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It seems then that the sequence of creation in the first chapter of the Bible can be stated as follows: from the principle of separation, light; via something which separates, heaven; to something which is separated, earth and sea; to things which are productive of separated things, trees, for example; then things which can separate themselves from their courses, brutes; and finally a being which can separate itself from its way, the right way. I repeat, the clue to the first chapter seems to be the fact that the account of the creation consists of two main parts. This implies that the created world is conceived to be characterized by a fundamental dualism; things which are different from each other without having the capacity of local motion and things which in addition to being different from each other do have the capacity for local motion. This means the first chapter seems to be based on the assumption that the fundamental dualism is that of distinctness, otherness, as Plato would say, and of local motion.

Leo Strauss, *Interpretation of Genesis*

There were some who pleased God and were loved by him,
And while living among sinners were taken up.
They were caught up so that evil might not change their understanding
Or guile deceive their souls
For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,
And roving desire perverts the innocent mind.

Wisdom of Solomon 4:10-14

And Enoch answered and said: [there was] a righteous man whose eyes were opened by the Lord, and he saw a holy vision in the heavens which the angels showed to me. And I heard everything from them, and I understood what I saw, but not for this generation, but for a distant generation which will come.

1 Enoch 1:2

And it came to pass, when the sons of men had increased, that in those days they were born to them fair and beautiful daughters. And the angels, the sons of heaven, saw them and desired them. And they said to one another: 'Come, let us choose for ourselves wives from the children of men, and let us beget for ourselves children.' And Semyaza, who was their leader said to them: 'I fear that you may not wish this deed to be done, and [that] I alone will pay for this great sin.' And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and bine one another with curses not to alter this plan, but to carry out this plan effectively.' Then they all swore together and all bound one another with curses to it. And they were in all two hundred, and they came down on Ardis which is the summit of Mount Hermon. And they called the mountain Hermon, because on it they swore and bound one another with curses. And these [are] the

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names of the leaders: Semyaza, who was their leader, Urakiba, Ramiel, Kokahile, Tamiel, Ramiel, Daniel, Ezeqiel, Baraqiel, Asael, Armaros, Batriel, Ananel, Zaqiel, Samsiel, Sartael...Turiel, Yomiel, Araziel. These are the leaders of the two hundred angels, and all of the others with them.

And they took wives for themselves, and everyone chose for himself one each. And they began to go into them and were promiscuous with them. And they taught them charms and spells, and showed to them the cutting of roots and trees. And they became pregnant and bore large giants, and their height [was] three thousand cubits. These devoured all the toil of men, until men were unable to sustain them. And the giants turned against them in order to devour men. And they began to sin against birds, and against animals, and against reptiles and against fish, and they devoured one another's flesh and drank blood from it. Then the earth complained about the lawless ones.

And Azazel taught men to make swords, and daggers, and shields, and breastplates. And he showed them the things after these, and the art of making them: bracelets, and ornaments, and the art of making up the eyes of beautiful eyelids, and the most precious choice stones, and all [kinds of] coloured dyes. And the world was changed. And there was great impiety and much fornication, and they went astray, and all their ways became corrupt. Amezarak taught all those who cast spells and cut roots, Armaros the release of spells, and Baraqiel astrologers, and Kokabel portents, and Tamiel taught astrology, and Asradel taught the path of the moon. And at the destruction of men they cried out, and their voices reached heaven.

1 Enoch 6:1-8:4