

Satan's powers, and those inferences which are in view. I certainly don't expect that in this world today, serpents abhor Satan's influence. I think the reference to that is one thing when used, as His instrument, actually becomes sort of a figurative expression. The little contacts that I've had with serpents, has not given me the impression that there was anything naturally indignant. There may be, but the one's what I saw, and had contact with, tried to get away. Get out of the way, and not bother me. I know that serpents are sometimes very sly, but from what I've heard, it is usually when they have plenty of provocation. I heard of one in a zoo that someone was fooling with awhile, and they were fooling with it and teasing it, and one time it hid when they put their hand in a certain place and bit them. And that's quite natural. And then when they are frightened, ~~and~~ or when you think you are between them and the younger ^{5 1/4}, like that, why then, it is quite . But I have no evidence that there is any greater natural need of being frightened. Mr. Sutton?

5 1/2 (Question: Yes, I would incline to think that here it is a figure of speech. That it is the dragon, or the peircing serpent, used as a figure for that which is harmful and destructive, that God has destroyed. I think it was here a literal reference to a sea monster. That is, we have no evidence elsewhere in the Scripture, that it is some great sea monster that is a great danger. But rather that it is a picture of - a figure of speech for great (6 1/2).

6 1/2 (Question: I am personally inclined to be very skeptical about it, too. But I know very little about it. My impression of it is that the zodiac with ancient heathen astronomers or astrologers or shepherds in Babylon, looking at the skies, noticing that the planets moved within a certain (7). We don't notice that much because we don't see the sky. If we go out doors much at night, we have street lights which make the lights in the sky obscure. But people in the days before there were street lights, and particularly people like shepherds would be outside, would notice the stars a great deal and in noticing them they would notice that certain stars moved around, and of course they are the planets, and then they would notice that these planets which moved, move in a certain area. And they notice that the moon moves in the same area that the planets do. And so that forms a belt around the world, and in that belt, they were naturally interested in that belt, and they divided that belt, up into a dozen sections ^{FOR STUDY} ~~per se~~, and they called