

DEMONOLOGY



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Preview of Angelology

1. Good angels
2. Satanology
3. Demonology
4. Gen. 6:1-4 controversy



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Existence

■ OT

- ◆ Deut 32:17
- ◆ Ps 106:37

■ NT

- ◆ Over 100x
- ◆ All NT writers (except Hebrews)
- ◆ Christ (Matt 8:29; 10:1; 12:43-45)



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Origin

Demons

Fallen Angels

Satan is leader

Matt 12:24

**Matt 25:41;
Rev 12:7-9**

Spirit beings

Matt 8:16

Heb 1:14

**Capacity to
enter people**

**Matt 12:22;
Luke 11:14-15**

John 13:27

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Personhood

- Attributes of personhood
 - ◆ Intellect – Acts 19:15
 - ◆ Emotions – Luke 8:28; Jas 2:19
 - ◆ Will – Luke 8:32
 - ◆ Personal pronouns – Mark 1:24-25



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Characteristics

- Spirits-Matt 8:16; Eph 6:12
- Corrupt
 - ◆ Unclean – Matt 10:1
 - ◆ Evil – Luke 7:21
 - ◆ Rulers of darkness in spiritual wickedness – Eph 6:12
 - ◆ Degrees of wickedness – Matt 12:45



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Powers

- Great strength (Mark 5:3-4; Acts 19:16) but not omnipotent (Dan 10:13)
- Superhuman intelligence (2 Sam. 14:20; Luke 8:28; 20:35-36) but not omniscient (Acts 19:15)
- Not confined by physical space or barriers (Mark 5:9) but not omnipresent (Mark 5:12)



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Works

■ General

- ◆ Satan's lack of omnipresence (Job 1:7; 2:2) forces him to work through demons (Matt 12:24; 25:41; Rev 12:7; 2 Cor 12:7)
- ◆ Work in harmony with one another (Eph 6:11-12)
- ◆ Influence human government (Dan 10:13, 20)
- ◆ Promote false religion (1 Cor 10:20; 1 Tim 4:1)



Works (cont'd)

■ General

- ◆ Afflict the mind (Mark 5:3, 5)
- ◆ Afflict the body (Matt 12:22; Mark 9:22; Luke 13:11, 16)
- ◆ Hinder believers' prayers (Dan 10:12-20)



Occult Works

NAME

DEFINITION

SCRIPTURE

Divination

Fortune telling

Deut 18:10; Acts 16:16

Spiritism

Contacting the dead

Deut 18:11

Magic

**Performance of
miraculous powers**

Deut 18:11

Pharamkeia

Illicit drug use

Rev 9:20-21; 18:2, 23

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is inspired by God [theopneustos] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”



INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
 - “phero” = to carry*
 - Acts 27:15,17*
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
 - ◆ *Which is their own imagination*
 - ◆ *Jer. 23:16*



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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”



Mark 7:20-23

“²⁰ And He was saying, ‘That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.’”



Revelation 20:7-9

“⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.



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Matt 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; 9:17-29; Luke 8:26-39

<u>MANIFESTATION</u>	<u>VERSES</u>	<u>MANIFESTATION</u>	<u>VERSES</u>
Strength	5:24	Insight	5:5
Withdrawn	5:22	Voice alterations	5:7
Rage	5:5	Seizures & mouth foaming	Mark 9:18
Split personality	5:6-7	Uncleanness	Luke 8:27
Resistance against spiritual things	5:7	Suicidal tendencies	5:5

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John 14:16-17

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you **forever**; ¹⁷ *that is **the Spirit** of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but you know Him because He abides with you and will be **in you**.**



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Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”



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- Oppression? Yes!
 - ◆ 1 Chr 21:1; Luke 13:11, 16; Matt 16:23; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor 12:7; Eph 6:12
 - ◆ Temporary
 - ◆ Not loss of salvation
 - ◆ Sometimes the believer opens the door to oppression (Eph 4:26-27)

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