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THE LORD OF THE RINGS — STAR WARS

ANAKIN'S MYTHICAL FATE



Myths and Heroes

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The myth of Faust

The myth of Faust is well known in Germany and western Europe. The hero of the tale, a German magician named Faust, or Faustus, **agreed to sell his soul to the devil in exchange for youth, knowledge, earthly pleasures, and magical powers.**

The myth is based on a historical figure, a wandering German scholar who lived between about 1480 and 1540. Contemporary accounts describe him as a magician with an evil reputation who **was associated with black magic.** Although a relatively minor figure, he inspired many stories that developed into the Faust legend.

To acquire greater wisdom, power, and pleasure, Faust turned away from God and made a pact with the devil, Mephistopheles. But in selling his soul, he gained eternal damnation. Faust's tale serves as a warning for those seeking to fulfill their earthly desires without the help of God.

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Anakin, an allegory of Lucifer?

The name, Lucifer, means 'day star,' or 'son of the morning.' Many recognize it as an alternate name of Satan, the fallen angel. But prior to his downfall, Lucifer was a magnificent being with a unique ministry. **Unfortunately, pride overtook his heart, and sin cost him everything.**

He was a step above the other angels, not only in appearance but also in intellect. Lucifer's wisdom far exceeded that of other angelic beings. He understood the ways of God.

But Lucifer's splendor and beauty did not last forever. While ministering, he began to consider his own position of prominence. **Lucifer became prideful, believing that he deserved more than what he already had. He wanted to become like the Most High.**

Lucifer had wisdom, beauty, ability, perfection, and yet **he wanted more;** he wanted to be worshiped like God. But God does not share His glory, nor does He permit another to receive worship. So before Lucifer had a chance to make his move, he was removed from the presence of God. **Cast out of heaven like a bolt of lightning, Lucifer was stripped of his beauty, his position, and his rights to heaven.** Satan's constant attempt ever since has been to oppose the mighty plan of God.

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Illustration for John Milton's "Paradise Lost" by Gustave Doré, 1866.

An Allegory:

A story, poem, or picture which can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one

1. Can you explain what happened to Faust?

- In what ways is this myth similar to the story of Anakin?

2. Who is Lucifer?

- Do you know other names to qualify him?

3. Explain what happened to him.

4. What is the moral of these 2 stories?

- In other words, what must happen to those who want more power?