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The Mechanic of Demon Influence

Whenever a believer sins, whether knowingly or unknowingly, his sin nature assumes control and he enters the cosmic system. Residing in this satanic system through rejection of Bible Doctrine creates a vacuum in the soul, and Demonic Doctrines supplant Bible doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1).

As spiritual decline continues, the believer descends into reversionism, going into a deeper state of spiritual decadence.

The longer the believer resides in the cosmos diabolicus [without using rebound- 1 John 1:9], the more susceptible he is to demon influence.

When the reversionist is dominated by lust patterns of the OSN and unrestrained by Bible Doctrine, then his life will imitate the life of the unbeliever.

Danger and Escape

Danger: Although every believer is saved at the moment of faith yet he still possesses an OSN which makes him capable of committing sins he committed before salvation and sins he has not committed before.

Escape: The only sure way to escape demonic influence is to stay inside the divine dynasphere and function utilizing the assets God has provided for every believer in the Church age.

The mission of every believer is not to whitewash the devil's world but to mature spiritually and thereby do His will. Novice can not fulfill the will and purpose of God for their lives.

A Case of Demon Influence

King Saul was definitely a believer (1 Sam. 10:6, 28:19). His life reveals the depths of carnality to which any believer can sink. He rejected Bible Doctrine as manifested by his intense bouts of depression, neuroses, psychosis, and suicide mania.

There are clear distinctions between demon influence and demon possession. The Bible clearly designates demon possession with the words: daimonizomai- to be possessed by a demon, and echo daimonion- to have a demon (Luke 8:36, 8:27).

Luke 8:30b “For many demons had entered [eiserchomai] him – emphasizes the internal residence of a demon within the body. Daimonizomai and its synonyms (eiserchomai and ech daimonion) always mean the invasion and control of a person’s body.

Demon possession were not used for King Saul, and there is no hint demonic indwelling in the biblical account.

After Saul was rejected by God because of his prolonged disobedience and reversionism, he came under personal demonic attack. In 1 Samuel 16:14-16, 23, 18:10, 19:9, the Hebrew prepositions indicate that the king was never indwelt by a demon. The demon came upon [“al”] or came to [“el”] Saul and terrorized him. The Hebrew preposition “be” which means into or within was never used.

Believers can come under demon influence but they cannot be demon possessed, how much more impossible for a Church Age believer (who is permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit) to be demon-possessed (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

No believer is immune to demonic influence. No believer is unimportant to the devil- he wanted to destroy all believers.

Satan is a cruel master- after using King Saul to subvert the plan of God (and failed), he junk him and lead him to commit suicide.

Other Names of Satan

1. Abaddon (Rev. 9:11)
2. Accuse of brethren (Rev. 12:10)
3. Adversary (1 Peter 5:8)
4. Apollyon (Rev. 9:11)
5. Beelzebub (Mt. 12:24)
6. Belial (2 Cor. 6:15)
7. the devil (Mt. 4:1)
8. Enemy (Mt. 13:39)
9. Evil Spirits (1 Sam. 16:14)
10. Liar (John 8:44)
11. Lucifer (Isa. 14:12)
12. Old serpent (Rev. 12:9)
13. Satan (1 Chron. 21:1)
14. Serpent (Gen. 3:4)
15. Tempter (Mt. 12:43)
16. Unclean Spirit (Mt. 12:43)
17. Wicked one (Mt. 13:19)
18. Angel (Rev. 9:11)
19. God of this World (2 Cor. 4:4)
20. Great red dragon (Rev. 12:3, 9)

21. King of Tyrus (ezek 28:12)
22. Power of Darkness (Col. 1:13)

Demon Possession

Only unbelievers are vulnerable to demon possession – Christians- need never fear being possessed or controlled by a malicious evil spirit. No biblical example or statement exists to suggest or warn that believers can be demon-possessed.

From the moment of faith in Christ the Holy Spirit indwells the body of every believer (1 Cor. 6:19). The presence of this divine temple guarantees that no demon can invade, indwell, or possess the believer's body.

Demon influence affects both believers and unbelievers. For the unbeliever demon influence can lead to demon possession. For the believer, demon influence can lead to "sin unto death" (1 Tim. 1:20, 1 Cor. 5:5).

Manifestation of Demon Possession

A. Demonic- Induced Mental Illness (Mark 5:1-5). Demon-possession may include extraordinary strength, and bizarre behavior, animalistic life-style, and mentally deranged. No system of psychiatry and medical science can solve this problem.

Three bona fide means for removal of demons:

1. Satan's personal intervention (Mt. 12:24)
2. Direct divine intervention (Mk. 5:8)
3. When a person believes the Gospel message and is indwelt by the Holy spirit (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19).

Exorcism is never a valid alternative. There is no command for the believers to exorcist.

B. Demon-Induced Physical illness (Mt. 8:16, 9:32-33a).

The Fallacy of Exorcism

Christ cast out demons by divine power and so with the disciples & apostles during the formative years of the Church Age for the purpose of authenticating the Gospel message.

The greek verb for cast out is *ekballo*, not *exorkizo* from which we get the English noun "exorcist." The verb *exorkizo* is used in the NT describe the removal of demon/s. the noun *exorkistes* and its cognate verb *horkizo* [to change under oath], are used of religious practitioners who attempted to expel demons by uttering mysterious incantations (Acts 19:13).

Exorcism, therefore, is a Pagan ritual devised to evict demons by means of religious oaths. Ekballo is used throughout the NT when Jesus or His disciples cast out demons, but they never exorkizo, (Mt. 8:16, Acts 19:11-12). Jesus cast out demons; He did not exorcised demons like the religious fakers.

“To Cast Out” Demons

Gift delegated by God, authorized only during the Incarnation and the apostolic era of the Church Age.

Performed only by the Lord Jesus Christ & His disciples and apostles.

An immediate departure of the demon/s upon command.

Bible Doctrine.

“To Exorcise” Demons

Pagan religious practice, never authorized by God in any era of human history.

An illegitimate practice performed by both ignorant believers & religious unbelievers.

A process which includes rituals, and prayer or fasting.

A pagan and nonbiblical doctrine. (Acts 19:13-15)

Believers caught in the trap of exorcism are pawns of demon influence and are in danger of sin unto death. Religious unbelievers are using exorcism as a heretical sign of divine favor and pseudo spirituality. Jesus Christ prophesied that exorcists have no part with Him (Matthwe 7:22-23). Judas Iscariot performed exorcism (Mt. 10:2-8) and miracles but died as unbeliever (John 13:2, 11, Acts 1:25).

Exorcism is never an indication of salvation or a sign of God’s approval or sign of spirituality. Exorcism and deliverance ministries are out of line with God’s pln.

The apparent success of those who engage in exorcism can be attributed either to the cooperation of Satan, to demon involvement, or to a big hoax, nothing but religious fakers.

Do not be deceived by such subterfuge – lies. Instead, make the Word of God and the application of doctrine your highest priority.

Stages of Spiritual Decline

1. Distraction – allowing his nous to fly away, no concentration in listening, studying Bible doctrine. Physically present but spiritually absent.

2. Negative Reaction – toward the Word of God, passive listener or complacency. Unwilling to learn. Spiritual stubbornness.
3. Frantic search for happiness- in the world system through satisfaction of the lust patterns.
4. Blaming others- as a form of escape from reality. Pointing to others as subtle form of rejecting the Truth.
5. Emotional revolt of the soul- that leads to emotional human thinking viewpoint. Unlogical and nonsense spirituality.
6. Permanent negative volition- inviting Satan to demoniz his thinking pattern (demon-influence).
7. Black out of the Soul- total disability to receive, perceive and believe Bible Doctrine. Satanic doctrine fill-up the soul.
8. Scar tissue of the soul- unbeliever life-style.
9. Reverse process reversionism- total useless for God.