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Subject Appearance of Satan, asangel, or as young man--
DA 118 vs 1T 293.

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Your fourth question relates to the statement in Desire of Ages, on page 118 that Satan came to Christ in the disguise of an angel from heaven and you ask how this can be harmonized with the statement appearing in

Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 293, that "Satan came to Christ in the wilderness in the form of a beautiful young man--more like a monarch than a fallen angel." I think your problem here arises over what an angel looks like, or how the angels would appear to members of the human family. The Desire of Ages statement does not say that the angel which came to Jesus was a being with wings and thus distinguished from the appearance of a young man. In this connection, it is interesting to observe that as the angel appeared to Ellen White in vision whom she often refers to as her instructor or her guide, always appeared to her as a well-dressed young man, and she sometimes refers to him as such,-- a "young man of noble appearance," etc. I have heard my father comment on this, so I think your problem would arise over your concept of just what form an angel should take as he would appear to a member of the human family.

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