

## **EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SATAN.**

**John Problem continues his series of exclusive interviews with Satan.**

**This month's subject – What Satan Hates Most.**

JP: Once again, I thank you for according us this interview. There is a great deal of interest around the world in your revelations.

Satan: Good. I have always had a bad press and it's time the record was put straight.

JP: You have told us a lot about the enjoyment you find in your work, but I wonder if I might ask you - what is the thing you most dislike? In all the world and including all humankind. There must be something you really dislike?

Satan: There most certainly is. It's not all wine and roses being Satan. In fact, the thing I most dislike in all the world really makes me fume.

JP: Er....

Satan: Don't worry, Problem. I don't mean literally. Let's look at your question the other way round. The things I most like, that I find most pleasing of all are poverty, ignorance, crime, war and disease. These five evils are what I most admire. And to which I have made a massive contribution. Unfortunately, man has invented a way of overcoming – only to a small degree as yet, I am happy to note – the last of these. Disease. He has invented hospitals, surgery, and all kinds of astonishing cures for afflictions, called pharmaceuticals. I can only suppose he has been assisted in that by my Arch Enemy.

JP: So that is your biggest hate – better health?

Satan: No! It's worse than that! What I hate most is the Health Service. Wherever it exists. What in your country you call the National Health Service. Where every sick person has the right to get made better! It is intolerable! I hate and loathe the people who thought that up! Beveridge, Bevan, the British Medical Association.... What right do they have to make man's lot less painful? I spit on them.

JP: I see.

Satan: How can I like something that has cured the sick, relieved people's pain, helped the handicapped, repaired injured soldiers, stopped untimely death, and improved man's lot to such an enormous degree? However, this has only been achieved in the last one hundred years, so much suffering was endured by mankind for a very long time. It is some small consolation. Nonetheless, a national health service is what I hate the most. So now you know, Problem. Now you know.