**Devil**

**Someone who plays devil's advocate argues an opposing point of view simply for the sake of presenting an alternative argument. This term originated with the Roman Catholic Church. When a person was chosen to be sainted, a lawyer officially known as the Promoter of the Faith, but commonly called the Devil's advocate, was appointed to argue against the candidate's canonization. This Devil's advocate debated against the Promoter of Justice, or God's advocate, who argued for sainthood. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**I asked a little boy -- “Would you be afraid of the devil?” Said he -- “Not a little devil like me, but I would be afraid of a great big devil like you!” *(Rev. Leon Hill, in O’ for the Life of a Preacher, p. 11)***

**Where do we get the term boogeyman? Whether it's spelled boogey, bogy, bogey or another variation, the word has stood for a devil, hobgoblin or other evil sprite for hundreds of years. It's origin is unclear, though it might have derived from the Norwegian bugge, for "important man," or the Welch bwg, meaning "ghost," according to the Word Detective (www.word-detective.com), or possibly from an earlier ghostly meaning of bug. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**Many parts of Colorado’s topography have been assigned to the devil. Many of them are straightforwardly labeled as natural features: two streams are called Devil’s Creek, four are called Devil’s Gulch or Devil Gulch, nine places are called Devil’s Canyon, a Devil’s Causeway, a Devil’s Gap, seven features called Devil’s Hole, a Devil’s Lake, a Devil Mountain, a Devil’s Rockpile and three places called Devil’s Slide. But many places have also been described as part of the devil’s household furnishings: Devil’s Chair, Devil’s Kitchen, Devil’s Punchbowl and Devil’s Rocking Chair. And some places are named after the devil’s body parts: Devil’s Backbone, Devil’s Elbow, Devil’s Head, Devil’s Nose and Devil’s Thumb. (William Bright, in Colorado Place Names)**

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**Most people who know how to “devil” eggs take the word for granted, with no idea what “devil” actually means in cookery. All it means is “to season highly.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Deviled eggs are so-called because when they were first made, they were covered with such hot pepper that it supposedly reminded one of the fires of hell. *(Russ Edwards & Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Digest, p. 47)***

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**The devil will come to you when you are happy. (Andre Gide)**

**Mass movements can rise and spread without belief in a god, but never without belief in a devil. (Eric Hoffer)**

**Satan agreed to be interviewed on the Larry King show. Asked what he thought were his greatest accomplishments, the devil thought for a minute. “I always look back with a smile on the sinking of the Titanic,” he mused. “But there are so many fond memories of wars, disasters and cities laid waste, it’s hard to pick out a favorite.” “Come on,” pressed King. “There must be one foul deed you consider your crowning achievement.” “Well, yes,” admitted Satan. “I invented ‘call waiting.’” (Argus Hamilton, in Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman)**

**Where’d you get the notion that “Lucifer” was another name for the Devil? Nothing in the Bible says that. (Boyd’s Curiosity Shop, p. 124)**

**The biggest devil is me. I’m either my best friend or my worst enemy. *(Whitney Houston, in 2002)***

**Devil: His names are many, in and out of Scripture. Satan, his bleakest title, comes from the Hebrew word for “adversary” or “accuser” – the enemy of man. He is also known as Lucifer, “light-bearer,” “morning star” – an allusion to Isaiah’s famous line, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!” (Ernest O. Hauser, in Reader’s Digest)**

**The devil is never referred to by his common name Lucifer in the entire New Testament. Only once is the name used in the Old Testament (Isaiah 14:12), and then it refers to the king of Babylon and not to the Satan we generally associate it with. The name Lucifer, interestingly enough, means “light-bearer.” *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 345)***

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**The Devil’s sin, some claimed, was jealousy of man, whom God had made in his own image, giving him “dominion over all the earth.” Others taught that the sin was pride – he wished to be God’s equal. Rallying lesser renegade angels to his standard, Satan spearheaded a cosmic rebellion. But loyal angels overpowered him and cast him into darkness. “And there was war in heaven,” recounts the Book of Revelation, “and that old serpent, called the Devil, was cast out into the earth.” (Ernest O. Hauser, in Reader’s Digest)**

**After a 3,000-year absence, Tasmanian devils have returned to mainland Australia. These "devils" got their name in 1803 when a sailor heard their eerie calls. They are not evil, just small marsupials that once thrived on the island of Tasmania. As recently as the 1990s, 150,000 of them lived on the island, but populations were decimated by a deadly mouth cancer. Today, fewer than 25,000 of the creatures remain. Biologists hope that the reintroduced population will thrive in Australia's Barrington Tops wildlife sanctuary. (The Daily Chronicle)**

**God, heaven, hell, devils, angels, and all things have their clue in mind. But their form in the consciousness depends entirely upon the plane from which man draws his mental images. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 97)***

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**At your highest moment, be careful – that’s when the devil comes for you. *(Denzel Washington)***

**What are the wellsprings of the Devil’s wickedness? Following an5 old Hebrew belief, medieval Christian theologians ranked Satan among the highest angels and visualized him as imbued with wisdom and celestial beauty. As it was inconceivable that the Almighty had created anything by nature evil, a Council of the Church declared, in 1215, that “Satan and the other angels were created by God, and created good in nature . . . but became evil of themselves.” (Ernest O. Hauser, in Reader’s Digest)**

**The zero is all right. You and I like it. But in the Middle Ages a lot of suspicious souls thought it was conceived by the devil. A symbol that either means nothing or changes the number it follows? Beware! (L. M. Boyd)**

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