - October 1, 1933

- The real question involved in this controversy is that of the SONSHIP OF CHRIST. IS HE GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON? The answer to this question is the answer to every other

spiritual and moral question that can possibly arise. The question was FIRST RAISED BY LUCIFER, the first of all the angels. The question involves principles that are eternal and strikes at the root of a fundamental law of heaven.

■ E. J. Waggoner – 1894

- Lucifer was the wisest and most beautiful of all the angels. HE WAS WITH GOD MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER ANGELS, AND WAS LOVED AND HONOURED NEXT TO CHRIST. God says that he was perfect in his ways from the day that he was created, till iniquity (sin) was found in him. {PTUK February 22, 1894, p. 125.2}
- Finally Satan got his followers to believe that they were stronger than GOD AND HIS SON, and could easily overcome them and have the kingdom. Thinking of self he made his heart so ungrateful and cruel that he gathered his followers together and fought against his Creator! "And there was war in heaven," Jesus and His angels fought against Satan; and Satan fought and his angels. BUT THE ONE WHO COULD CREATE WAS STRONGER THAN THE ONES CREATED, so the angels who had made themselves so evil could not overcome Jesus. And Satan was cast out of heaven and, as lightning, fell to the earth; and his angels were cast out with him. Once more love and harmony was in heaven. Never again came Satan into the beautiful home that he had left; but it was all his own fault. {PTUK February 22, 1894, p. 125.6}

■ Signs of the Times - July 14, 1936

"Who is the devil?" George T. Smisor

- Since Lucifer stood next to Christ in heaven, he felt that he should be permitted to share in the councils between THE FATHER AND THE SON. He was the highest angel in heaven, and the most wise and beautiful. and surely he ought to be consulted on the plans of creating worlds and suns and creatures. WHY COULD HE NOT BE ON AN EQUALITY WITH CHRIST? But Lucifer had his place to fill in heaven, which was circumscribed by the LAW OF HIS CREATION. Since he was not permitted to share in the secret councils OF FATHER AND SON, he began an insidious attack against the goodness of God and the justice of His law.

■ Review & Herald - Apostasy and Rebellion in the Church, G.B.T - September 28, 1916

- It was so with Lucifer. He, too, loved the preeminence. He coveted the highest place in heaven. THE SON OF GOD HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS POSITION BY THE FATHER , Lucifer instilled in the minds of the angels the idea that a tyranny had been enthroned, and in order to be free, they must contend for their rights, and OPPOSE THE ORGANIZATION OF HEAVEN.' Satan would have had no contention about leadership had he been placed at the head.

■ Oriental Watchman & Signs of the Times, Feb 1919

Why Did God Permit Sin? - BY G. A. HAMILTON

- Ages ago, before a world swung in space, the FATHER AND THE SON had a mighty counsel about the creation of the universe.

■ Uriah Smith - Looking Unto Jesus p31.1

- THE ROOT THE CONTROVERSY IS FOUND IN THE REBELLION AGAINST THE SON OF GOD. This father of lies charged upon the government of God, that it was based in selfishness and oppression; THAT GOD AND CHRIST ACTED ONLY FOR THEIR OWN EXALTATION AND AGGRANDIZEMENT, at the expense of the liberty and happiness of their creatures; and that injustice and partiality, instead of righteousness and truth, were the habitation of their throne.

■ The Devil's Biography - By R. Leo Odom

Signs of the Times Canada - January 1951

- The Archangel over the angels of heaven is Michael, who is Christ. (Jude 9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.) The cherubim are the angels who attend the Deity on His throne. (2 Kings 19:15; 1 Chronicles 13:6.) Among them upon whom the glory of God shone, Lucifer was "the anointed cherub." Thus he was the prince of the angels. "I have set thee so," says the Lord. That is, God Himself had conferred upon this angel the high honour of occupying A POSITION OF THAT WHICH WAS NEXT TO THE SON OF GOD.
- Seeing that the SON OF GOD exercised greater authority than he, and that He received the adoration of the beings created by God, Lucifer permitted envy to spring up in his heart against Christ. It is not permitted that worship should be given to the angels. (Revelation 19:10; 22:9.) But Lucifer wished to be a god. "I will be like the Most High," he said to himself. He said later to Christ: "All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me." Matthew 4:9.