

Elihu – friend or foe?

Was Elihu a messenger from God, from satan or just an angry young man?

	Elihu's summation of Job's argument?	Is the restatement fair to Job's words?	Do you agree with Elihu's response to Job's argument?	In the right or wrong?
Speech # 1 (Job 33) Job: "God is acting like my enemy – he doesn't answer me"	"But you have said in my hearing— I heard the very words—"I am pure and without sin; I am clean and free from guilt. Yet God has found fault with me; he considers me his enemy. He fastens my feet in shackles; he keeps close watch on all my paths.' Job 33:8-11	Job 9:21 Job 10:7; 13-17 Job 12:4 Job 13:18, 23 Job 23:10-11 Job 27:5-6	"God is telling you something" Job 33:12,14	
Speech # 2 (Job 34) Job: "I am denied justice"	"Job says, 'I am innocent, but God denies me justice. Although I am right, I am considered a liar; although I am guiltless, his arrow inflicts an incurable wound.' What man is like Job, who drinks scorn like water? He keeps company with evildoers; he associates with wicked men. For he says, 'It profits a man nothing when he tries to please God.' Job 34:5-9	Job 9:17 Job 10:7-8 Job 16:14-17 Job 23:13 Job 27:2	"God is just" Job 34:11-12 "will not answer in your non-repentance" (v34:33)	
Speech # 3 (Job 35) Job: "God is my judge, he doesn't reward or punish rightly"	"You say, 'I will be cleared by God.' Yet you ask him, 'What profit is it to me, and what do I gain by not sinning?' Job 35:2b-3	Job 9:21-22 Job 10:15 Job 21:15 (Job 21:7-34)	"God is caring (when men are sincere" Job 35:12	
	Who is God?		Is God mischaracterized (or His full nature unfairly represented?)	
Speech # 4 (Job 36&37)	<p style="text-align: center;">God is Fair</p> <p>But if men are bound in chains, held fast by cords of affliction, he tells them what they have done— that they have sinned arrogantly. He makes them listen to correction and commands them to repent of their evil. If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment. Job 36:8-11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God is Mighty</p> <p>Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth. He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice. When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back. God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. Job 37:2-5</p>			

After observing **all the data**, what is your opinion of Elihu and why?

Could Job have sinned in this trial and yet satan be defeated before God regarding Job?