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Dealing With Demons

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.