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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*, **בָּמָה**! 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 *phrisso* 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.

