

# Sterling's Prose on Satan's Chicanery

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 Dear Ster,  
 Mom has these in her journal. I thought  
 you might enjoy them. I believe this was  
 about the time you finished "The Vision of all..."

Satan,  
 the master of deception,  
 camouflages evil to make it not only appear innocent,  
 but also to make it very appealing.

Never does he encourage  
 someone to do something  
 or to believe something  
 by making it appear unsavory.

And lest his chicanery  
 be exposed,  
 he must hide the revealing candle of truth  
 under a bushel of mocking lies.

As he succeeds in his flattery,  
 and masses succumb to slumber  
 in his tranquilizing blanket of blissful ignorance,  
 the voices of truth  
 grow more and more faint in people's minds.

The sounds of warning  
 enter the chambers of their ears,  
 but they immediately bounce out,  
 perhaps after echoing once or twice --  
 a hardened mind repelling them as being extreme.

The lonely messenger of light  
 is angrily repelled  
 by the drowsy sleeper,  
 being a nuisance to  
 the slumber of death.

-Sterling D. Allan, 12/10/90

Jane,  
 Dad