

## Resist the Devil

**“RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.”—Jas. 4.7.**

Universalists deny in toto, that there is now, or ever was such a spiritual being as the **devil**, either real or personal; and contend, that all the idea designed to be conveyed by that word, is a personification of the principle of **evil**, in its various forms.

It is applied in a metaphorical sense, they tell us, to various objects, such as **human nature**,—the **Roman government**,—**wicked men**, such as **Judas**,—**the lusts of the flesh, &c., &c.**, but in every case it is to be understood as a figure of speech, and nothing more.

This figure was known, in days of old, and designated by many titles, expressing his character, attributes, and offices. He was called **“Abaddon,”—“Apolion,”—“Belial”—“Accuser,”—“The Beast,”—“The Angel of the bottomless pit,”—“The great Dragon,”—“Beelzebub,”—“Deceiver,”—“The Evil One,”—“The God of this world,”—“A Murderer,”—“A Liar,”—“The Prince of this world,”—“The Prince of the power of the air,”—“The Old Serpent,”—“The Devil,”—“The Father of lies,”—“The Tempter,”—“Satan,”—and “The Prince of Devils.”!!** [Rev. 9. 11. 12. 10. 19. 19, 20. 12. 7, 9. 1 Pet. 5. 8. Math. 12. 24. John 17. 15. 2 Cor. 4. 4. John 8. 44. 2 Cor. 6. 15. 1 John 3. 8. Eph. 2. 2. Eph. 6. 12. Math. 4. 3.]

He must truly have been an extraordinary metaphor, possessing doubly as many names as the Almighty himself!

(Universalism Against Itself, or An Examination and Refutation of the Principal Arguments... by Alexander Hall, St. Clairsville, 1846, 252-253, Text and Paragraph Structure Modified)