

The Seven Deadly Sins

DR. FAUSTUS

SCENE VI

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ORIGIN OF THE IDEA OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

- ✘ The employment of these sins by Christopher Marlowe recalls morality plays which were intended as a warning to step back from evil. However, the show presented by these sins in this scene has a philosophical dimension as well as a comic one due to the grotesque physical appearance of these funny characters.

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- ✘ Moreover, the Catholic Church recognizes seven virtues, which correspond inversely to each of the seven deadly sins.

Vice

- 1- Lust
- 2- Gluttony
- 3- Greed
- 4- Sloth
- 5- Wrath
- 6- Envy
- 7- Pride

Virtue

- Chastity
- Temperance
- Charity
- Diligence
- Patience
- Kindness
- Humility

WHAT IS THE MAIN REASON BEHIND PRESENTING THE SHOW OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS IN THIS SCENE?

- ✘ Faustus is not satisfied with Mephistophilis' answer to his question about who created the universe. Actually Mephistophilis tries to get him to think of hell rather than about heavenly matters. Thus haunted by the thought that he is damned, Faustus cries out for Christ to save him which resulted in the immediate appearance of Lucifer himself. Lucifer laments Faustus for breaking the conditions of the bond and presents the show for him as an entertainment to divert his attention from heavenly matters.

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THE SHOW

PRIDE

- ✘ “ I disdain to have any parents ...I’ll not speak another word except the ground were perfumed, and covered with cloth of arras”.

Pride is considered the original and most serious of the seven deadly sins: the perversion of the faculties that make humans more like God—dignity and holiness. It is also thought to be the source of the other capital sins.

In even more destructive cases, it is irrationally believing that one is essentially and necessarily better, superior, or more important than others, failing to acknowledge the accomplishments of others, and excessive admiration of the personal image or self (especially forgetting one's own lack of divinity, and refusing to acknowledge one's own limits, faults, or wrongs as a human being).

Perhaps the best-known example is the story of Lucifer, whose pride filled him with so much evil causing his fall from Heaven, and his resultant transformation into Satan.

GLUTTONY



“My parents are all dead, and the devil a penny they have left me; but a bare pension, and that is thirty meals a day ten bevers”.

Gluttony is the overindulgence and overconsumption of anything to the point of waste. The word derives from the Latin (*gluttire*), meaning to gulp down or swallow.

In Christianity, it is considered a sin if the excessive desire for food causes it to be withheld from the needy.

Thus, gluttony can be interpreted as selfishness; essentially placing concern with one's own impulses or interests above the well-being or interests of others.

During times of famine, war, and similar periods when food is scarce, it is possible for one to indirectly kill other people through starvation just by eating too much.

GREED



“ I would desire that this house and all the people in it were turned to gold, that I might lock you up in my good chest”.

Greed ,also Known as covetousness, is, like lust and gluttony, a sin of desire. However, greed (as seen by the Church) is applied to an artificial, rapacious desire and pursuit of material possessions

greed is an inordinate desire to acquire or possess more than one needs, especially with respect to material wealth. Like pride, it can lead to not just some, but all evil.

SLOTH



“I was begotten on a sunny bank, where I have lain ever since; and you have done me great injury to bring me from thence”

- ✘ **Sloth** (Latin, tristitia or acedia ("without care")) refers to a peculiar jumble of notions including mental, spiritual, pathological, and physical states. It may be defined as absence of interest or habitual disinclination to exertion.

WRATH



“I had neither father nor mother: I leapt out of a lion’s mouth when I was scarce half-an-hour old ... wounding myself when I had nobody to fight with”.

Wrath can be defined as uncontrolled feelings of anger, rage, and even hatred, often revealing itself in the wish to seek vengeance. Wrath, in its purest form, presents with injury, violence, and hate that may provoke feuds that can go on for centuries.

ENVY

“ I cannot read, and therefore wish all books were burnt”.

Envy , like greed and lust, is characterized by an insatiable desire. It can be described as a sad or resentful covetousness towards the traits or possessions of someone else. It arises from vainglory and severs a man from his neighbor.

LECHERY

“The first letter of my name begins with L”.

Lechery or lust, means intense longing. It is usually thought of as intense or unbridled sexual desire which leads to fornication, adultery, rape, bestiality, and other immoral sexual acts.

However, lust could also mean simply desire in general; thus, lust for money, power, and other things are sinful.

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