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Dealing With Demons

“And to have power (authority) to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:” Mark 3:15

Intro: The Christian's Authority Over Demons

In our study we are going to look at the concepts of demonism, demon activity, demon possession and demon influence. We also want to look at some of the manifestations of demon activity and how it negatively impacts people's lives, health and thought life.

We also want to look, first of all, into the authority that Christ has given to those who believe on him to deal with demons in life. Also when we use the word demons, we will be referring to demons, fallen angels and evil spirits. And the same goes for when we use the expression satanic attack. We will not always be referring to Satan personally, but to him or one of the many fallen angels under his rule.

We also want to look at the concept of what authority is and how it has been handed down from the Father to his Son, who in turn handed it down, not only to the twelve, but also the seventy, who are representative of all believers in Christ. There are some today who do not believe this. They say only the Apostles had this authority, but Scripture and the practice of many Christians today, show that there is still that concept of having the authority to deal with Satan's attacks against us. Now, as to whether we will use it or not, is a different matter all together.

Definition:

Authority, *exousia*, is the legal right to exercise power, *dunamis*, only in a certain area.

The area in which one has been given the authority to operate in is always delineated.

Authority must always be granted to someone.

It can never be arrogated to oneself.

Authority must always be handed down from a superior party to an inferior party.

The superior party possesses the authority and power and he grants it to the party of his choice.

Authority is given only to accomplish the objectives of the party he has received it from.

Authority is the legal right to exercise power over people, land, dominions, etc..

Authority has access to the power of the one who has granted the authority.

Authority also has the backing of the one granting the authority.

A. Christ was given all authority and power.

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** (*exousia*) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” Matthew 28:18 “Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Matthew 28:18 NIV “Jesus knew that the Father had put **all** things under his **power**, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;” John 13:3 NIV “For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.” John 17:2*

God the Father granted **all authority and all power** to his Son, Jesus Christ. Christ has full authority over who lives, who dies, who is raised from the dead to go into eternal life, who goes into the Lake of Fire. He has all authority over all people, the fallen angels, the unfallen angels, over demons, evil spirits and Satan himself. Even Satan will have to bow at his feet.

God the Father granted **all** authority, and the access to **all** his power, **only** to his Son, Jesus Christ. Christ in turn has granted divisions of his all-authority to his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastor-Teachers and to individual believers. Believers in Christ do not have all authority, only Christ has that. But we have been granted authority in different areas.

For example, Pastor-Teachers have been granted authority over their own local church. But the Apostles were granted authority, by Jesus Christ, over all the churches! While at the same time, individual Christians were not given any authority over any church. Husbands were granted authority only over their own families. Not somebody else's family. But Jesus Christ has the authority over all our families! The individual believer in Christ has the authority over their own priesthood, (not someone else's), over their own spiritual life, and over evil spirits.

God the Father gave his Son, Jesus Christ, all authority for the purpose of Christ accomplishing all of the Father's will. *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but **the will of him** that sent me.”* John 6:38 Believers living in the Church Age were granted limited authority by Jesus Christ for the same purpose, accomplishing God's will here on earth.

Christ, the Apostles, etc., and all other believers in Christ have been commissioned by God. God has also given each category the rank appropriate to their commission and authority. Christ is the Chief Apostle, the High Priest over all priests, King over all the other kings, Lord of lords. Our rank is both kings and priests.

B. Authority must be exercised.

*“And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and **come out of him**. And when the devil (demon) had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.”* Luke 4:35

Now authority is the legal right to tell someone to do something, or make them do something. But it must be exercised and it is exercised by the use of a command. When Christ was just standing before the man possessed by a demon, nothing happened. The demon knew who he was and the demon spoke to him, but nothing happened. He still remained in the man.

Now Christ had been given all authority by his Father; authority over all creation, man, unfallen angels and fallen angels. So he had the authority to cast that demon out of the man. There was Christ and there was the man possessed by the demon, but still nothing happened. It wasn't until Christ exercised his authority by commanding the demon to *“**come out of him**”* that something happened.

The demon also knew that Christ had the authority and all demons were afraid of the authority that the Father had given him. So an important point to remember is that we have authority to command Satan, fallen angels, evil spirits and demons, but we must exercise that authority by opening our mouths and command the demons to leave us; leave us, leave our families, leave our homes.

Exercising the authority that has been given to us by Christ is along the same line of praying to God. We are the children of God; we are priests of the most High; we have access to God; we can come to God with our requests; God wants to give us things, help us, etc., but we must exercise our position before God by coming to him in prayer and verbally expressing our requests to him! *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16

C. Areas of Christ's all-authority.

1. Christ was given the full authority over nature.

We're all familiar with the story about how Christ was about in the boat with his disciples and a fierce storm arose threatening the boat. The disciples became afraid and woke the Lord up questioning if he even cared about them living. Now we want to notice that it was when, and only when, Christ rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "*Peace, be still*", that the wind died down and the sea became calm! "*And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*" Mark 4:39

It was then that the disciples realized that he his authority extended over nature itself! "*And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*" Mark 4:41 You see, nature had to obey him, because the Father had given him authority over all things, nature included. He had that authority when he was sleeping in the back of the boat, but the power needed to calm the storm didn't come into play until Christ exercised his authority by rebuking the wind and telling the sea, "*Peace, be still*"!

2. Christ was given the authority to forgive sins.

God the Father granted his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and only his Son, the authority to **forgive sins**. "*But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power (authority) on earth to **forgive sins**, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.*" Matthew 9:6

The Jews understood the ramifications of having the authority to forgive sins, because they stated that only **God** could do that! Which meant that Jesus Christ was and is God! We cannot forgive someone of the sins that he has committed in life, nor can anyone else do that, including the pope. The reason why is because God granted the authority of forgiving the sins of the sinner only to his son and to no one else. "*Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but **God** only?*" Mark 2:7

3. Christ was given the authority to cast out demons.

The very fact that Christ cast demons out of people was demonstrative proof that he had the full power to do so. The fact that he had the power shows that he had been given the authority to do so by the Eternal One on high. "*When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick.*" Matthew 8:16a

And the sign of this proof from God was the Holy Spirit, who was given to him at John's baptism. "*And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.*" Luke 3:22 Of course, the religious leaders stated that he got his power from Beelzebub. "*But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.*" Matthew 12:24

The Father gave the Holy Spirit to the Lord Jesus, not only as the sign that he had authorized him to do all his will here on earth, but also to provide the power for him to do so. "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*" Luke 4:18,19

4. Christ was given the authority to heal the sick, raise the dead.

The Gospels are full of so many passages on where Christ raised the dead, healed the sick, performed miracles, caused the blind to see and the deaf to hear. All these proofs that he had been sent by the Father with full authority and power to do so. *“The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”* Matthew 11:5

5. Christ granted limited authority to the twelve.

“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power (authority) against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” Matthew 10:1 *“Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils (demons), and to cure diseases.”* Luke 9:1 *“And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.”* Luke 9:2

Further areas of their authority are brought out throughout the rest of the Gospels and down on into Paul's letters. But he granted the twelve authority and power over all demons, to cast them out, to heal all manner of sickness and disease, to preach the kingdom, to heal the sick, to begin churches, teach the Word in them, and have authority over them.

6. Christ also granted limited authority to the seventy.

“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.” Luke 10:1

Now obviously these were not the twelve disciples, who were also called the twelve apostles. *“And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named **apostles**,”* Luke 6:13 So they would be the next level of believers in authority down from the original twelve. So they would either be representative of all believers in Christ, or believers in Christ who were disciples of the Lord, that is, students of the Word of God.

Now the seventy had been given authority by the Lord to do certain things as well, such as, healing the sick, preaching the Gospel, etc.. They had less authority than the twelve, but authority to do certain things nevertheless. Now when they came back, they were elated with joy because even the demons were in submission to them! *“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the **devils** are subject unto us through thy name.”* Luke 10:17

Christ then goes on to talk about Satan and how they had been given the authority to tread in victory on serpents, scorpions, (symbolic reference to the demons), and upon all the power of the enemy! *“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”* Luke 10:19 And this concept of power (*dunamis*) is vitally important, because we do not just have authority (*exousia*) over the forces of Satan's darkness, **but we also have the power needed to overcome his power!**

Then he goes on to tell them not to be rejoicing because they have this power and authority, but because their names have been written down in heaven! *“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”* Luke 10:20

7. Lightning falling from heaven. Barack O'Bama?

“And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” Luke 10:18

ειπεν δε αυτοις εθεωρουν τον σαταναν ως αστραπην εκ του ουρανου πεσοντα.

Eipen de autois etheoroun ton satan hos astrapen ek tou ouranou pesonta.

I thought while we are on the passage we could look into this verse as well. We have the imperfect active indicative of *theoreo*, which had the idea of viewing something as a spectator. In the imperfect tense it denoted a continuous action in the past that began and came to an end. We could say, I was watching the Satan as lightning fall from the heaven. To **fall** is the aorist active participle of *pipto*. And the word *astrapen* is the word for **lightning**.

To *fall from heaven* is *ek tou ouranou*, which tells us that the origin, or the place from which he fell, is heaven, and that is in the singular. There are three heavens, one being the proper abode of God. The second would be the domain where all the unfallen angels dwell. So Satan's fall from heaven is referring to falling, and that is down to earth, from his domain in the second heaven.

Now what would be interesting is to look at this passage using the Hebrew, or Aramaic, not the Greek. The Lord used Greek all the time, but Aramaic was his native tongue, and it was a north west Semitic group of languages including Hebrew.

Now the English word here is **lightning**; the Greek word is *astrape*, but, and this is interesting, the Hebrew word is *baraq*, **בָּרָק**! And the word *baraq*, with the **Q** at the end of it, is pronounced barak, *barack* having the same sound as a **K**! So *baraq* is pronounced exactly the same as **barak, or barack!**

Now the English word here is **heaven**; the Greek word is *ouranos*, but, and this is interesting also, the Hebrew word is *bamah*, **בְּמָה**! And the word *bamah*, with the **H**, is pronounced exactly the same as *bama* without the **H**!

So what does *bamah* mean in the Hebrew? Basically *bamah* denoted any high place, a mound, the heights, the air, heaven, etc.. When it referred to **land**, it denoted a mound, or high place, but generally always it referred to an occultic high place where the worship of Baal (Satan) was conducted. There would you would find altars, asherah poles, obelisks, etc.. The **heights** denoted the place where the worship of Satan, under one name or another, was conducted.

When it spoke of the **sky**, heavens, clouds, etc., it spoke of the demonic realm of the air where Satan lives and rules. *Bamah* is the word for heights, or actually height in the singular, and *bamah* **actually refers to the area of Satan's domain in the heavens!**

Now the letter **O** has been used for centuries to denote “son of”, not just by the Irish, but also the Scots and even back originally to ancient Egypt! As *ben* was used in the Hebrew, also Mac and Mc, and the use of son on the end of English names, Johnson, son of John. All were used to denote the son of someone. But the use of **O** actually meant to come from, to descend from; it was used to show one's origin. So what do we have here? If we were to translate, *lightning fall from heaven*, into the Hebrew, into a middle eastern tongue, we will end up with, **Baraq O' Bamah**, which translates into the English, **“lightning coming down from Satan's domain in the heights of the second heaven”!** **Baraq O'Bamah** is spelled almost exactly the same, but pronounced exactly the same as **Barack O'Bama!**

8. Having authority carries with it the right to grant authority to others.

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 ιδου διδωμι υμιν την εξουσιαν του πατειν επανω οφεων και σκορπιων και επι πασαν την δυναμιν του εχθρου και ουδεν υμας ου μη αδικησει.

The higher the rank one has in the Church Age carries the higher the authority one has. The higher the authority one has carries with it the higher corresponding rank. The more authority one has been granted means that one has more authority to exercise over more areas.

Deacons have more authority in a local church than the other members of the congregation. But Pastors have more authority than the deacons. Pastors have the authority to run only their own churches, as unto the Lord, but they have less authority than the Apostles did, who had many churches under them. Husbands and fathers have authority over their own homes, but not someone else's home. Their authority has been restricted to a certain area.

The word **power** here is *exousia* and combined with *epano* it refers to the idea of having the authority, which has been granted by Christ, to exercise power over something or someone. In this granting of the authority there also has to be the delineation of where that authority is applicable. And in this passage we have it outlined as being: to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over **all** the power of the enemy!

The **power** of the enemy is *dunamin tou echthrou* and refers to all the inherent demonic power that Satan and his underlings possess; the demonic power that they possess to destroy, make sick, oppress, depress, frighten, discourage, every negative concept that you can think of, every soul-destroying, life-destroying, family-destroying, every evil concept of power that one can think of Satan and his forces of evil have that power. Yet! The authority that Christ has given to all believers in Christ carries with it the authority and power over all the power of the enemy!

All the power of the enemy is pasan ten dunamin and the word *pasan*, from *pas*, brings in the idea of a whole of something, and what the whole is revealed here by the word power, Satan's power. Our area of authority extends over, and dominates, all the entirety of Satan's power! So we have our power, humanly speaking in the flesh, which is no power when it comes up against Satan's Power. Then there is Satan's power. And then there is God's power, which is all-powerful. But God has granted us the authority in this area, so when we come up against the forces of evil, it is power against power, but the power we have access to is God's power, so God's power will always dominate the situation.

This is not a spiritual gift concept. The authority Christ has granted to believers in Christ is not a part of a spiritual gift concept. God endowed upon certain believers in the beginning of the Church Age certain spiritual gifts, which disappeared off the scene in time. *“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” 1 Corinthians 13:8-10*

But this authority we have over the demonic forces of evil has not been taken away from us. These spiritual gifts came and were here for awhile, but then they left the scene. But the authority we have over the power of Satan was never taken from us. It is an authority that was granted at the very beginning and will remain with the royal family of God forever.

D. So, what are demons?

This is a good question and one that has been debated for years. Some have put them as little imps, others as gargoylish creatures, still others with horns and pitchforks. There is another definition that says demons are not the fallen angels, but the disembodied spirits or “souls”, if you will, of the *Nephilim* who died in the flood!

It goes back to the idea that when the fallen angels created an alien-human hybrid with women taken from the earth, their offspring, (who is what the Nephilim were), had some type of soul, personality, or consciousness. But when they died, their “souls”, consciousness, or whatever, neither went to heaven, which is obvious, but nor did it go to Hell! So what happened to their consciousness? This is where this one theory came in and said that they became disembodied spirits wandering the earth seeking to indwell another human body! Which is very possible.

Of course, then there was the definition that was used first for the word *daimones*, from which we get the word demon, and that is the *daimones* were a superior race of beings from a distant galaxy, who came to earth periodically and interacted with man. In this interaction with man, they passed on various areas of their superior knowledge, usually in the areas of science, mathematics, astronomy, physics and technology. It has been said throughout history that all significant advancements in these areas were due solely to this interaction between man and these beings. Which introduces the idea of aliens.

E. Some of the characteristics of demons.

They have consciousness. That is, they exist and know they exist, therefore they have consciousness. “*And, behold, **they** cried out, saying, What have **we** to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment **us** before the time?*” Matthew 8:29

They are aware of others. They spoke in unison, even though they were individual demons, showing that they are consciously aware of themselves and other demons and they were aware of Jesus Christ.

They also know of matters in heaven, their judgment and sentence in the lake of fire. It also tends to point toward the idea, to this point, that they are fallen angels, or that they, even though they are not fallen angels, they will share the doom of the fallen angels because they descended from them.

They are capable of having what we call an emotional reaction, because they have tremendous **fear** at just the name of Jesus Christ and the authority and power that the eternal Father gave him to judge all mankind and all celestial beings, with the result that they will be thrown into the lake of fire. “*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and **tremble**.*” James 2:19

The word here for **tremble** is *phrissō* and it meant to shudder, to bristle, or to tremble with fear. It had the idea of an involuntary shaking of the body due to cold, fear, or horror. This is what happens to all demons when they are reminded of God and his Son, because they know what their punishment is going to be on that day - the lake of fire. And when they think of what lies ahead for them in the future, it causes them to shake uncontrollably.

Which certainly is to the advantage of believers in Christ, for when we command them to leave us invoking the name of Jesus, then we should also certainly remind them of what lies ahead for them in their future! When we do this, it makes for a very unpleasant encounter when they try oppressing us.

But something we don't see about Satan, or Lucifer as some refer to him as, and that is the matter of trembling with fear. It may be there, but I've never found any record of it. But we do see the matter of great rage, or anger, as we have found, is directly linked to the emotion of bitterness and the mental attitude of pride. Perhaps the underlying demons have great fear is because they are not as powerful as Satan is, nor do they have the level of pride that he possesses, so they know that their doom in the lake of fire is certain and there is nothing they can do about it. While, at the same time, Satan, because of his pride, does not believe it at all! *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having **great wrath**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”* Revelation 12:12

Apparently, demons are beings of a malevolent energy of some sort. We know that they are not made up of matter for two forms of matter cannot occupy the same space at the same time. But that doesn't mean that they cannot materialize, or appear in some form or other, or even change forms.

Apparently, audible communication comes from them only when they are indwelling and controlling a human body. Then we can observe that the demon inside the man can see, hear, speak, as well as its ability to choose, think, devise and plan. At one time it is a spirit consisting of energy moving about as it wills, but once in a human body, it is confined to that body and its physical movement.

Demons are able to leave one body and go indwell another body, but usually only when it is forced to by: **one**, the host body dying, or **two**, by being cast out of that body. Indwelling a body is incarnation, a Latin derived word from to dwell in the flesh. Reincarnation simply meant to dwell in the flesh again. Once a human dies, (soul leaves the body), they can never reincarnate into one of these flesh bodies. The concept of reincarnation is true, but not for humans, only for **demons!**

Two words are used for *demons*, **daimon** and *daimonion*, but there is a difference between the words. We find the word *daimon* used in the plural in Matthew 8:31, *“So the **devils** besought him, saying, If thou cast **us** out, suffer **us** to go away into the herd of swine.”* Which tells us that the demon-possessed man in the tombs in the country of the Gergesenes had several demons (*daimon*) in him.

The same incident using the word **daimon** is recorded in Mark 5:12, *“And all the **devils** besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.”* and Luke 8:29, *“(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the **devil** into the wilderness.)”*

The only other places that the word *daimon* (plural) is used are in Revelation 16:14, *“For they are the spirits of **devils**, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”*, and Revelation 18:2, *“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of **devils**, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”*

Now the Greeks also considered these *daimons* as being lesser deities, divinities who operated under the higher deities. These deities were the hero-gods of their mystery religions. Plato considered the *daimones* as being *theoi*, that is, he considered them as **gods**. Obviously the adherents of the mystery religions considered these *daimons* totally different than the people of God. To the unsaved Greeks they were adored and worshipped and they could not wait to be with them in the after-life. But to the people of God these *daimons* showed themselves to be cruel, oppressive and destructive.

The Greeks viewed these *daimons* as: gods, deities, a divinely raised element in man, that there were good demons and bad demons, as intermediaries between the gods and men, as personal intermediary beings, (hence the different saints in Catholicism), as the mediators between the gods and men, they were the reason for evil desires, they lived in humans and the skies above, the closer they lived to the earth the more evil they were, they had a thirst for blood and sacrifice, and there was a difference between the *daimones* and the *daimonion*.

The other word that is equally translated out as demons or devils is the word *daimonion*, which is used as substantive or the diminutive of *daimones*. The diminutive usually has the idea, with all the other Greek words, of being smaller, or a smaller version of the thing. It is used over fifty times in the NT, both in the singular and the plural, apart from the word *daimon*.

Which raises an interesting question. They appear to be different than the *daimons*, but in what way? Is it that they are of a smaller size than the *daimons*? Quite possible. Or is it that they are under the *daimons* in the sense of power and authority? Possible as well! Maybe both!

The word for **demon-possessed** is *daimonizomai*, δαιμονίζομαι, which is the verb form of *daimones* and is often translated as **demonized**. Found in Matthew 4:24; 8:16; 8:28; 8:33; 9:32; 12:22; Mark 1:32; 5:15,16, all in the present middle participle; in Matthew 15:22 in the present middle indicative; in Matthew 5:18 in the aoist passive participle; in Luke 8:36 in the aoist passive participle; and in John 10:21 in the present middle participle.

Daimonizomai doesn't necessarily mean that they were demon-possessed, that is, that there was a demon dwelling in their bodies, which was so often the case. It simply meant that they had been demonized by a demon. Which could open the door for other demonic phenomena where demons influence or terrorize people.

Demon possession is where the demon, due to it indwelling a body, would take control over the person's thought patterns, decisions and action. **Demon influence** would be where the demon does not indwell the body, but acts in such a way to be a compelling force on, or produce effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of the individual.

There is one other form of *daimones* and it is found in James 3:15, "*This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.*" The word **devilish** is *daimoniōdēs*, δαιμονιώδης, and it signified that something proceeded from demons, or originated in them. Which is to say that bitter envy, strife, pride, lies, etc., come from demons.

They are also called **evil spirits**, *pneumatōs poneros*. "*And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.*" Luke 7:21; 8:2; Acts 19:12. And **unclean spirits**, *pneuma akathartos*, "*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*" Matthew 10:1 Plus many other references.

The Word refers to them as spirits, but then again we don't know just exactly what that means except we know that they are not material. But just because they are spirits doesn't mean that they can't take some form or another. We know the angels are spirit in essence, but at least in one case there were two angels that appeared with the Lord to Abraham in the plains of Mamre. So we do have a case where two angel-spirits took the visible form of a man. Genesis 18

So what is the substance of their existence, other than them having consciousness, intellect, volition, etc.? My personal belief is that their consistence is one of energy. They are beings of some form of energy, and as such, they can travel at will over vast distances, or even inter-dimensional. And because they are conscious, malevolent beings of energy, and because thoughts and emotions also on certain frequency levels, these beings are able to influence or infuse their thoughts and emotions into the stream of consciousness of people!

One of the earlier instances of this in history in Greek culture was regarding the *daimones*. The Greeks regarded them as a superior race of extra-terrestrial beings, who came to them from distant galaxies, and when they came they infused their ideas into human beings. They were also called the Jinn, from which we get the word Genii, and whenever anyone received information from these beings, it was said that they had a Genii and that they were geniuses.

The ideas they infused into the minds of people, who were usually religious leaders, adherents in the mystery religions and the rulers of a nation, were along the line of advancements in science, technology, astronomy and along the lines of world rule over people. It has been said throughout history that all advancements in these areas came from what we would refer to today as aliens.

Both thoughts and emotions are actually energy and their energy operates on certain known frequency levels. And as energy they are not only able to cross vast distance, but are not bound by material objects. In Ephesians 6:16 we are told, “*Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*”, *we are told that the shield of faith is able to quench all the **fiery darts of the devil.***”

But we need to look at this concept of **fiery** from a different perspective than combustible flame, as is the approach most take from it, but from the standpoint of **fiery** as in the concept of **burning**! The fiery bite of the serpent, (actually the Egyptian cobra), was not combustible flame, but **fiery** in the sense of a burning sensation that came from the venom being injected into the body.

Bitterness produces various forms of anger and when words of bitterness are directed toward individuals, then what we are doing is biting/striking them with our words of bitterness coming from our mouths, thus injecting our bitterness into their souls, especially if they are not operating in the filling of the Holy Spirit, who protects from that.

Satan is the most bitter, angry being in the universe. He is filled with rage, (and remember, the bigger the pride factor the larger the anger), and will be filled with great rage when he is kicked out of heaven and has to come down to the earth. “*Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having **great wrath, megas thumos**, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*” Revelation 12:12

We see an interesting case with Peter, who took him aside and said, “*Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, **Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.***” Matthew 16:22 But where did **that** come from? We see in the next verse that Satan had infused those words into Peter's stream of consciousness to say them, because the Lord directed his statement at Satan not Peter! “*But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan:** thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*” Matthew 16:23 So here we have an instance of where a spirit being, Satan, could take his thoughts and so infuse them into someone else's mind to say what he wanted that man to say.

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The soul, or emotional complex of the soul, produces certain feelings, these feelings are energy, and their energy operates at certain frequency levels, and these energies radiate outward and can be not only picked by other people, but have been identified and measured by laboratories for years. So when a demon attacks an individual, whatever emotional response they want that person to have, all they have to do is direct those emotions, or even lusts at them, and that individual will pick up on them. Even the presence of a demon can bring with it the radiated energy of their 'state of mind'.

If anyone has ever walked into a room where two people have been angry and arguing with each other, and even though they have stopped, you can still feel the energy. There is a certain 'vibe' to it all, as we would say. But that 'vibe' is actually the leftover vibration of the anger that was there! If two people are angry with each other, you can feel it, even though they are not saying anything. And if there is anger in a room, it won't be long before other people's souls pick up on that radiated anger and then they will start getting angry also!

So what are these '**demons**'? The word **demon** comes from the Greek word *daimones*, but what the translators did is **transliterate** *daimones* into *demons*. What they didn't do is **translate** the idea of what a demon was and is into English! Some translations actually translated *daimones* into the word *devil*, which doesn't tell us much either.

As we have seen, one of the earlier instances of the word *daimones* in history in Greek culture, (actually the earliest definition of *daimones*), was that the Greeks regarded the *daimones* (*demons*) as a superior race of extra-terrestrial beings, who came to them from distant galaxies, and when they came they infused their ideas into human beings.

Many believers put their own spin on what the word demon means, or simply 'parrot' what has been handed down over the years, but when we accept the ancient Greeks definition of who the *daimones* were, we see that it almost fits exactly the ideas we have connected with extra-terrestrials, or otherwise known as aliens! Now that may sound like science fiction to many out there, but remember, it was **their** idea of what a *daimones* was, not some idea from the medieval ages! And it seems much more plausible seeing that the demons do come from the heavens.

But there was something else connected to what some of the Greeks believed back then and that was they regarded these *daimones* as being *theoi*, that is, **gods**! So, many of them regarded these extra-terrestrials as gods and worshipped them for eons as gods from the heavens. And if one wants to find out what's really going on in the idea of gods refer to my Online study on www.pacificrimbible.com on Celestial Beings.

The '**angels**', (which is another transliteration of the word *angelos*, which means messenger, or a simplification for one that has been sent), both fallen and unfallen, are designated as **Els**, which has the idea that their essence is one of power. The **Els** that *Yahweh* created are extremely powerful, extremely intelligent and more advanced over humans in every way. It would be easy to see why primitive people would worship these extra-terrestrials as gods. Another interesting thing is that the term *daimones* was never given to the unfallen angels, only to those who had rebelled against God.

F. Manifestations of demonic influence or possession.

Some people, when having a problem they can't get on top of, will wonder is it spiritual, psychological, or physical in nature? When the approach that they need to take is to give consideration to all three. One needs to consider that, even though one is having a certain problem, other things may be involved and consider them as well.

Some of the things listed below are often found in demon influence, but in and of themselves do not imply that they are as the result of demon influence, or demon possession. Demon possession and demon influence are two separate matters. These are some of the manifestations found in the NT of demons interacting with humans, but are not to imply that all these concepts are as the result of demons acting in one's life. Only that they should be taken in the sense of consideration.

Cutting oneself off from normal society.

Preoccupation with the things of death, instead of the things of life.

Preoccupied with the things of darkness and violence, instead of the things of light and beauty.

Living in concepts of bondage.

Living in and surrounding oneself in filth.

Super human, demon-endowed strength.

A desire to gash oneself, or cause injury to one's body.

Shrieking, yelling out loud, uncontrollably for no reason.

Convinced that one will receive rejection, punishment and torment from Jesus Christ.

Unable to carry on normal, rational conversations.

A tormented soul.

Extreme depression, worry, anger and fear.

Self destructive actions and tendencies.

Disfiguring or mutilation of one's body.

Various physical problems.

Bondage to negative destructive thoughts or emotions.

Involvement in false doctrine.

Many have a death wish.

Deteriorating mental condition, as with the Israelites in the wilderness.

Practicing idolatry.

Direct involvement in the occult.

Extreme negativity and hostility toward the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

Being totally controlled by one or more various lusts.

Absorption into various forms of escapism and losing touch with reality.

Addiction to drugs and the forms of music that go with and encourage drug use.

We have a case in the NT, where a man was **unable to speak** because he had been demonized, or possessed by a demon. The word *devil* here is actually the word for *demon*. The word **dumb** in the passage simply meant that he could not speak, “*As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a **devil**. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.*” Matthew 9:32,33

Then, in another case, there was a man who was both **blind and dumb**, which had been caused by a demon indwelling him. “*Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil (demon), blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*” Matthew 12:22

As we have noticed, **self-destructive actions and tendencies** are caused by demons. It's not that the individual hates himself and wants to hurt himself, **it's that the demon in him hates him and wants to hurt him!** *“And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.”* Mark 9:22 There is **demon possession, demon influence and demon harassment**, which is to disturb persistently; torment, as with troubles or cares; to bother continually; pester; persecute, to trouble by repeated attacks. Paul was continually harassed by a demon for the purpose of preventing him from being lifted up in pride.

Christ himself had cast seven demons out of Mary Magdalene. *“And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,”* Luke 8:2 It has been said that Mary was a prostitute before she believed on Christ as her Savior. If this is true, then it is very likely that she became possessed by these seven demons because of that. And more than likely she picked up these demons as the result of having sex with one or more of her customers, who in all likelihood were demon-possessed themselves!

Mary could have been involved in casual sex, as we say today, prior to her becoming a believer in Jesus Christ and prior to her becoming a prostitute. And in one or more of these sexual encounters she could have become possessed by one or more demons, who drove her into prostitution! And when she got saved, and when Christ drove those seven demons out of her, then she was freed from their control.

As believers in Christ, we have to be very careful about what, or whom, we allow ourselves to come in contact with. Even though we cannot be demon-possessed, we do run the risk of picking up demons and coming under the influence of demons! Whether through drugs, or the occult, or associating with the wrong types of people, or in the act of sex, or other areas! But if one is not a believer, then he or she not only runs the risk of coming under demon influence, but demon possession!

Paul was warning the believers in Corinth not to be having sexual intercourse with an **harlot**. *“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.”* 1 Corinthians 6:15,16 And the reason why is that they were **joining their bodies to the body of a harlot making themselves one flesh with someone who was demon possessed!**

The word for **harlot** is *porne*, but a *porne* was not just a prostitute, but a temple prostitute! The way it worked in the Babylonian temple system is that their temples housed the demon deity worshipped by that city. The male and female prostitutes of that temple were actually priests and priestesses, and as such, they not only represented the demon deity of the temple, **they were indwelt by these demons themselves!** And it was through the act of sexual intercourse that the men and women, who had sex with them, **were joined to that demon deity, and because of that union of their flesh, quite often became possessed by that demon!** But even though the believer in Christ could not be demon possessed, they could come under the influence of a demon.

Millions of men in America today have become addicted to pornography, but in this there is that matter of them having come under the influence of demons, who are driving them into it. And the poor women involved in the pornographic industry are themselves, either possessed by a demon, or under demon influence, and under the influence of drugs! The answer for all involved in this is turn to Christ for forgiveness, salvation and deliverance. **And it's not just pornography! Demon influence and/or possession are behind all sexual aberrations!**

Demon possession is where a demon(s) actually lives in an individual's body and controls it. Its control over its human host may be continual and it may be off and on. It takes control over the person's thought patterns, decisions and actions.

Demon influence would be where the demon does not indwell the body, but acts in such a way to be a compelling force on, or produce effects on the thoughts, actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of the individual.

Demon harassment would be where a demon, existing and functioning outside the individual, would disturb persistently, torment with fears, troubles, or cares; torment with oppression, bother continually, persecute, trouble by repeated attacks. **Paul** was continually harassed by a demon for the purpose of preventing him from being lifted up in pride. **Job** was harassed by Satan, or a demon operating under Satan, which harassment manifested itself in many destructive ways and finally his body. We want to note that all this was accomplished outside the bodies of these men of God. In both cases, in fact in **all** cases, Satan had to acquire permission from God before he could do these things to God's men. **Paul's** case was preventative in nature, while **Job's** was for evidentiary testing.

Now there is the word **devil**, which comes from *diabolos*. It is found thirty six times in the NT, thirty one of them refer directly to Satan, the other times to false accusers, etc.. But it is the term that is used expressly for Satan.

Now as to its meaning, it does mean to accuse, but the idea of accusing will not fit every context it finds itself in, especially if we take in its ideas found in the OT. Ideas associated with it are: the accuser, to accuse falsely, the enemy, the adversary. Even in the OT there was the idea connected with *Satan* as being an official prosecutor. **But there is one idea that stands above all, from which all the other ideas stem, and that is the One who separates! And more specifically, the One who works to separate God from men and men from God!**

Satan's tempting of men to sin is part of his purpose to separate men from God, as we have seen from the first couple on earth. Satan's accusing us before God, whether falsely, or using the truth, is for the purpose of separating us from God. Satan's destruction of our lives, our health, our families, our labors in life are all for the purpose of separating us from God! Therefore, he is our enemy and our adversary.

Satan worked to separate man from God in the **garden** by getting the original couple to sin. He's continually working to keep man separated from God by keeping **unsaved man** from faith in man's only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He functions in his legal prosecutorial role to separate **saved man** from God, when he sins, "*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser** of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*" Revelation 12:10

Which he is **unable to do** for every believer in Christ is in permanent, eternal union with both the Father and the Son, "*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***" Romans 8:38,39 And that's because of Christ's **defense attorney** role in heaven on our behalf. "*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** (defense attorney) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"* 1 John 2:1 But Satan does work to separate the believer in Christ from **communion** with God by enticing us to live in the flesh nature and not the Spirit.

G. Demonism and drugs.

There are five references to this in the NT centering around the use of the word *pharmakeia*. The KJV translates it as **witchcraft** in Galatians 5:20, “*Idolatry, **witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*”. And as **sorceries** in Revelation 9:21, “*Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their **sorceries**, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*”. And as **sorceries** in Revelation 18:23, “*And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy **sorceries** were all nations deceived.*”

The word *pharmakeus* is translated as **sorcerers** in Revelation 21:8, “*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and **sorcerers**, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*” And again as **sorcerers** in Revelation 22:15, “*For without are dogs, and **sorcerers**, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*”

One of the things that we notice in Revelation 18:23 is that **drugs lead the nations astray, *planao***. Now *planao* means to lead astray, (to lead astray from God, the Word, and what God's will for our lives is), but that comes as the result of what takes place **first**. What occurs **first** is that the individual, who takes drugs, is first **deceived!** So what this tells us is that drugs work in such a way on our psyche, our thought processes, our reasoning ability, our perception of life, etc., is that we develop a distorted view of reality, thus leading us astray. We have been deceived and get off the right track.

The modern words pharmacy, pharmaceuticals, etc., all stem from the Greek word *pharmakeia*. It is the mixing and preparing of drugs, the one who does it, the place where one can buy them, etc.. Now before one gets caught up in the legal versus illegal drug idea, remember, it is only a body of people that makes this distinction of what is illegal versus what is illegal. But legality versus illegality does not necessarily confer the idea of what is good and what is bad. Just because something is legal does not necessarily mean that it is good and there is no spiritual or demonic problem with it.

Drugs were used in the world of demon contact, activity, possession, etc., to prepare the individual's soul to be taken over, or at least used, by demons! They do this either by weakening the individual's soul, their will, or by changing the soul's perception of reality, so as to facilitate the demon's power over that soul, or to allow the demon to enter into that person's body!

The inner soul gets its perception of the outside world beginning with the five senses of empiricism: the **eyes** see, the **ears** hear, the **nose** smells, the **skin** feels, the **mouth** tastes. All of this is fed into the brain where, through the process of rationalism, the brain tries to make sense of all of it. It thinks, it reasons, it makes deductions, it concludes, it hypothesizes, etc., etc..

So the brain is very important in all this because it is the brain that takes in all this raw data whereby it reveals to the inner soul the reality of the outside world. But what if the brain doesn't function correctly? What if there is a chemical imbalance in the brain caused by drug use, whether legal or illegal, that so affects the brain that it malfunctions? And this is the problem with drug use and how it ties in with all forms of demonism. Drugs affect people's brains in such a way that they alter their perception of life and reality, and they won't be able to know that it's happening! This is the idea of deception. One can be deceived, but not know he is being deceived! And when all this is going on the individual is being conditioned for demons coming into their life, even their bodies.

H. More manifestations of demon influence or demon possession.

Another manifestation of demonism, other than self destructive tendencies, is **uncontrollable acts**, where the individual is not able to control his/her behavior, such as, certain type of seizures, falling down, hurting one's body, hurting others, wild babblings, uncontrollable anger, being driven about, often into the wilderness, speaking the very words the demon wants you to say, no control over one's words, one's body and ones actions.

When the Lord came over into the area of the Gadarenes they came across a demon possessed man, who was living in the tombs. Now we note not only his association with death here by his living in the tombs, but also he was inflicting self injury by cutting his body with stones! *“And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”* Mark 5:5

The man cutting himself with stones is but one form of **self destructive tendencies**, which are always indicative of demon possession, demon influence, or demonic attack. Inflicting pain on one's body, or disfiguring one's body is obviously not normal human behavior. This action usually comes about as the result of demons in that individual's life.

It is the **demons** that hated him and who were controlling him to make him hurt himself as the result of the great rage and hatred **they** have for him! The man didn't hate himself, the demons hated him and were hurting him using the man to inflict the damage!

Another concept of self destructive behavior is **suicidal thoughts**, which is the ultimate self destructive tendency one can impose on oneself. But these suicidal thoughts are put into the individual's mind by a demon. Now before one can say, 'great, now I've got a demon', let's remember that demons do exist and their hatred for God and man that he had created is absolute. And they manifest their hatred for God by trying to get man to hurt himself. Deal with the demon and you will deal with the problem. And remember at the same time, demons can influence Christians, they can harass Christians, but they cannot possess Christians!

Another concept found in this is one where the individual is given over to **self deprecating thoughts** or words, (putting yourself down). Not that every time someone out there puts themselves down with words or thoughts is doing so as the result of demon influence, but this is a manifestation oftentimes of demonic activity. Deal with the demon and the problem goes away.

Persistent **fear**, worry and anxiety, fear of moving ahead, are often prompted by a demonic element, thus destroying our peace of mind. And if continued our mental state will continue to deteriorate. *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”* 2 Timothy 1:7
*“Casting all your **care** (anxiety) upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the **devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”* 1 Peter 5:7,8

Thoughts of **hatred and self hatred** are usually put into one's mind by demons, either purely on a thought level, or from someone else, who could be under demon influence themselves, or from various forms of media: TV, video games, music, movies, etc... Which become the basis for inflicting pain, or injury on one's body, thoughts of suicide, or thoughts that erode one's self esteem. Such as, 'I'm ugly, I'm no good, I'll never amount to anything, etc.. Such thoughts lead to the tearing down of the personality. We must deal with the demon involved and we must replace all those negative thoughts with the positive, soul strengthening thoughts of God's Word.

Demons are often brought into the **home**, where they can work to destroy the family dynamic of love, bonding and caring, by one or more of the family members! Children can bring them home as the result of the wrong kind of people they hang around with in school. The parents bring them home as the result of the wrong kind of people they work with, associate with, are friends with, or the organizations they belong to. They invite them into the home by the use of video games, games of the occult, the TV programs they watch, the music they listen to and by drugs! **If there is any drug use going on in the home at all, by any member of the family, then there are demons in that home! And if that's the case, then you not only have to get rid of the drugs, but deal with the demons as well!** The same thing goes for churches and nations as well.

I. Why can't we see them?

Perhaps the reason why is that demons cannot be seen outside of the visible frequencies that the human eye can 'see'. For example, the lower end of the human ear's ability to 'hear' is around 20 Hz, while the upper end is around 20 KHz. But just because we can't hear a certain sound, doesn't mean that it isn't there! It's just that we are unable to hear it. Many people lose hearing at lower or upper ends of the hearing scale as we age, or due to abuse. Dogs can hear sounds from 40 Hz to 60 KHz, while bats can hear sounds from 20 Hz to 120 KHz.

The visible spectrum of the naked eye, or the wavelength of electromagnetic radiation, or light, is 390-750 nanometers. But that doesn't mean that we can see every one of the frequencies found within that range! Some people are unable to see whole certain colors in this field. Commonly referred to as being color blind. There are many frequencies of light that we cannot see, but birds and bees can. We cannot see in the infrared range, but are able to with optical devices.

But what we 'see' with the negative eye is actually light bouncing off the object. If we were in a room where no light could penetrate, we could see nothing there. Not unless we were luminous beings that produced and radiated light, then we could. But we're not, at least in the visible light spectrum. We do produce and radiate light in the infrared spectrum, which can only be picked up by optical devices.

So when it comes to demons, or angels for that matter, whether they produce and radiate light, or light in our spectrum is bounced off them, we are unable to see it because it operates outside of our visible frequency spectrum, or it operates at a specific frequency our eyes are not tuned into.

Which takes us to the case of Elisha and his servant. They were surrounded by an army with horses and chariots and the servant became afraid. But Elisha told him to not fear because those that were with them were more than this great army. But the servant couldn't see it. He couldn't 'see' it because his eyes were not open to the spiritual reality surrounding them. *“And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD **opened the eyes** of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”* 2 Kings 6:17 When his eyes were opened, then he saw the angels of God. Now they were there all along; Elisha could see them, but his servant couldn't, until God opened his eyes to visibly see them.

Balaam's ass was able to see the Angel of the Lord, actually Jesus Christ, but Balaam couldn't until the Lord opened his eyes. *“Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.”* Numbers 22:31 Humans, birds, bees and animals are able to see different parts of the light spectrum, so apparently the ass could see the Lord with his natural eyesight.

J. The demons and the swine.

“And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.” Mark 5:13 Also Matthew 8:30; Luke 8:37

A demon possessed individual may have some control of his life at times, but not total control; sometimes he has no control at all. When Jesus went to the region of the Gadarenes he was met by a demon possessed man when he got out of the boat. It was then that the man ran to him worshipping him. *“But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,”* Mark 5:6

Apparently there was some desire on the part of the man to be helped by the Lord for he was reaching out to him for help. We notice that no one else in the area did. It was then that he began commanding the demons to come out of him. We also notice that he was directing his conversation to the demon(s) inside the man, not the man.

We see that this man had isolated himself from normal human society by his living in the mountains, away from people, and in the tombs, the place where the dead were. We also see his emotional state of crying out all the time, and his self destructive tendencies of cutting himself with stones. But there was enough left in him to reach out to the Lord for help. *“And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”* Mark 5:5

Christ asked the demon what his name was and he told him, “Legion”, for there were many of them, apparently two thousand. Interestingly enough they requested from the Lord two things, one, that he would not send them out of the country, and two, that he would send them into a herd of swine. The Lord actually granted their request and gave them permission to enter into a herd of two thousand pigs, but when they entered into the pigs, the pigs could not handle them and they ran off a cliff into the sea. *“And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.”* Mark 5:12,13

One of the tragic twists of this story is that when the people in the area saw the demons go into the herd of swine and plunge over the cliff, and when they saw the demon possessed man now free of these demons and in his right mind, they became afraid and asked the Lord to leave the area! So he got in the boat and left. **Here we have a classic example of the Lord leaving an entire area, because the people were negative to Jesus Christ, to his Word, to his truth, to his grace and mercy. He would not remain where he was not wanted.** *“Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.”* Luke 8:37

It was after these demons left the man that he was now in his right mind. The Greek word is *sophroneo*, which comes from *sozo* – to save, and *phreneo* – the mind, which talks about sanity. The man had been literally insane, but still had enough of his wits about him left so he could call on the Lord for help. And we want to note that it was these demons that had been causing his mental problems and when they left, he was totally in his right mind, clothed and sitting at the feet of Jesus. Whatever it was that led to this man becoming possessed with demons in the first place was never going to happen to him again. He made sure of that by staying close to the Lord.

Dealing With Demons - Continued

K. Demons promote and accompany false doctrine.

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1 αγαπητοι μη παντι πνευματι πιστευετε αλλα δοκιμαζετε τα πνευματα ει εκ του θεου εστιν οτι πολλοι ψευδοπροφηται εξεληλυθασιν εις τον κοσμον.

Here we see that there is a connection between certain spirits and false prophets, *pseudopropheti*. Now when we speak of false prophets, we also must include false apostles, false teachers and false pastors. And what makes them false is that they are not teaching the accurate doctrines of God's Word! So the connection between the false prophets and certain spirits is teaching! They are not teaching the truth!

The Apostle Paul was very clear in this matter of how demons can and do mislead people by means of false doctrine. *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times [of the Church Age] some [believers in Christ] shall depart from the faith [the grand apostasy as prophesied by Paul], giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils [demons], [as taught by men and women];”* 1 Timothy 4:1 το δε πνευμα ρητως λεγει οτι εν υστεροις καιροις αποστησονται τινες της πιστεως προσεχοντες πνευμασιν πλανοις και διδασκαλαις δαιμονιων.

We see more clearly how this is done in 1 Kings 22:21-23, *“Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' 'By what means?' the LORD asked. 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said. 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. 'Go and do it.' So now the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you.”*

We see that it is demons, or deceiving spirits, as we have here, that actually inspire men to teach false doctrine. We also note that it is the Lord who grants them permission to do so? Which begs the question **why?** And the reason is, as in all cases, that when men reject the truth, when they do not want the truth, which tells us that they want what is untrue, then God will give them what they want!

Which is a point of doctrine that continues down throughout the ages and that is, **when men do not want to hear what is true, then they are opening themselves up for doctrines of demons!** Which serves as a warning to all of us, if we allow ourselves to get to the place that we no longer want sound doctrine, then we too can open ourselves up for doctrines of demons, as evidenced by the craziness found in churches throughout America today. And when doctrines of demons come into our lives, we will find ourselves coming under the influence of demons, as Christians, or under the influence of demons, or demon possession, for unbelievers! And in both situations, there will also be found the deterioration of the individual's soul, even to the place of mental illness and insanity!

Paul prophesied about people not wanting the truth only in a worldwide phenomenon in the last days. *“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:”* 1 Thessalonians 2:11,12 They too will not want the truth, so God will send them in his judgment a strong delusion so they will believe the lies of demons!

One of the first things that Satan did at the beginning of the Church Age was to go out and create a counterfeit Christianity. He couldn't destroy the Church, although he certainly tried by ridiculing the whole thing, by trying to show that Christians were all a part of a lunatic fringe, and by the many horrible persecutions and murdering of Christians.

So he established a false version of Christianity so as to lead people away from Christ and the truth. He used his own **false apostles**; *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”* 2 Corinthians 11:13; **false prophets**, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”* 1 John 4:1; **false teachers**, *“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”* 2 Peter 2:1, and even **false believers**, *“And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage.”* Galatians 2:4, to divert people away from the simplicity of the Gospel of faith alone in Christ alone, and away from the true spiritual life dynamic of faith in the Word of God.

Even the **end time false prophet** of the Book of Revelations will pose as a Christian! *“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”* Revelation 16:13 This end time false prophet will pass himself off as Christian, but he will be speaking the doctrines of the devil! *“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.”* Revelation 13:11 And who else can this be but the Pope!

There were those who were trying to bring the early Christians **back under the Law**, which Paul had to refute. *“This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”* Galatians 3:2 They were trying to bring them back under **circumcision**, which Paul refuted as well. *“Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.”* Galatians 5:2 And then there were the **antichrists**. They were those who **denied that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel!** *“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”* 1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Messiah? He is antichrist and denies the Father and the Son. To **deny**, *arneomai*, was to take a public stand, to go out and publicly be known as one who denies a concept.

And then there were **those who mixed faith and works, or grace and works**, which Paul had to refute with the statement that the grace of God and works were mutually exclusive! Either God does all the saving in his grace, or he does not save at all! *“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”* Romans 11:6 *“For **by grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.”* Ephesians 2:8,9

And then there have been so many false doctrines that have come down throughout the Church Age, which the true men of God have had to refute. One is by trying to put another man into the position of **mediator**, the position that Christ alone holds! Mithras was one that was put as a mediator for a few centuries. Many in the occult have their favorite demons they call mediators. And a big one today is promoted by the Roman Catholic Church that Mary is the mediatrix between God and man! But the Scriptures are very clear **that Christ is the only Mediator between God and man!** *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”* 1 Timothy 2:5

L. Putting thoughts in our heads.

“*And Satan stood up against Israel, and **provoked** David to number Israel.*” 1 Chronicles 21:1

וַיַּעֲמֵד שָׂטָן, עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיִּסֹּת, אֶת-דָּוִד, לְמִנּוֹת, אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל.

To **provoke**, or in other translations **incite**, is the hiphil future of *suth*. Now *suth* in the hiphil has many concepts involved in it that come into play in a course of action. There is the idea of a transition from one condition to its opposite, to be converted, or changed, from one course of action, or a behavior pattern, into the opposite one, to move or mislead someone into doing something against their will, or against their original intentions, or into unintended behavior. Therefore, it has the ideas of to seduce, to mislead, to deceive and to delude. Satan used it against Eve in the garden and it has the idea of verbal, or nonverbal seduction, and is not restricted to ideas of sexual seduction. Another idea found in it is that it does not employ force or pressure, but rather persuasion.

The intention of *suth*, seduction, provoking, inciting, etc., is always to bring a person down a path that is neither intended, nor wanted, nor advantageous to that person; a path that is ill-advised and later on proves to be such. Such deviation in judgment and action, because one has acted upon the persuasion, always runs contrary to the divine will for the individual.

And it always begins with a thought! One acts in life because there is, first, a thought that lies behind the actions! Ahab violated the property rights of an Israelite, but **the thought to do so was put in his mind first by his wife Jezebel!** “*But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife **stirred up.***” 1 Kings 21:25

Now as to whether Satan used somebody close to David, or put the thought into his mind, (the passage is clear that it was Satan who both stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel), the result was still the same David had a thought come into his mind to take a census in Israel of all the men who served in the military. “*Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.*” 1 Chronicles 21:1

The point we want to look at is that Satan put a thought in David's mind, which he later on acted on it! Just like Satan put a thought in Eve's mind in the garden and Peter's mind when he rebuked the Lord. Now when we talk about thoughts coming into the mind, there are two concepts. One, is where a thought comes into the stream of consciousness and we quickly dismiss it sending it on its way. And two, then there are thoughts that we take into our minds that become a part of us and these thoughts can be with us for years!

When we talk about the false prophets and teachers and their false teaching, what are we talking about? They teach doctrines that are false and their words go out. It is when people accept their words, not just hear the words, but accept their words, then their words become thoughts in their minds. You say, well Satan or his demons don't speak directly to people; he uses his false prophets and teachers! How true! But where do they get their ideas from directly to begin with?

The point we want to remember is that thoughts and feelings do come into our minds and so often we have no clue where they come from. The important thing we have to remember is that we must fill our minds with thoughts that come from the Word of God and if we have any other kind, then we are to dismiss them immediately.

M. Defining angels.

The word for **angels** in the Greek is *angelos* and in the Hebrew it's *malak*. The word angels is nothing more than a transliteration of the word *angelos*, **but it doesn't define it!** People have thrown their ideas into what the word angel means over the years and a lot of that is based upon personal subjectivity and ideas passed down in one's particular religious group. Whether in the Greek or the Hebrew the word simply means a **messenger**, or one who has been sent.

The word *angelos*, or messenger, doesn't define what they are made up of, their essence; it doesn't tell us if they belong to an organization or a group; it doesn't tell us where they come from; it doesn't tell us what they look like; it doesn't tell us their names, if they have one; it doesn't tell us if they are good or bad; it doesn't tell us if someone sent them or not; it doesn't tell us what their mission is, if they have one; it doesn't tell us if they came from some other part of this vast universe, or from outside the universe; or from another dimension; the word does not connote superiority, or inferiority; it does not reveal the rank or position of the being; it does not define the age of the being; it doesn't tell us if they are truthful beings, or deceptive beings; if they love us, or hate us.

All we know from our perspective here on earth that this word tells us is: that, **one**, this is the word used to designate all celestial beings, both fallen and unfallen; **two**, this being has come from some other place outside the earth from some place in the vast universe, or heaven, or another dimension ; **three**, they have come here for a purpose, or mission, which they can make known to us, or keep from us, and **four**, they have been sent here by one who is higher than them to carry out the will of the one who sent them. Any other ideas associated with the word messenger has to be supplied by context or other passages.

The word **demon** we have discussed many times and there are several theories connected with it. Some say that they are the disembodied spirits of the nephilim who were destroyed in the flood. Others say that when the fallen angels came down to earth, they became known as demons. The Greeks regarded them as deities, whom they worshipped and adored. And also that they were a race of superior beings who came from different places in the universe. It's significant, though, that the Holy Spirit chose the Greek word *daimones*, which had its own definition as noted, to denote these beings.

There are three "names" given to the angel who rebelled against God: the devil, Satan, and Lucifer. But are they his actual names? The English word **devil** is used around thirty-three times in the NT, thirty-two of them refer to this rebel angel. The plural of the word is used many time in the NT, but none of them refer to the rebel angel; they refer to demons. Actually the Greek has the word *daimon*, *daimones*, *daimonion*, not *diabolos*, but was translated into the KJV as devils.

His proper name is not the Devil; it's just that he is **called** that by people. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, **called** the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:9

One important thing we want to note is that in every instance the word **devil** is used, or *diabolos* in the Greek, **it's always with the definite article!** The definite article is used to bring our attention to this one item or person. **The** car, **the** house, lets us know that we are talking about this one specific car or house in distinction from all the others out there. **The devil** lets us know that we are speaking about this one being in distinction from all the others, and it also is giving us some specific information about this being, as defined in the meaning of the word *diabolos*.

So what does the word *diabolos* mean? It does mean to accuse, but the idea of accusing will not fit every context it finds itself in, especially if we take in its ideas found in the OT. Ideas associated with it are: the accuser, to accuse falsely, the enemy, the adversary. **But there is one idea that stands above all, from which all the other ideas stem, and that is the One who separates! And more specifically, the One who works to separate God from men and men from God!** So properly, we should be calling him **the Accuser, the Enemy, the Separator** instead of calling him the devil!

Now the word Satan has also been used as the proper name for the rebel angel, and we have used it in the English and the Greek, but the word actually comes from the Hebrew *satan*. Now the word *satan* is only used one time in the Hebrew without the definite article and all other times it is found with the definite article – the satan. Such as in Job 1:6, “*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and (the) Satan came also among them.*” The NT, though, routinely uses it without the definite article.

The word *satan* in the Hebrew actually meant an adversary, and even more properly and accurately an adversary at law. Which gets into the idea of one who tries to get someone to break the law, where he then can take you before court with the intent of seeing you found guilty, then to see you punished. What this tells us is that the rebel angel throughout the OT was called “the Adversary”, which is what they referred to him as, but over the years he took on the proper name of **Satan**. He had a proper name and it wasn't Satan, but over the years he was known for so long as the adversary of man, the *satan*, or the adversary, that people just started naming him “**Adversary**”, or **Satan**”.

Along this line we also consider the name, **Lucifer**, which is so often given to the angel who rebelled against God. “*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*” Isaiah 14:12

אֵיךְ נִפְלְתָּ מִשָּׁמַיִם, הַיְלֵל בֶּן-שָׁחַר; נִגְדַעְתָּ לְאָרֶץ, חוֹלֵשׁ עַל-גּוֹיִם.

But the word **Lucifer** is not found in the original passage! In fact the word Lucifer is not a translation, or even a transliteration of the Hebrew, but comes from the Latin! The word Lucifer found in the KJV comes from the Latin language and comes from the two words, lux – light, and ferre – to bear, means the light bringer, or light bearer.

So what does it really say in the Hebrew? *Heyllet ben-Shachar*! Millions of believers, myself included, have used the name Lucifer for centuries for the name of the rebel angel, but the name Lucifer is no where to be found in the Bible, Hebrew or English! What we find instead for his name is *Heyllet ben Shachar*. Or, if we translated it out literally it would be, *Heyllet, son of Shachar*!

So is this saying that the full name of the rebel angel is *Heyllet ben Shachar*? Or is it saying that his name is *Heyllet* and that he is the *son of Shachar*? The first thing we want to note is that there is no definite article here. It is not **the Heyllet**, or **the Heyllet**, **the son of Shachar**. The importance of this is that definite articles are not used with proper names. My name is Michael, not **the Michael**. One does not use the definite article with proper names because the proper name is what identifies and brings our attention to the person. A definite article is not needed because of the personal name.

But what does it mean by the statement that he is the son of *Shachar*? Is he a literal son? God created *Lucifer/ Heyllet* in the beginning so that's not it. Or is it some type of expression that is figurative? To begin with we need to see that there are several ideas associated with the word **son**.

N. Fathers and sons.

The word **sons**, בְּנִים, *benim*, had several meanings:

A literal son or grandson.

An heir.

A descendent.

A son or daughter.

Other relationships.

Belonging to a tribe.

Belonging to a people.

Belonging to a place or land.

Belonging to a group.

Classifying men in different ethical or moral groups.

Membership in certain social or professional groups.

A person's age, or a period of time.

A student of a particular philosophy, or a particular teacher.

In the realm of creation or reproduction, the son was the reproduction of another man.

The nature and character of the person mentioned and even their source and origin.

A figurative expression identifying the word sons with the noun mentioned.

The word **father**, אָב, had several meanings.

The head of a home.

A teacher and how one addressed their teacher.

Progenitor, forefather, grandfather, ancestor.

Initiator of a trend, occupation, or group.

A title of respect or honor.

The philosopher who had a group of disciples, or followers.

A means of addressing a venerable old man.

The one who conducts the initiation ceremonies in the mystery religions.

Descent in a clan from the same father.

A name given to God.

The act of regenerating by the deity in the mystery religion made the deity that person's father.

Servants addressed their masters as father.

A title of honor for priests and prophets.

The man whose seed brought about your physical creation.

The God whose spiritual seed brought about your spiritual creation. [Hebrews 12:9](#)

Your teacher.

Your initiator into the mystery religions.

Because God created our human spirits, through faith in Christ, he became our Father.

God is bringing these sons he created into glory. [Hebrews 2:10,11](#)

God is the father of the heavenly lights. [James 1:17](#)

God is the father of the humanity of Jesus Christ through physical birth. [Hebrews 1:5](#)

We have a Father and the proof is we have a spirit.

He chose to give us birth as his sons. [James 1:18](#)

God gave the children he created to his Son, Jesus Christ. [Hebrews 2:13](#)

O. Lucifer's name - *Heyllet ben Shachar*.

So what we have seen so far is that his name is *Heyllet*, and that he is the *son of Shachar*, or that his full name is *Heyllet ben Shachar*, or, *Heyllet son of Shachar*. So what we have got to figure out is in what sense is he the son of *Shachar*, whatever that is? By the process of elimination we can eliminate a literal descendent because we know that God created him in the beginning.

It could be that he **belongs to a particular group**, a group of powerful *Els* (Angels), even though he started that group when he rebelled against *Yahweh*, who is the *Highest El*, and swayed one third of the angels in heaven to follow him in his rebellion. It could be a **student of a particular philosophy**, or the idea that one studies a particular philosophy. Here the philosophy, or the thing that one is devoted to studying, is *shachar*, whatever that is. And then there is the idea that ***Heyllet* is identified with *shachar*** in some way, whatever that is. Or could the whole thing be **borrowed from the pagan theologies** of the people who surrounded Israel?

The word *shachar* meant morning, daybreak, dawn, break of day, early in the morning, but it actually spoke of that brief moment in time at the end of the night right prior to the rising of the sun. So it referred to the **morning twilight**. In Ugaritic theology *Shachar* was known as the god of the morning twilight, (dawn), and his half-brother *Salim* was known as the god of the evening twilight, (dusk).

At times Israel borrowed certain metaphors and other word pictures from Canaanite mythology, without accepting the myth itself. One of these myths in the Canaanite literature was the Ugaritic poem about the births of *Shachar*, (Dawn), and *Salim*, (Dusk), called, "The Birth of the Beautiful and Gracious gods", according to which his parents were El and one of his wives.

Some of the symbols connected with *Shachar* were the eye, with its eyelid and eyelashes, symbolizing the opening of the eye, (the sun), sending its rays quickly across the land, and the winged disk with rays symbolizing that the dawn quickly dispels the darkness.

Also according to some the word *Shachar* is masculine, but its characteristics are feminine and refers to *Shachar* in some places as having a womb. When we follow this line, then what we have is a feminine deity from whom *Heyllet* comes. *Heyllet* would be the son of this goddess. By the way, the word for **dawn** in the Latin is **Aurora!** **So *Heyllet* would be the son of Aurora.**

This passage in Isaiah is a mocking dirge directed at the king of Babylon and has a Canaanite mythological background about an insolent minor Canaanite deity, whose attempt, in his insolence and arrogance, to ascend the heavens and remove the Most High El, (El-Elyon), from his rule on the mountain of the *Els*, or gods, and then place his throne on the heights and make himself the chief god in the pantheon. But instead of that he fails and is cast down to the netherworld.

This passage has reference to the king of Babylon and it also has reference to one who has fallen from heaven, Lucifer, as translated by the KJV. But the borrowing from Canaanite mythology seems to indicate a reference to the antichrist! If the passage just wanted to refer to the rebel angel, then the name *Heyllet* all by itself would be sufficient. But when "*Son of Shachar*" is added, then we have an introduction of something else along another line of thinking! Why does it say that *Heyllet* is the son of *Shachar*? There are other versions of this passage: "*Morning star, son of the dawn*", NIV; "*O star of the morning, son of the dawn*", NASB. *Shachar* was known as Eos in Greek literature and Aurora in the Latin, and all of them have her with a son, who is the antichrist. **So *Heyllet* would be the antichrist!**

We want to state once again that it is not “*Heyllet, the son of the dawn*” for there is **no definite article!** By the definite article being omitted we now have **a personal name.** It is “*Heyllet, son of Shachar*”! This Hebrew wording follows all the mother-goddess religions of the ancient world, only the words of the Hebrew language are used instead of the other languages. **But the one thing they all have in common is that an earth woman bore a son for a celestial being and he is the antichrist!**

Loan-words and loan-ideas from the various myths of the world can be used as vehicles to aid us in our understanding of unique doctrines pertaining to the people of God. Such as, the Persian word Eden for the garden of Eden, which means delights, or the words Paradise, Hades, Tartarus, etc.. We can accept these terms, words, etc., without accepting their theology.

Now if we have a reference to the antichrist in this passage, then we have something startling going on. In that, it would be referring to the antichrist going up into heaven to depose God from his throne! Or perhaps more specifically, it would be **the antichrist going up into heaven to depose Jesus Christ from his throne!** Whereupon this would launch the war in heaven where Michael and his angels would fight against Satan and his hybrid son and kick them out of heaven!

We know that God had his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was both deity and humanity in one man. **We also know that Satan is going to have his son, who will be a celestial being/human being hybrid. He will be the result of DNA manipulation producing a human/alien hybrid son born of a human mother, but coming from the DNA of this rebel angel himself.**

Satan is going to take his son, who will be the antichrist, up into heaven and demand that he sits on the throne of the Most High, thus deposing the Father and the Son! An attack on God Almighty himself which will launch an all out war in heaven with Michael the arch-angel leading the attack. This war will immediately precede the Tribulation and Satan will **send** his son back down to the earth to take over the rule of the earth, thus beginning the Tribulation. Satan will follow after him 3 ½ years later after he loses the war and Michael the arch-angel kicks him out of heaven.

The word *Heyllet* is related to the Arabic *halla*, to appear on the horizon, and the Ugarit, *hial*, a new moon, which speaks of the crescent moon, and often of the crescent moon with a star. So with that rendering of the word we have a reference to not only the son of the mother-goddess and the antichrist, but also Islam. And all this over a thousand years before the rise of Islam. But what this also does is connect the religion of Islam with the antichrist.

But in getting to the truth of this, we need to be sure that in trying to understand the **meaning** of the name, *Heyllet*, we must not overlook the fact that this is a proper name and that it could be the personal name of the rebel angel! One of the things that gets our attention is the *el* ending. When we look at some of the angel's names, they all have an *el* ending. ***Gabriel*** – from *geber* and *el*, a mighty man, or a mighty being of *El*; ***Michael*** – from *miy* – who, *ka* – is like, *el* – God or *El*. Or even ***Micah*** – from *miy* – who, *ka* – is like, *ah* – *Yah*. *Who is like unto Yah!*

And when we come to *Heyllet* we have the same structure, *Heyll* and an *El* suffix, only they are put together into one word, *Heyllet*, (sometimes *Hellel*), which people translate into crescent moon, etc.. But what if his name is along the same lines as the other angels of God that have an *el* ending? If so, we have the words *halal* and *el*. And the word *halal* means to praise, and with the *el* ending it meant praise of *El*! *Heyllet* was the most beautiful of all the celestial beings and because of that it brought praise to the one who created him. But he turned his praise to himself, instead of his Creator.

“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. For it is man's number. His number is 666”
Revelation 13:18 -

“For it is man's number. His number is 666” - γαρ ανθρωπου εστιν και ο αριθμος αυτου χξζ.

What's interesting is that the long form for writing out numbers is not used here, but the short form where a letter is used for the number. Chi - χ = 600, Xsee - ξ = 60, Zeta - ζ = 6. These three letters, χξζ, add up to the number 666. It might be awkward, but one could say *hex hekaton* - six hundred, *hexekonta* - sixty, and *hex* - six. Six hundred and sixty six. But instead we have ChXZ the letters for the numbers **600, 60, 6**.

What this seems to indicate is that these three letters, which are all consonants, will be the actual name of this man. **Chi** - χ, could be the hard k sound, or it could be the soft k sound, ch. **Hard ch**, as in chemistry; **soft ch**, as in cheese. **Xsi** - ξ, would be the x sound, as in x-ray, or in exciting. And **zeta** - ζ, the hard z sound, or the soft s sound. Put them together and we have a word that sounds like **checks**, or checkz. Which is also the name for one who comes from Czechoslovakia, a Czech. Or kicks. It all depends on what the vowels are, and whether you take a hard or soft pronunciation of the consonants. So **checks would be the name, or sound like the name of the beast**.

In its etymology check is related to Shakah, Shaik, Sheik and Shaykh in the Arabic, which meant to grow old, or an old man. Similar also to *Shachar* in the Hebrew, except for the r ending. "*O morning star, son of the dawn.*" Isaiah 14:12. Or in the Hebrew, "*O Heyl, son of Shachar.*" Another translation has it as, "*O Lucifer, son of Aurora.*"

It could also be used of the banking instrument called the check! In studying out the definitions of the word check, and there are many, there are several that stood out: 1) Any person that controls. 2) A numbered tag used to identify the owner of an article. 3) A mark used for verification and identification. 4) A criss-cross mark like an X, or today's check mark.

So maybe it is a coincidence that the number 666's letters spell out, or pronounce the word checks, which means a person that controls, a numbered tag used to identify the article owned by someone, a mark used for verification and identification and a criss-cross mark, but you be the judge.

But remember, the number 666 is the number of the name of the beast, or the number of the title of the Beast! And we have seen that in the Latin 666 was the number of the title of the Pope, Vicarius Filii Dei. Could it be possible that the title of the Beast is actually Sheik because of the association with the crescent moon and Islam?

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