DISCOVERING BIBLE DOCTRINE

DOCTRINE SEMINAR, Fall 2019

An understanding of Bible doctrine is important for every Christian, enabling him to know what he believes and why he believes it. The first benefit of Bible study is **doctrine** (2 Tim. 3:16). Sound doctrine enables the believer to withstand doctrinal attacks in the last days (2 Tim 4:2-3) and to carry out the "Great Commission" which involves the evangelization of sinners and the discipling of believers by "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded unto you" (Mt. 28:20; cf. 1 Tim. 4:16). The *doctrine of angels* is one of the least understood doctrines. On the one hand, liberal theologians deny the existence of spirit beings. On the other hand, exorcists are plying their trade, blaming virtually every human problem on Satan or the demons.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE: Angels: The Master's Mysterious Messengers

September 10	1	А. В.	THE EXISTENCE OF Angels THE NATURE OF ANGELS	
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October 1	4	А. В.	THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS IN RELATION TO NATIONS THE FUTURE MINISTRY OF ANGELS	
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October 15	6	А. В.	THE ORIGINAL STATE AND SIN OF SATAN THE FOUR FALLS OF SATAN	
October 22	7	А. В.	THE PROGRAM OF SATAN THE DEFENSES AGAINST AND FUTURE OF SATAN	
November 5	8	А. В.	THE IDENTITY AND REALITY OF DEMONS THE NAMES AND NATURE OF DEMONS	
November 12	9	А. В.	THE ACTIVITY OF DEMONS IN RELATION TO CHRIST THE ACTIVITY OF DEMONS IN RELATION TO MEN	
November 19	10	А. В.	THE IDENTIFICATION OF AND CURE FOR DEMON POSSESSION THE DREADFUL DESTINY OF DEMONS	

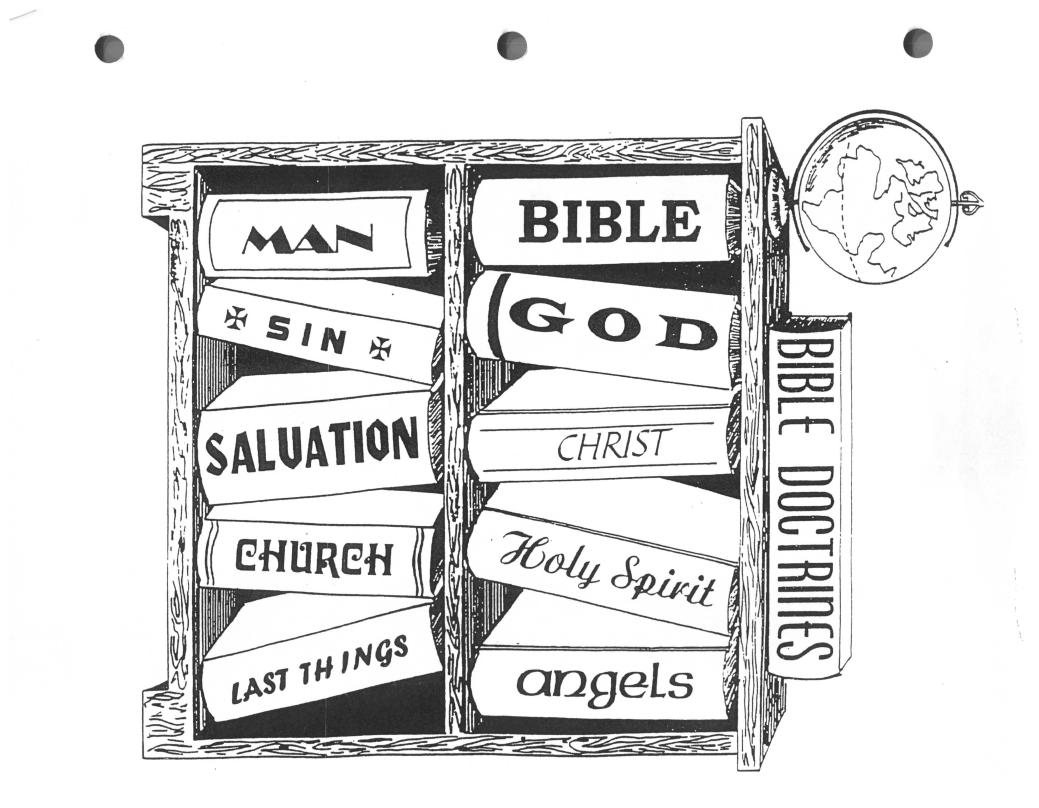


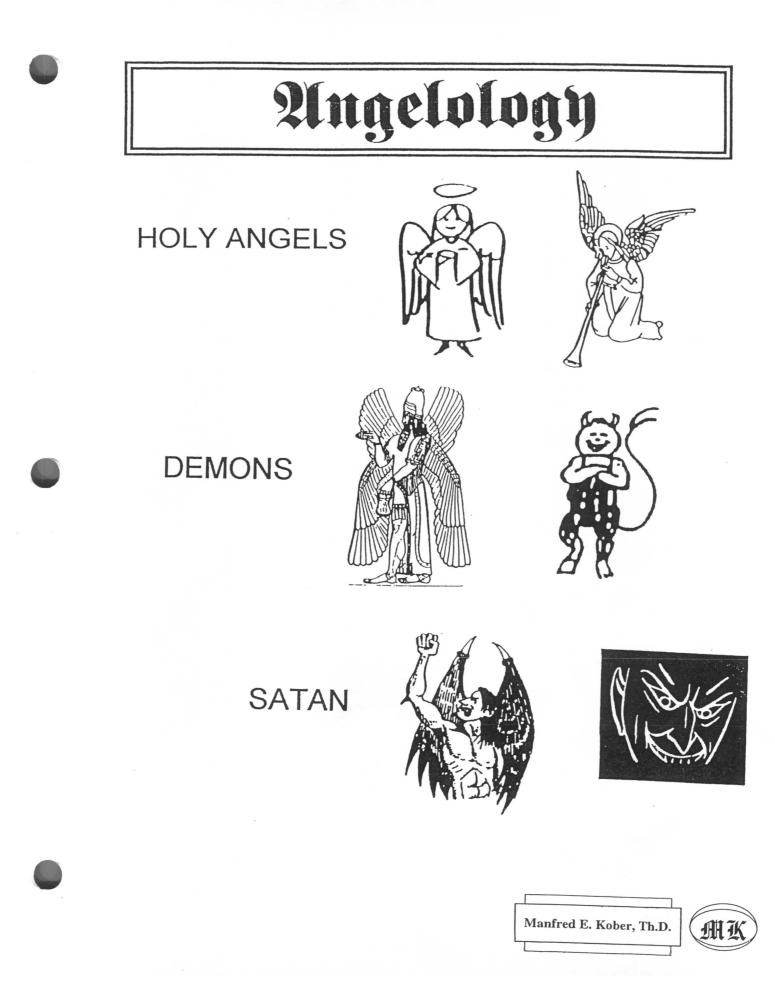


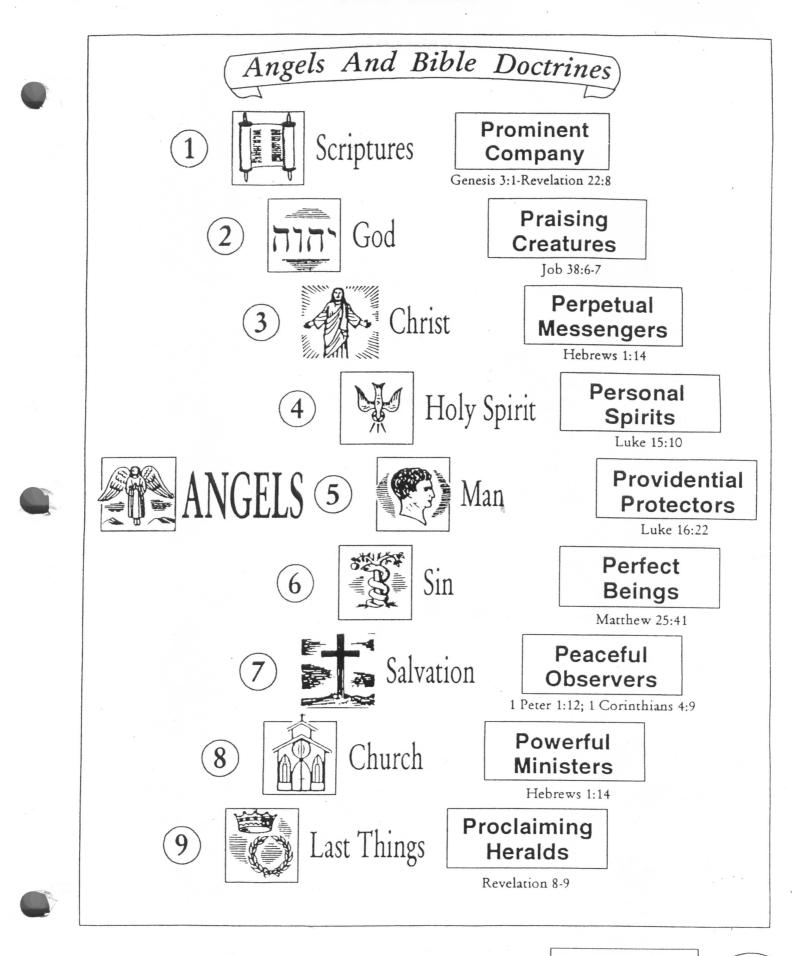




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ANGELS: THE MASTER'S MYSTERIOUS MESSENGERS

1A. INTRODUCTION:

1b. The current emphasis on angels:

People of both religious and non-religious orientation claim that angels have ministered to them. Individuals outside the church used to question the existence of angels. Now these very same people testify that angels appear to them and minister to them.

Ordinary people report their being helped by spirit beings who find and return lost objects, heal of incurable diseases, rescue from near fatal accidents, and save the lost on land and sea.



- 2b. The variety of approaches to angels:
 - 1c. Liberals **deny** the existence of angels.
 - 2c. Secularists defer to angels.
 - 3c. Cults **distort** angels.
 - 4c. New Agers deify angels.
 - 5c. Neoorthodoxy dismisses angels as symbols.
 - 6c. Neoliberalism demythologizes angels.
 - 7c. Fundamentalism deemphasizes angels.
- 3b. The biblical evidence for angels:
 - 1c. The time: 1445 B.C. A.D. 100

Which	of the following do you believe in?	
1	Angels	74%
(R)	Astrology	58%
Ø1)	ESP	50%
	Witchcraft	29%
a	Bigloot	22%
a la	Ghosts	22%
2 Pad	Clairvoyance	21%
JAN W	Loch Ness Monster	16%
	-George Gallup, Jr., and Sarah Jones Answers: Religion in America (Princ Religion Research Center, 1989), p.	eton, N.J.: Princeton

ANGELOLOGY

1A.

The Doctrine of Angels.

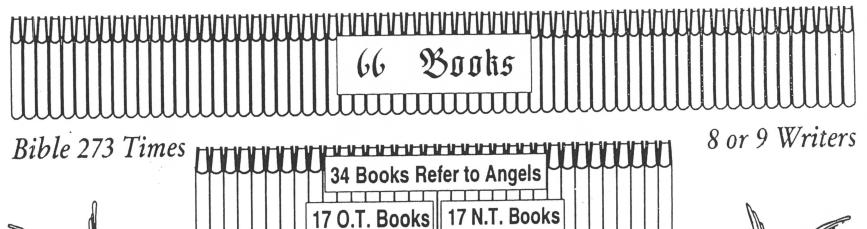
- 1b. Introduction:
 - 1c. The current emphasis on angels:
 - 2c. The biblical evidence for angels:
 - 1d. The time:
 - 2d. The writers:
- 2b. The existence of angels:
 - 1c. The teaching of Scripture:
 - 2c. The teaching of Christ:
 - 1d. He assumes their existence: Mt. 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
 - 2d. He acknowledges their existence: Mt. 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Mt. 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; cf. v. 39,49

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The Doctrine of Angels. 1A.

2b. The biblical evidence for angels:

- 3b. The creation of angels:
 - 1c. The fact:

Col. 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Ps. 148:2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Ps. 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

Neh. 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host. the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

2c. The time:

Job 38:6-7 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

The nature of angels: 4b.

- 1c. They are personal beings:
 - 1d. Their intellect:

1 Pet. 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

2d. Their emotions:

Lk. 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saving,

Lk. 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

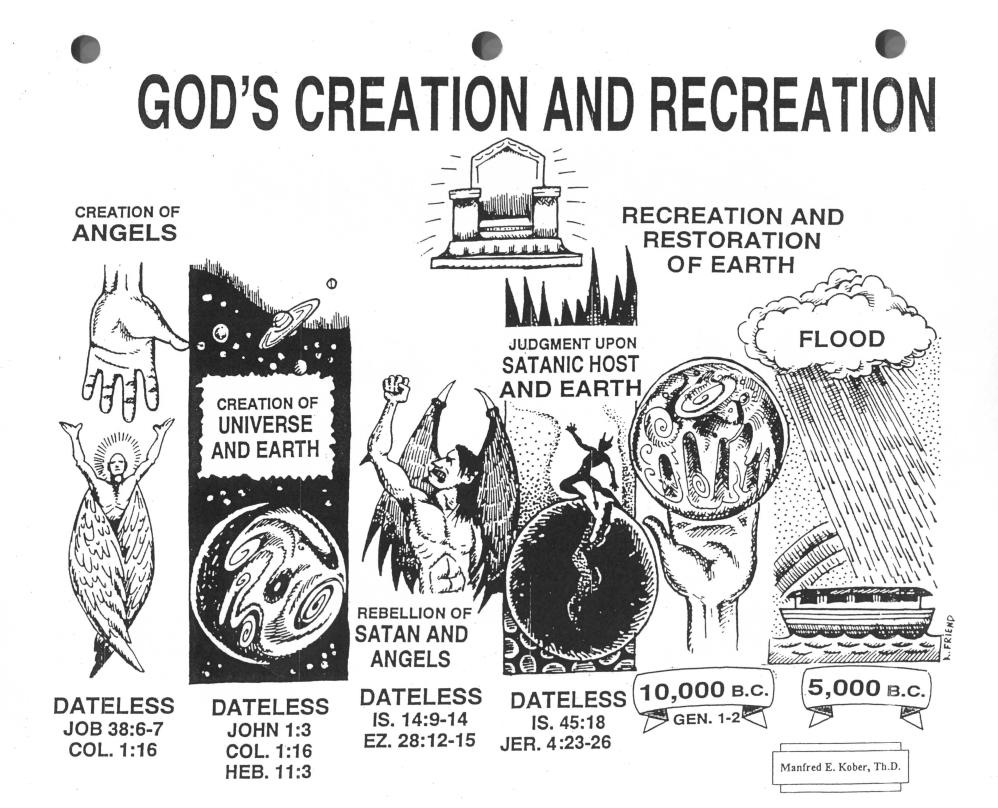
3d Their will:

Is. 14:12-14 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! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Mk. 5:10-12 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.





Angelology 3

1A. The Doctrine of Angels.

4b. The nature of angels:

2c. They are spirit beings:

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

1 Cor. 15:39-40 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

3c. They are sexless beings:

Mk. 12:25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

1d. They do not reproduce:

2d. They are always referred to as masculine:

Gen. 18:2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

(Zech. 5:9 is a possible exception)

4c. They are immortal beings:

Lk. 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

5c. They are powerful beings:

2 Pet. 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

6c. They are distinct beings:

Ps. 8:4-5 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Heb. 12:22-23 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

7c. They are an innumerable company:

Heb. 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Rev. 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Rev. 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

If the number of presently unfallen angels according to Rev. 5:11 is to be taken literally as approximately 400 million (actually 404 million) and one third of the original angels fell with Satan, then the original number of angels must have been at least 600 million. It appears that presently the unfallen angels outnumber the demons 2:1.

5b. The organization of angels:

Angelology 4

1A. The Doctrine of Angels.

5b. The organization of angels:

1c. Archangel: Michael

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

1 Thess. 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

2c. Chief princes:

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

3c. Ruling angels:

Eph. 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Col. 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

4c. Cherubim:

Gen. 3:22-24 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the LORD

God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Ez. 10:1-20

5c. Seraphim:

Is. 6:1-3 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

6c. Guardian angels:

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

<u>Mt. 18:10</u> Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

6b. The names of angels:

- 1c. General names:
 - 1d. Sons of God:

Job 1.6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

6b. The names of angels:

1c. General names:

2d. Watches:

Dan. 4:23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

3d. Holy Ones:

Dan. 4:23

4d. Heavenly host:

Lk. 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

5d. Princes:

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Living creatures or beast:

6d. Living creatures or beasts:

Ez. 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Ez. 3:13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

Ez. 10:15-16 And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. 16 And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

Rev. 4:6-9 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

7d. Mighty angels:

Rev. 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. Cf. Rev. 10:1

2c. Individual names:

1d. Michael:

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Dan. 10:21 But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

6b. The names of angels:

1c. Individual names:

1d. Michael:

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

2d. Gabriel:

Dan. 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

Dan. 9:21Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Lk. 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.

Lk. 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

3d. Lucifer:

Is. 14:12 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!

4d. Tribulation angels: Rev. 16

> the angel of the waters the angel of the fire the angel of the abyss

4 beasts

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7b. The abode of angels:

- 1c. The elect angels:
 - 1d. They live in heaven:

 $Mt.\ 22:30$ For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

 $M\!k.~12{:}25$ For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

6b. The names of angels:

- 7b. The abode of angels:
 - 1d. They live in heaven:

Lk. 2:15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. $Cf_{-2:1}$

Cf. 2:1

Gal. 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

2 Cor. 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

- 2d. They live in the second heaven:
- 2c. The evil angels:
 - 1d. They live in the heavenlies:

Eph. 6:22 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- 2d. Some are confined under chains waiting for judgment: Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
- 3d. Some are free to roam the earth: Mk. 5:1-19
- 4d. Some of them are temporarily confined and will be loosed in the tribulations: Rev. 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Rev. 9:14-15 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

Rev. 16:13 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.

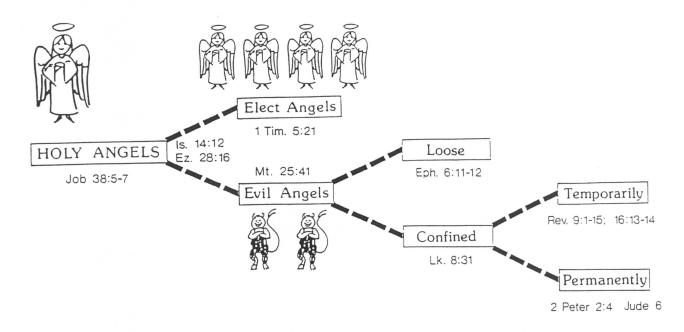
5d. Their final abode:

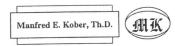
Mt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

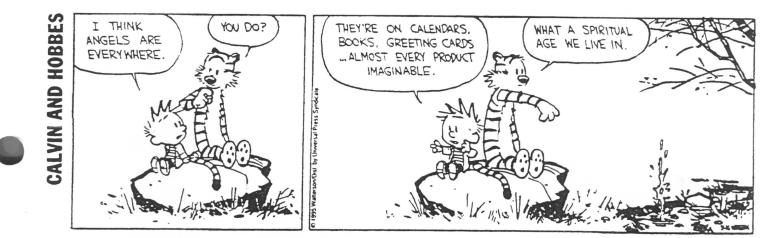
7b. The abode of angels: 2c. The evil angels:

5d. Their final abode:

The Spirit World







- 8b. The power of angels:
 - They are limited but their powers exceed those of men:
 2 Pet. 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.
 - 2c. They have unusual intelligence: They benefit from 12,000+ years of observation.
 - 3c. They have supernatural strength: Mt. 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

 $P_{s.103:20}$ Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

- 4c. They are able to move swiftly: Dan. 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
- 5c. They are able to perform superhuman feats: Acts 12
- 6c. Sometimes angels are able to control the forces of nature as well as effect them: Rev. 14; 16
- 7c. They are able to eat:

Gen. 19:3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

Ps. 78:25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

9b. The ministry of angels:

- 1c. In relation to Christ:
 - 1d. They predicted His birth: Lk. 1:26-33
 - 2d. They announced His birth: Lk. 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
 - 3d. They protected Him as an infant: Mt. 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

9b. The ministry of angels:

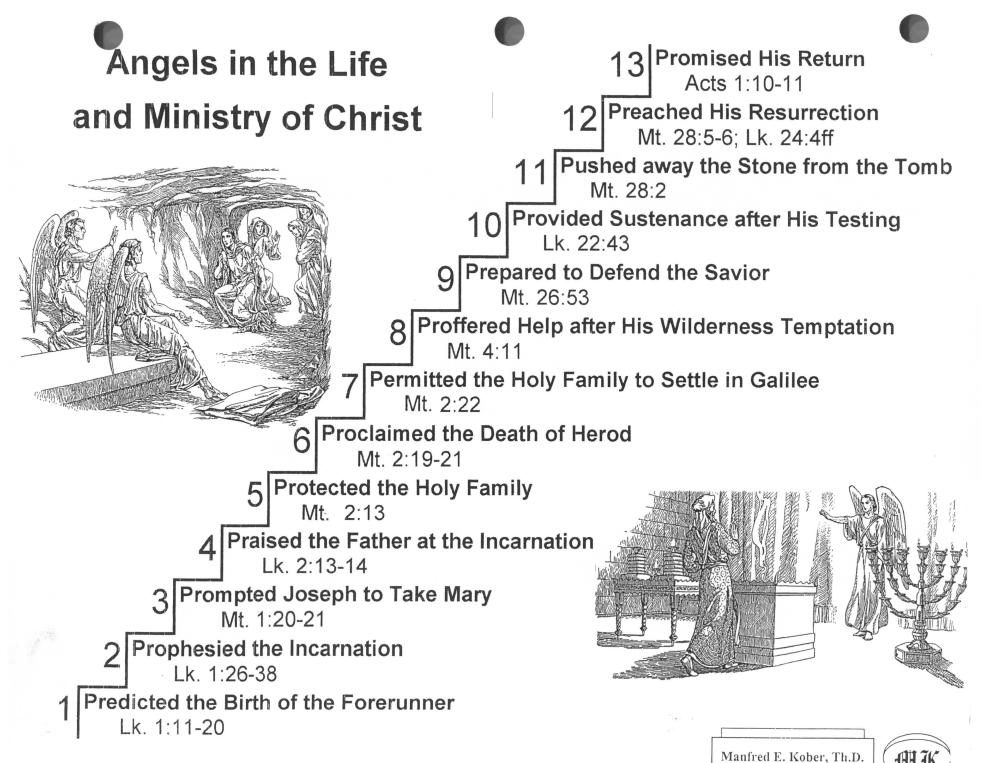
1c. In relation to Christ:

Holy A	ngels ar	nd the H	[eavenly	Savior
REFERENCE	MT. 1:20	MT. 2:13	MT. 2:19	MT. 2:22
COMMAND	Marry Mary	Escape to Egypt	Proceed to Palestine	Go to Galilee
VIRTUE	Loyalty	Piety	Simplicity	Humility
TIME	During Sleep	During Sleep	During Sleep	During Sleep
AGENT	Angel	Angel	Angel	God (His angel)
LOCALITY	Nazareth	Bethlehem	Egypt	S. Israel
APPLICATION	Don't Judge	Don't Worry	Don't Question	Don't Overreact
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- 4d. They strengthened Him after His temptation: Mt. 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.
- 5d. They were prepared to defend Him against His enemies: Mt. 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
- 6d. They strengthened Him in Gethsemane: Lk. 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.
- 7d. They rolled the stone away from the tomb: Mt. 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 8d. They announced His resurrection: Mt. 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- 9d. They were present at His ascension:

Acts 1:10-11 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.



9b. The ministry of angels:

1c. In relation to Christ:

10d. They will herald His return:

1 These. 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

- 2c. In relation to believers:
 - 1d. They serve believers:
 - 1e. They answer prayer:

Acts 12:7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

2e. They direct service:

Acts 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

3e. They aid in revelation:

Acts 27:22-24 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, Io, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

4e. They give encouragement in times of danger:

Acts 27:23-24 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, Io, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

5e. They care for the believer at death:

Lk. 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; Care for the believer's immaterial part.

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. Care for the believer's body.

2d. They observe believers:

I Cor. 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

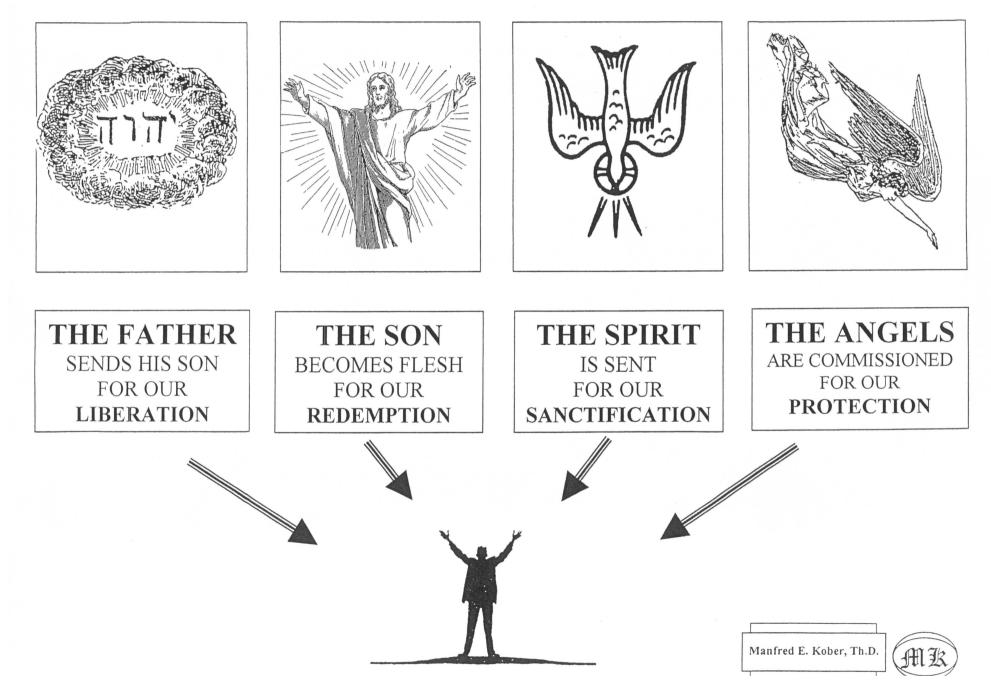
1e. They rejoice at the salvation of sinners:

Lk. 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

2e. They see what redemption means in life:

1 Cor. 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

THE CELESTIAL COMPANY AND THE BELIEVER'S BENEFITS



- 1A. The Doctrine of Angels.
 - 9b. The ministry of angels: 2c. In relation to believers:
 - 2d. They observe believers.
 - 3e. They are called as witnesses for proper Christian conduct:

 $1 \text{ Tim. } 5:21 \text{ I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.$

4e. They are interested in the worship of the church:

I Cor. 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

5e. They are to see decorum and propriety:

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MEN AND ANGELS	BE	ERENCES TWEEN ND ANGELS		
CREATED	VISIBLE	INVISIBLE		
IMMORTAL	CORPOREAL	INCORPOREAL		
SERVANTS	CREATED FROM DUST	(SPIRIT BODY 1 COR. 15) CREATED EX NIHILO		
PERSONAL BEINGS	RACE-RELATED	COMPANY-UNRELATED		
INTELLECT	EXPERIENCE AND POWER-LOWER	HIGHER		
EMOTION	POSITION: HIGHER	LOWER		
WILL	FUTURE: MEN JUDGE ANGELS (1 COR. 6:2-3)	ANGELS SUBJECT TO MEN		

- 3c. Their ministry in relation to unbelievers:
 - 1d. Infliction of physical punishment:

Acts 12:23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

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- 2d. Separation of the righteous from the wicked: Mt. 13:39ff The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
- 3d. Binding of Satan and his host:

Rev. 20:1-2 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

9b. The ministry of angels:

- 4c. Their ministry to the nations.
 - 1d. Michael is the guardian of Israel:

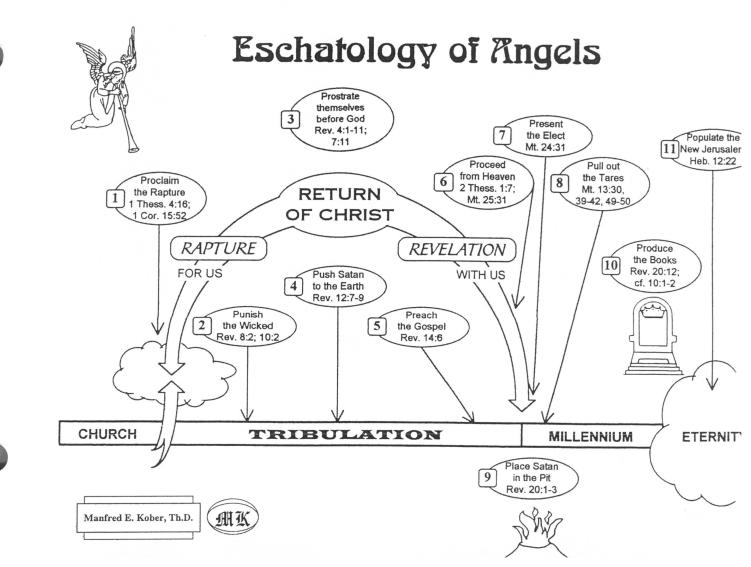
Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2d. Apparently other nations have angels assigned to them:

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, Io, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Dan. 10:20-21 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, Io, the prince of Grecia shall come. 21 But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

- 3d. Angels will be involved in executing the judgments of the tribulation period: Rev. 8, 9, 16, 19
- 4d. Angels will gather Israel from the four corners of the earth at the second coming: Mt. 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.





The *Cosmic Conflict* Behind The *Celestial Curtain* or Đaniel's Intercession and Demonic Interference

Daniel 10

1. DANIEL REPENTS OF HIS SIN: 1-9, 12

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- 3. AN ANGEL RESPONDS TO GOD'S COMMAND: 4-9, 12
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Questions about Angels & Demons

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Is it possible that more of the angels could sin?

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Who / what were the Nephilim?

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God vs. Satan - if God is all-powerful, why does He not just kill Satan? What are the different types of angels? Does Satan still have access to Heaven? Why does God allow Satan to enter Heaven, as recorded in the Bible? Is Lucifer Satan? Does the fall of Lucifer describe Satan? is there an angel of death? Can demons attach themselves to non-living/inanimate objects? What is a succubus? What is an incubus? Did one third of the angels fall with Lucifer? Do Christians have the authority to command angels? Why were Michael and Satan disputing over the body of Moses (Jude 9)? Do angels appear to people today? Is it wrong to have angel figurines? Does God love Satan? Does the Bible promote or prohibit praying to angels? Are the demons the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim? What does the Bible say about demonic oppression? How can demonic strongholds be overcome? Is the King of Tyre prophecy in Ezekiel 28 referring to Satan? What does the Bible say about transferring spirits? Is there an angel named Raphael in the Bible? Who are the four living creatures in Revelation? What are the names of Satan? What are principalities and powers? What does it mean that Satan masquerades as an angel of light? Who or what is Metatron?

Are the Anunnaki in the Epic of Gilgamesh the Nephilim mentioned in the Bible?

How much emphasis should be given to demonic deliverance in the Christian life? What are the names of angels in the Bible? What does it mean that Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44)? What is deliverance ministry, and is it biblical? Are there angels among us? Is Satan in hell? How are Catholics able to perform exorcisms if many of their beliefs are unbiblical? Is Satan the master of hell? Do Satan and his demons punish people in hell? Does Satan exist? Who were the Rephaim? How are idols connected to demons (Deuteronomy 32:16-17)? Did God create Satan? What does the Bible say about demonic/satanic miracles? What does it mean that Satan is prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)? What does Satan look like? What do demons look like? What is the angelic conflict doctrine, and is it biblical? What does the Bible say about the angel Gabriel? Who is Michael the archangel? What are unclean spirits? Are unclean spirits demons? Are the holy angels perfect, or do they sometimes fail God? What are the heavenly hosts? If angels and demons can't die, what is the point of their engaging in battle? Was Satan an angel? What does it mean that the name of the demon was Legion?

What is a spirit of infirmity?



Question: "What is Angelology?"

Answer: Angelology is the study of angels. There are many unbiblical views of angels today. Some believe angels are human beings who have died. Others believe that angels are impersonal sources of power. Still others deny the existence of angels entirely. A biblical understanding of angelology will correct these false beliefs. Angelology tells us what the Bible says about angels. It is a study of how the angels relate to humanity and serve God's purposes. Here are some important issues in angelology:

What does the Bible say about angels? Angels are an entirely different order of being from humans. Human beings do not become angels after they die. Angels will never become, and never were, human beings. God created the angels, just as He created humanity.

Are angels male or female? The Bible does not necessarily support the gender of angels being male or female. Whenever gender is "assigned" to an angel in Scripture, it is male (Genesis 19:10,12; Revelation 7:2; 8:3; 10:7), and the only names assigned to angels are Michael and Gabriel, generally considered masculine names.

Do we have guardian angels? There is no doubt that good angels help protect believers, reveal information, guide people, and, in general, minister to God's children. The difficult question is whether each person or each believer has an angel assigned to him/her.

/ho / What is the angel of the Lord? The precise identity of the "angel of the Lord" is not given in the Bible. However, there are many important "clues" as to his identity.

What are cherubim? Are cherubs angels? Cherubim / cherubs are angelic beings involved in the worship and praise of God. In addition to singing God's praises, they also serve as a visible reminder of the majesty and glory of God and His abiding presence with His people.

What are seraphim? Are seraphs angels? Isaiah chapter 6 is the only place in the Bible that specifically mentions the seraphim. The seraphim ("fiery, burning ones") are angelic beings associated with the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in the temple.

Angelology gives us God's perspective on angels. Angels are personal beings who worship and obey God. God sometimes sends angels to "interfere" in the course of humanity. Angelology helps us to recognize the warfare that exists between God's angels and Satan and his demons. A proper understanding of angelology is very important. When we understand that angels are created beings, just as we are, we realize that worshipping or praying to angels robs God of the glory that belongs to Him alone. It was God, not angels, who sent His Son to die for us, who loves and cares for us, and who alone is worthy of our adoration.

A key verse on angelology is Hebrews 1:14, "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"

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Question: "Do angels exist?"

Answer: The Bible speaks of angels as real, actual beings. However, Scripture's depiction of angels is very different from the popular concept of them. The Bible describes angels as vastly powerful, intimidating, and mysterious creatures. They serve God for specific reasons and do not seem to be wandering or random creatures. While we don't have a great deal of information about angels in the Bible, what's available is enough to correct many common misconceptions.

The word *angel* comes from the Greek word *aggelos* (or *angelos*), which most literally means "messenger." In Old Testament Hebrew, these beings are called *mal'ak*, which means the same thing, "messenger." Communication seems to be the primary function of angels in the Bible. Most references to angels involve their delivering some news or command on behalf of God. They are occasionally depicted as protecting certain people (Daniel 6:20–23) or nations (Daniel 12:1). However, there is no direct biblical support for the concept of a "guardian angel"—a single spiritual entity assigned to a specific person for purposes of protection or guidance—although such beings may exist.

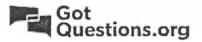
In modern times, common depictions of angels include things like halos, feathery wings, blond hair, harps, and white robes, or chubby infants with tiny wings and shining eyes. In reality, the Bible gives no general physical description of angels. Only a few specific types of beings, such as cherubim and seraphim, are given direct visual details (Isaiah 6:2–6; Ezekiel 1:4–28). Only one angel, at the empty tomb of Jesus, is ever described as wearing a white robe (Mark 16:5). Scripture indicates that angels can take on a mundane human form (Genesis 19:1–4).

That being said, most people in Scripture who encounter angels react with fear. Almost every time an angel appears to someone, the angel's first words are, "Don't be afraid!" (Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10; Matthew 28:5). Their presence can be so overwhelming that even apostles such as John had to be warned not to worship them (Revelation 19:9–10). This makes sense, given the level of power ascribed to angels by the Bible. According to 2 Kings 19:35, a single angel killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night. As spiritual beings created to serve God, angels are not so much "cute" as they are powerful and otherworldly.

Looking at the Bible, we can say that angels are literal beings. Biblical angels exist. The cartoonish versions of angels so often seen in movies and commercials, however, do not.

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Question: "What does the Bible say about angels?"

Answer: Angels are personal spiritual beings who have intelligence, emotions, and will. This is true of both the good and evil angels (demons). Angels possess intelligence (Matthew 8:29; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Peter 1:12), show emotion (Luke 2:13; James 2:19; Revelation 12:17), and exercise will (Luke 8:28-31; 2 Timothy 2:26; Jude 6). Angels are spirit beings (Hebrews 1:14) without true physical bodies. Although they do not have physical bodies, they are still personalities.

Because they are created beings, their knowledge is limited. This means they do not know all things as God does (Matthew 24:36). They do seem to have greater knowledge than humans, however, which may be due to three things. First, angels were created as an order of creatures higher than humans. Therefore, they innately possess greater knowledge. Second, angels study the Bible and the world more thoroughly than humans do and gain knowledge from it (James 2:19; Revelation 12:12). Third, angels gain knowledge through long observation of human activities. Unlike humans, angels do not have to study the past; they have experienced it. Therefore, they know how others have acted and reacted in situations and can predict with a greater degree of accuracy how we may act in similar circumstances.

Though they have wills, angels, like all creatures, are subject to the will of God. Good angels are sent by God to help believers (Hebrews 1:14). Here are some activities the Bible ascribes to angels:

They praise God (Psalm 148:1-2; Isaiah 6:3). They worship God (Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:8-13). hey rejoice in what God does (Job 38:6-7). They serve God (Psalm 103:20; Revelation 22:9). They appear before God (Job 1:6; 2:1). They are instruments of God's judgments (Revelation 7:1; 8:2). They bring answers to prayer (Acts 12:5-10). They aid in winning people to Christ (Acts 8:26; 10:3). They observe Christian order, work, and suffering (1 Corinthians 4:9; 11:10; Ephesians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:12). They encourage in times of danger (Acts 27:23-24). They care for the righteous at the time of death (Luke 16:22).

Angels are an entirely different order of being than humans. Human beings do not become angels after they die. Angels will never become, and never were, human beings. God created the angels, just as He created humanity. The Bible nowhere states that angels are created in the image and likeness of God, as humans are (Genesis 1:26). Angels are spiritual beings that can, to a certain degree, take on physical form. Humans are primarily physical beings, but with a spiritual aspect. The greatest thing we can learn from the holy angels is their instant, unquestioning obedience to God's commands.

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The Forgotten Person in the Christmas Story

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As the Christmas season approaches, the believer's thoughts are focused once again on the miracle of incarnation. The Apostle Paul, in awe of the marvelous event, observes that "without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh" (I Tim. 3:16). Much of the teaching and preaching of the account of the first Christmas rightly focuses on the One who as the eternal creator God became man in order to minister to man and give His life for man's redemption (Matt. 20:28). As the story of Christmas is recounted, special emphasis is usually placed on a variety of individuals who play an integral part in that delightful event. Besides the infant Immanuel, preachers, teachers, and parents focus naturally on His mother Mary, the surprised shepherds, the heavenly host, the haughty Herod, the searching scribes, the worshiping wise men, and even the shining star. There is one person who normally receives little or no recognition in the drama of the incarnation. That individual is Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, being "the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ" (Matt. 1:16). The Humble Individual

While Joseph is frequently ignored in the Christmas story, and the Gospel statements concerning him are few and simple, he nonetheless holds a very important place in God's plan for His Son. After all, Joseph gave Him protection, gave Him His name (Matt. 1:21, 25), a home and a vocation (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3).

Joseph was a carpenter, an artisan either in wood or stone (Matt. 13:55) who belonged to Nazareth (Luke 2:4), of Davidic descent (Matt. 1:20; Luke 2:4).

After the divine urging to take Mary as his wife he traveled with her to Bethlehem to be taxed. It was there that Christ was born and visited by the shepherds (Luke 2:8-20) and worshiped by the Magi from the East (Matt. 2:1-11). Escaping Herod's wrath, Joseph took Mary and his child to Egypt (Matt. 2:13, 14). Upon Herod's death he returned with them to Israel, eventually settling in Nazareth (Matt. 2:22, 23).

Subsequent to the birth of Jesus, there were sons and daughters born to Joseph and Mary (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3). When Jesus was twelve years old, Joseph and Mary took Him with them to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem. There the divine record concerning Joseph ends. It is fairly certain that Joseph died before the Lord's crucifixion (John 19:27), being apparently advanced in age. The High Importance

Joseph is of great importance in several respects. It is worthwhile to note his ancestry, spirituality, and fidelity. As a legal heir to the Davidic throne (Matt. 1:20; Luke 2:4) he passed on the royal right to his adopted Son to be the future Davidic ruler who will occupy the throne of David during the Millennium as

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promised to Mary (Luke 1:32, 33).

Further, Joseph was a man of exceptional spiritual caliber. He is called a just man. He was righteous in his standing and in his actions and thus a suitable instrument for God's gracious purpose in the incarnation of Immanuel. Thirdly, Joseph was a man of fidelity. He was faithful not only to Mary but also to God. He was completely dependable. When God spoke to him he responded with immediate and unquestioning obedience. What an illustration for each believer! Joseph must not be ignored. He is important as a progenitor of Christ, a protector of the Savior, and a pattern for believers.

The Heavenly Instructions

Not a single word by Joseph was ever recorded and yet he was blessed with repeated revelations from God. Interestingly, each time Joseph was asleep, and apparently each time God used an angel. In each case a divine command was given and Joseph responded immediately. Each imperative related to the divine-human infant of whom Joseph had been appointed the paternal protector. Christ's heavenly Father assigned to the earthly father the task of caring for and protecting the holy Child and His mother. The first divine directive, given in Nazareth, was to "Marry Mary!" (Matt. 1:20). The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. Perhaps it was Gabriel, the same angel who appeared to Mary earlier (Luke 1:26). He was betrothed to Mary who was

pregnant. Ignorant of the reason for Mary's condition and not wishing to expose her to public disgrace, Joseph Id in view to divorce Mary quietly rather than institute a public lawsuit. In his love for Mary, he was willing to take on himself the dishonor.

The angelic message must have filled him with joy, for Mary's and his own sake. He would be Mary's provider and protector, defending her honor. The angel further instructed, "You are to give him the name Jesus" (Matt. 1:23).

The second angelic command is, "Escape to Egypt!" (Matt. 2:13). God took action to protect him, warning him to "arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt." Egypt was a natural refuge. It was nearby, a well-ordered Roman province outside of Herod's jurisdiction. According to Philo (c. A.D. 40) Egypt's population included about a million Jews.

Joseph promptly obeyed. In the middle of the night he set out on the seventy-five mile journey to the border. Joseph asked no questions and did not even wait until he could purchase provisions. He waited on God to guide and provide. The believer might well emulate Joseph's piety.

The third dream occurred upon the death of Herod. The command was, "Proceed to Palestine!" (Matt. 2:19). Herod, the human monster, died of a most loathsome disease on April 4, 4 B.C. Josephus summarizes Herod's life thus: "He was a man of great barbarity toward all men equally, and a slave to his passions." The angel instructed Joseph to take the young Child and His mother back to the land of Israel. He was not told where to go and yet he demonstrated once again immediate obedience. In his faith and obedience Joseph is a man of spiritual simplicity. May every believer learn to walk one step at a time until further guidance is given.

The fourth revelation came in a dream while he was back in Israel. The command came to "Go to Galilee!" (Matt. 2:22). Joseph apparently purposed to settle in Bethlehem near Jerusalem, the holy city and the temple, for the sake of his foster Son. Yet he was fearful when he heard that Herod's son Archelaus was now ruling in Judea. Archelaus had inherited his father's malicious nature. Joseph's hesitancy as to where to live was removed when God appeared in a dream. Perhaps God used an angel as He did three times previously.

In moving his family to Nazareth, Joseph was fulfilling a general Old Testament prophecy that Jesus Christ would be called "a Nazarene." The term was probably a synonym for "disdained," "despised," or "contemptible." The reputation of Nazareth made it a most unsuitable place for the residence of the Messiah. And yet here, too, Joseph's godliness was displayed in humility. He did what the heavenly Father commanded the earthly father of the Savior to do.

Four commands are given to Joseph: "Marry Mary!" "Escape to Egypt!" "Proceed to Palestine!" and "Go to Galilee!" In each situation Joseph showed an aspect of his spirituality. He who never spoke a word in the Scriptures speaks volumes through his life. As a man of loyalty, piety, simplicity, and humility he is a pattern for every believer. May he not be the forgotten person in this year's Christmas story.

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THE FUTURE AND ANGELS

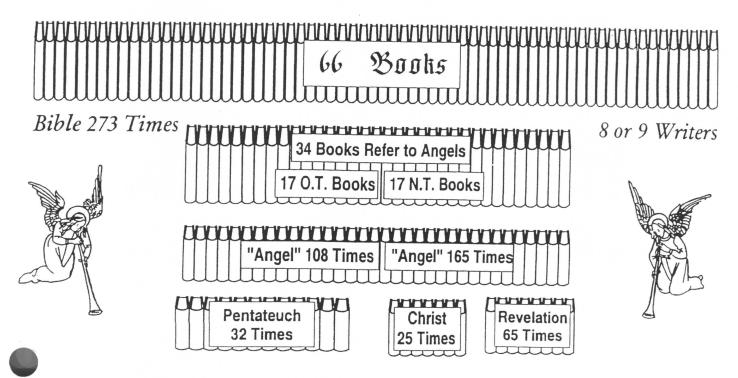


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The doctrine of angels forms an integral part of God's supernatural revelation. The Bible begins and ends with references to these spirits known as beings (Gen. 3:1, 24; Rev. 22:16). All told, there are 273 references to angels in the Scriptures. They are mentioned 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament. The activities of holy angels in the past related primarily to the revelation of God's truth and later their appearances clustered around the life and ministry of Christ. In addition, the Bible predicts important involvement of angels in God's final dealings with the church, the Jews, the Gentiles and this planet.

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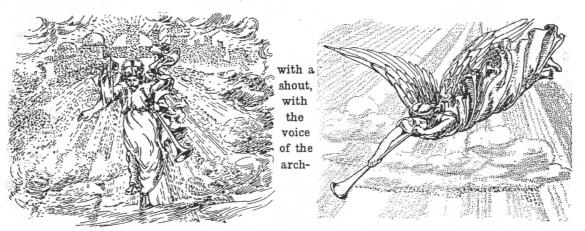
The next event on God's prophetic calendar is the rapture of the church. The dead church age saints are resurrected and the living saints are translated. As the Bridegroom returns for His bride, three sounds will herald His coming: the shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. It is difficult to discern the specific meaning of these three sounds. Undoubtedly these signals involve the angelic announcement that the Bridegroom is coming and a summons to the saints on earth to join Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1 Corinthians 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



For the Lord himself shall

and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall



2A. The Angels Punish the Wicked.

When the long-delayed and well-deserved judgment comes upon a Christrejecting world, God will employ cosmic catastrophes, hordes from hell and angelic avengers. Beginning soon after the commencement of the Tribulation period, angels will be involved in the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments.

Revelation 8:2

² And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

Revelation 8:13

¹³ And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Revelation 10:1-2

¹ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

² And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,



3A. The Angels Prostrate Themselves Before God.

Various times throughout the Tribulation the Apostle John is granted a glimpse into heaven where before the throne of God the 24 elders and angelic beings bow in adoration and worship. The angelic woes declared on earth (Rev. 8:13) are paralleled by the angelic worship in heaven.

Revelation 4:6-8

⁶ And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 7:11

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.



4A. The Angels Push Satan to Earth.

At the midpoint of the Tribulation Michael, the archangel, and a host of holy angels will engage Satan and his demons in combat. God's angels will be victorious and Satan and his subjects are forced to restrict their activity to earth for three and a half years. It is interesting to contemplate how this climactic cosmic conflict will take place between spirit beings who do not possess physical bodies. What are the weapons used? How is force applied?

Revelation 12:7-9

⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹ 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.



It was the archangel Michael who led the good angels: "And there was a great battle in heaven; Michael and his angels battled with the dragon,

and the dragon fought and his angels. And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any more in heaven'' (Ap. 12:7, 8).

5A. An Angel Preaches the Gospel.

The time of the Great Tribulation will also be a time of unprecedented salvation. The testimony of the 144,000 witnesses, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel, will be complemented by other witnesses on earth and an angelic messenger. The latter will preach the gospel to every nation and tribe on earth. His ministry will result in the salvation of vast multitudes. This angel extends God's last call of grace to a world that consistently rejects Him and openly defies Him.

Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,



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6A. The Angels Proceed from Heaven.

The dramatic conclusion of the Tribulation involves the return of the conquering Christ with His heavenly host. The entourage includes the saints of heaven and the holy angels. It is difficult to imagine a more awe-inspiring scene. On earth the foreign armies are engaged at Armageddon (Rev. 16:16) and at Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-3) in bloody conflict. Suddenly the Messiah appears triumphantly, accompanied by angelic hosts and the redeemed of all the ages described as a glistening white army on horseback.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

Matthew 25:31

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Revelation 19:11, 14

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

¹⁴ And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

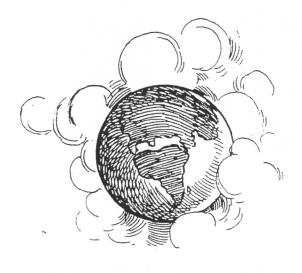


7A. The Angels Present the Elect.

Many of those redeemed in the Tribulation period will die a martyr's death. Others will find a refuge in remote areas of the world. In fact, the region of Ammon, Moab and Edom (Dan. 11:41) to the east of the Dead Sea is designated as an off-limit area for Antichrist where Jews will enjoy safety during the last half of the Tribulation. At His return, Christ will dispatch the angels to summon the elect from their various hiding places to a private audience with the messianic Monarch.

Matthew 24:31

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.





8A. The Angels Pull Out the Tares.

Both in the church age and Tribulation the wheat and tares, the believers and unbelievers, coexist side by side within professing Christendom. God is mindful of the fact that Satan has planted professors in the church to undermine the work of God. At the second advent a series of judgments will take place when believers and unbelievers are separated. Angels will aid the Savior in the removing of the impostors from the earth.

Matthew 13:30, 39-42, 49-50

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁴⁹ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.





9A. An Angel Places Satan in the Pit.

As soon as Christ returns He will consign Antichrist and his false prophet to the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20). Perhaps at the same time an angel operating at the command and in the authority of God will bind Satan in the bottomless pit, rendering him inactive for 1,000 years in his work of deceiving the nations.

Revelation 20:1-3

¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.



10A. The Angels Produce the Books.

After the 1000 years of Christ's reign, all the unsaved of all the ages appear before the Great White Throne in heaven. The book of life is opened to indicate that these individuals were never saved. Likewise, the books of works will be presented and the punishment of the unsaved will be based on the amount of wickedness committed during their lifetime. While angels are not specifically mentioned in connection with this judgment, it is reasonable to assume that angels are involved in opening the books here, much like an angel is involved earlier in presenting the book of judgment.

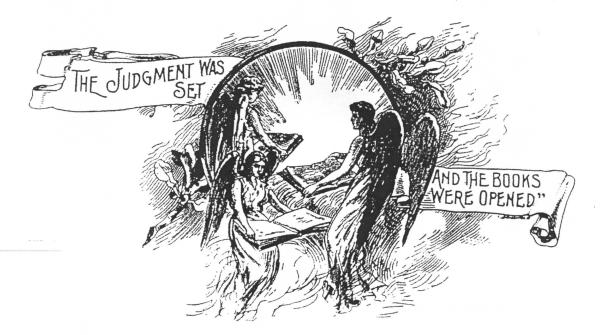
Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 10:1-2

¹ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

² And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,



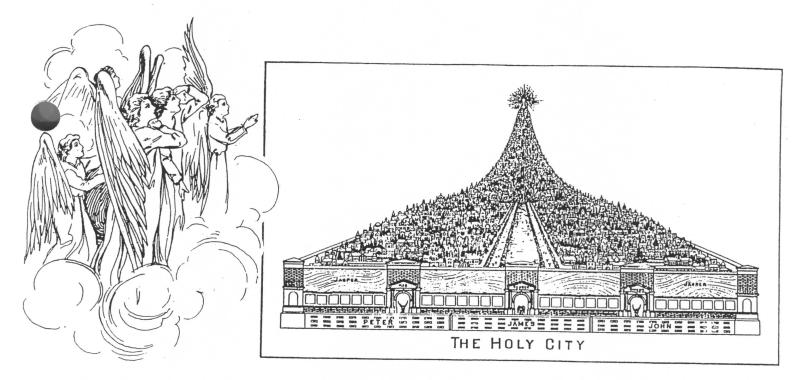
11A. The Angels Populate the New Jerusalem.

The believer's heavenly home, the New Jerusalem, promised by the Savior to His disciples in John 14:1-3, will also be the residence of the triune God and an innumerable company of angels. This everlasting residence of the redeemed will settle on the new earth after the old heavens and old earth have passed away.

Revelation 21:1-2

¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



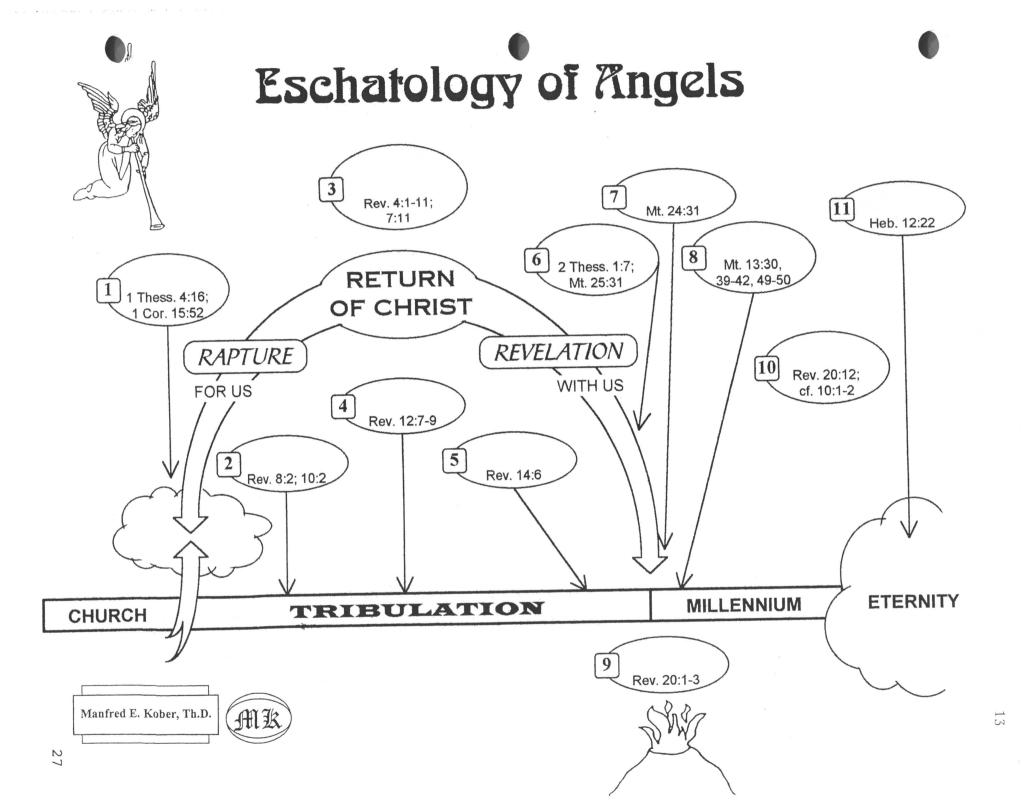
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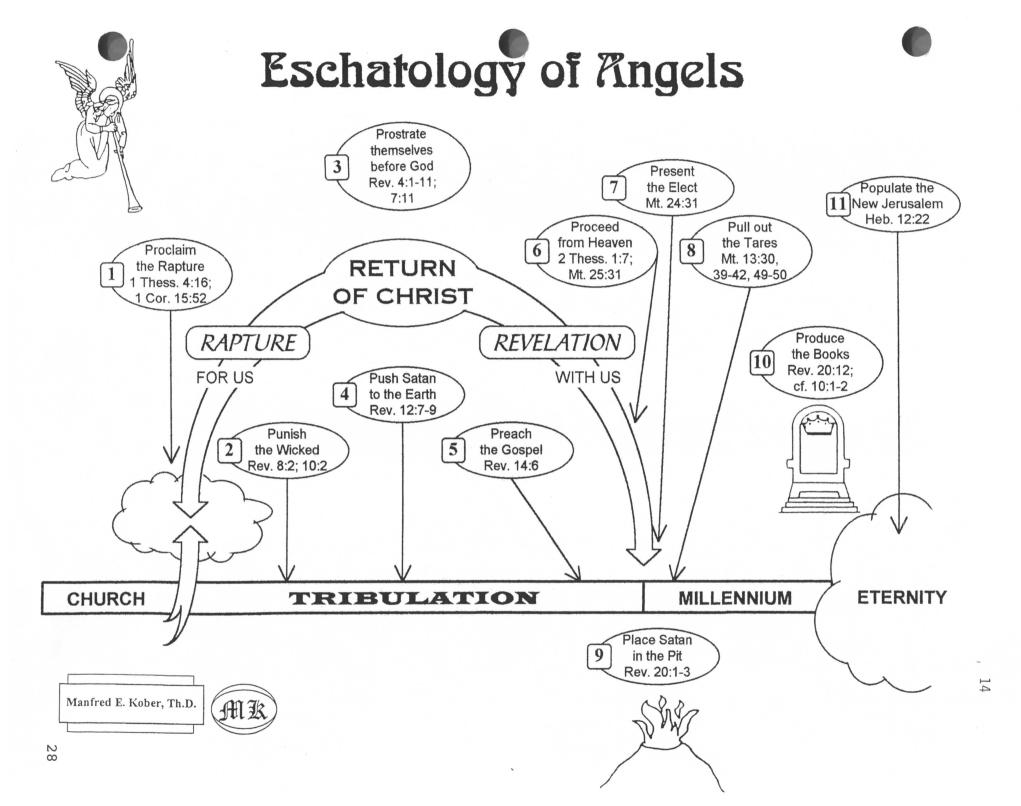
22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

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ALL SCRIPTURE IS TRUE BUT NOT ALL SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR OR PLAIN

The Meaning is

Indicated

dogmatic

At death the believer is immediately in the presence of the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23)

Inferred

definite

At death the believer is carried by an angel into the presence of God (Lk. 16:22)

Implied

debatable

Angels protect the bodies of dead believers, as they did with the body of Moses (Jude 9)

Indefinite doubtful

Dead individuals return to life and tell of out-of-body experiences or visits to heaven (cf. Paul, 2 Cor. 12:2-4)

Invented dreadful

The idea of purgatory: The dead must be purged of their sins before entering heaven or paradise. The **truth**: The Savior is our purgatory, seeing that on the cross "He had by himself purged our sins" (Heb. 1:3b)

2. PET. 3:15-16

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

- 2A. The Doctrine of Satan.
 - 1b. The existence of Satan:
 - 1c. The evidence from Scripture:
 - 1d. The evidence from the Old Testament:
 - 2d. The evidence from the New Testament:
 - 2c. The evidence from the Savior:
 - 1d. The frequent references to Satan:
 - 2d. The special revelation concerning Satan:
 - 3d. The clear acknowledgement of the existence of Satan: Mt. 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

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

Lk. 11:18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.

2b. The constitution of Satan:

- 1c. The personality of Satan:
 - 1d. The traits of personality:
 - 1e. Intellect:

2 Cor. 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Lk. 4:1-12 Three times Satan quoted Scripture.

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

 $Eph. \ 6:11$ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2e. Emotions:

Rev. 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1 Tim. 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:



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2b. The constitution of Satan:

- 1c. The personality of Satan:
 - 1d. The traits of personality:
 - 3e. Will:

Is. 14:12-17 The 5 "I wills" of Satan

2 Tim. 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- 2d. Personal pronouns: Job 1
- 3d. Personal associations:

2 Cor. 11:14-15 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds. (NASB)

 $J_S,\,4.7$ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

4d. Moral responsibility:

Mt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

- 2c. The nature of Satan:
 - 1d. Satan is a creature:
 - 1e. He is described as a creature:

Ez. 28:14-15 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Col. 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

2e. He has creaturely limitations:

Jb. 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

- 3e. He can be resisted by the believer: Js. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 2d. Satan is a spirit being:
 - 1e. He is incorporeal:

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.



2b. The constitution of Satan:

- 2c. The nature of Satan:
 - 2d. Satan is a spirit being:

- 2e. He is invisible.
- 3e. He is associated with other angels:

Mt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev. 12:9 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.

- 3d. Satan is the highest creature:
 - 1e. He belonged to the order of angels called cherubim:

Ez. 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eph. 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

2e. He was the highest created angel:

Ez. 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

3e. He still has much power:

Jude 8-9 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

2 Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Eph. 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

4d. Satan is the antagonist of God:

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:





3b. The designations of Satan:

1c. Names:

1d. Satan:

Zech. 3:1 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

Rev. 12:9 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.

2d. Devil:

Lk. 4:2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

Lk. 4:13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Rev. 12:9 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.

3d. Lucifer:

Is. 14:12 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!

4d. Beelzebub:

Mt. 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

5d. Belial:

2 Cor. 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

2c. Titles:

1d. Evil one:

1 Jn. 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (ASV)

2d. Tempter:

I Thess. 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

3d. Prince of this world:

Jn. 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

4d. God of this age:

2 Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5d. Prince of the power of the air:

Eph. 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:



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Sa'tan, the Scripture term for the chief of fallen spirits, and the arch-principle of evil. The doctrine of Satan and of satanic agency is to be made out from revelation, and from reflection in agreement with revelation. The obscurity of the subject need not deter us from a candid investigation of it.

I. Scripture Names or Titles of Satan.—Besides Satan, he is called the Devil, the Dragon, the Evil One, the Angel of the Bottomless Pit, the Prince of this World, the Prince of the Power of the Air, the God of this World, Apollyon, Abaddon, Belial, Beelzebub. "Satan" and "devil" are the names by which he is oftener distinguished than by any other, the former being applied to him about forty times and the latter about fifty times. See each term.

Satan is the Hebrew word jow, satan', transferred to the English. It is derived from the verb jou, which means "to lie in wait," "to oppose," "to be an adversary;" hence, the noun denotes an adversary, or opposer. The word in its generic sense occurs in 1 Kings xi, 14: "The Lord raised up an adversary (satân; Sept. $\sigma a \tau \dot{a} \nu$) against Solomon," i.e. Hadad the Edomite. In the 23d verse the word occurs again, applied to Rezan. It is used in the same sense in 1 Sam. xxix, 4, where David is termed an adversary, and in Numb. xxii, 22, where the angel "stood in the way for an adversary (satân) to Balaam," i. e. to oppose him when he went with the princes of Moab. See also 2 Sam. xix, 22, 1 Kings v, 4, xi, 25, Psa. cix, 6, where the Sept. has $i \pi i \beta o v \lambda o c$, \dot{a} ντικαίμενος, διάβολος, etc. In Zech. iii, 1, 2, the word occurs in its specific sense as a proper name. "And he showed me Joshua the high-priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan." Here it is manifest, both from the context and the use of the article, that some particular adversary is denoted. In Job i, ii, the same use of the word with the article occurs several times. The events in which Satan is represented as the agent confirm this view. He was a distinguished adversary and tempter.

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Devil $(\Delta\iota\dot{\alpha}\beta_0\lambda_0\varsigma)$ is the more frequent term of designation given to Satan in the New Test. Both "Satan" and "devil" are in several instances applied to the same being (Rev. xii, 9), "That old serpent, the devil and Satan." Christ, in the temptation (Matt. iv), in his repulse of the tempter, calls him Satan; while the evangelists distinguish him by the term "devil." Devil is the word $\delta_{i\dot{\alpha}\beta o\lambda oc}$ transferred from the verb $\delta_{i\alpha\beta\dot{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\omega}$. "to thrust through," "to carry over," and, tropically, "to inform against," "to accuse." He is also called the accuser of the brethren (Rev. xii, 10). The Hebrew term Satan is more generic than the word devil, at least by its etymology. The former expresses his character as an opposer of all good; the latter denotes more particularly the relation which he bears to the saints, as their traducer and accuser.

Lu'eifer (Heb. *Heylel'*, הֵרְלָל; Sept. δ Έωσφόρος), a word that once occurs in the English Version in the lines,

"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!"

(Isa. xiv, 12). It is taken from the Vulgate, which understood the Hebrew word to be the name of the morning star, and therefore rendered it by the Latin name of that star, Lucifer, i. e. "light-bringing." The derivation has been supposed to be from הלל, halal', to shine. The same word here translated "Lucifer," however, occurs also in Ezek. xxi, 12 [17], as the imperative of by, yalal', "to howl," "to lament," and is there rendered "howl." Some take it in the same acceptation in the above passage, and would translate, "Howl, son of the morning!" But to this the structure of the verse is entirely opposed, for the parallelism requires the second line to refer entirely to the condition of the star before it had fallen, as the parallel member, the fourth line, does to the state of the tree before it was cut down. Hence the former derivation is to be preferred, namely, "brilliant," "splendid," "illustrious," or, as in the Septuagint, Vulgate, the rabbinical commentators, Luther, and others, "brilliant star;" and if Heylel, in this sense, was the proper name among the Hebrews of the morning star, then "Lucifer" is not only a correct but beautiful interpretation, both as regards the sense and the application. That it was such is probable from the fact that the proper name of the morning star is formed by a word or words expressive of brilliance, in the Arabic and Syriac, as well as in the Greek and Latin (see Gesenius, Commentar, ad loc.). Tertullian and Gregory the Great understood this passage of Isaiah in reference to the fall of Satan; in consequence of which the name Lucifer has since been applied to Satan,

3b. The designations of Satan:

2c. Titles:

6d. Accuser of the brethren:

Rev. 12:10 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.

7d. Deceiver:

Rev. 12:9 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.

8d. Anointed cherub who covers:

Ez. 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

9d. Liar:

Jn. 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

10d. Murderer:

Jn. 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

3c. The representations:

1d. Old serpent:

Rev. 12:9 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.

2d. Great dragon:

Rev. 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

3d. Angel of light:

2 Cor. 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

4b. The fall of Satan:

1c. Satan's original state: Ez. 28

Ez. 28:12-19 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be



4b. The fall of Satan:

1c. Satan's original state: Ez. 28

a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

- 1d. The interpretations of the passage: King of Tyre.
 - 1e. The passage speaks entirely of a human leader.
 - 2e. The passage refers to a human leader (vv. 1-10) and a satanic leader (vv. 11-19).
 - 3e. The entire passage has both a human king and Satan in view.
- 2d. The description of Satan:
 - 1e. His position: v. 12--- "thou sealest up the sum"
 - 2e. His habitation: v. 13—"thou hast been in Eden"
 - 3e. His appearance: v. 13—"every precious stone was thy covering…"
 - 4e. His duties: v. 14—"thou art the anointed cherub that covereth..."
 - 5e. His sin: v 15—"thou wast perfect in thy ways till iniquity was found in thee."

6e. His punishment: vv. 15-19

2c. Satan's peculiar sin: Is. 14

Is. 14:12-17 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! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

1d. The intention of the passage:

1e. The king of Babylon:

Is. 14:4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

2e. Reference to Lucifer:

Is. 14:12 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!

2d. The intensity of the sin:

(1 Tim. 3:6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. According to Delitzsch, pride is "the sin of sins."

The intensity of the sin:

3c.

According to the Apostle Paul, the root sin was that of pride. 1 Tim. 3:6

The German commentator Delitzsch refers to pride as "the sin of sins."

It is worth noting the observation of Renald Showers here,

The root of the word translated "pride" means "smoke." Just as smoke blinds people to their surroundings, so pride blinds people to reality. Pride makes people believe that they are greater than they really are. When this exalted angel became proud of his magnificent being, his pride blinded him to ultimate reality. Through pride he began to believe that he could be like God, as evidenced by his assertion, 1 will be like the Most High" (Isa 14:14). His pride blinded him to the ultimate reality that there is only one God who actually exists and is the ultimate sovereign of the universe and everything in it. No creature can become like God. (Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels, 1997, p. 82.)

THE FIVE " WILLS" OF SATAN

Isaiah 14

THE SIX "I WILLS" OF GOD

Ezekiel 28

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, "I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High."

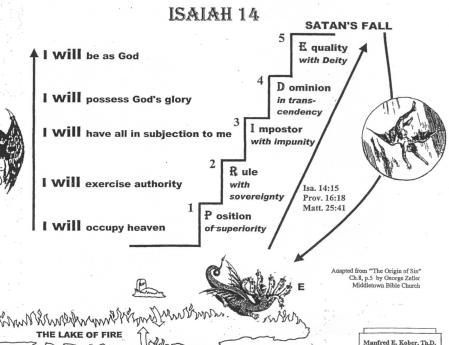


16 By the multitude of thy mcrchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I Will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground. I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.







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4b. The fall of Satan:

2d. The intensity of the sin:

1e. "I will ascend into heaven" --v. 13a

2e. "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" --v. 13b

3e. "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation" --v. 13c

- 1f. The mount:
- 2f. The congregation:
- 3f. The north:

Ps. 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

- 4e. "<u>I will</u> ascend above the clouds"—v. 14a
- 5e. "<u>I will</u> be like the most High"—v. 14b
- 5b. The judgments of Satan:
 - 1c. Barred from the mountain of God:

Ez. 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

2c. Judged in the garden of Eden:

Gen. 3:14-15 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

3c. Condemned at the cross of Calvary:

Jn. 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

Jn. 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

4c. Driven from heaven during the tribulation period:

Rev. 12:7-13 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9And 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. 10 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. 11And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters 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. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

5c. Confined to the bottomless pit:

Rev. 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a

5b. The judgment of Satan:

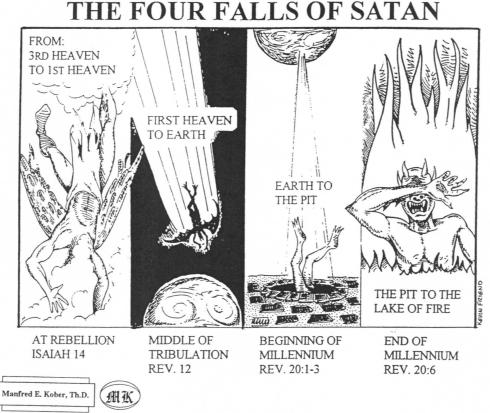
5c. Confined to the bottomless pit:

thousand years,

6c. Consigned to the lake of fire:

Mt. 25:41Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

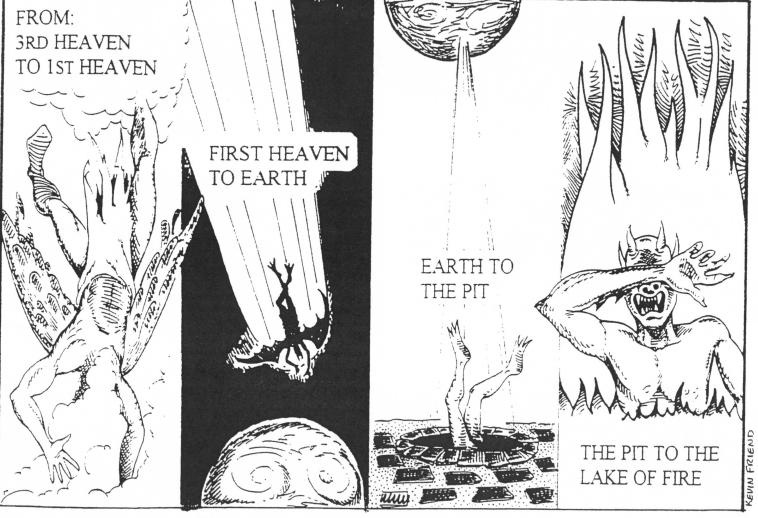
Rev. 20:10,14 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 14And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.



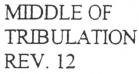
6b. The work of Satan:

- 1c. The plan of Satan:
 - 1d. To thwart the plan of God: Rev. 12
 - 2d. To counterfeit the program of God:2 Cor. 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
- 2c. The program of Satan:
 - 1d. In relation to Christ:





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BEGINNING OF MILLENNIUM REV. 20:1-3 END OF MILLENNIUM REV. 20:6



6b. The work of Satan:

- 2c. The program of Satan:
 - 1d. In relation to Christ:
 - 1e. To give Him a wound:

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- 2e. To make Him unfit for His work:
 - Mt. 4

Lk. 4

3e. To oppose His messianic mission:

Lk. 4:18 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,

Luke 4:33-37 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. 35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. 36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. 37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

4e. To eliminate the cross:

Mt. 16:22-23 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 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.

5e. To make Him unwilling to die:

Mt. 26:36ff Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. . .

- 2d. In relation to the nations:
 - 1e. Satan deceives the nations:

Is. 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Rev. 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

2e. Satan attempts to rule the nations through his demons:

Dan. 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Dan 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, Io, the prince of Grecia shall come.

3e. Satan gathers the nations to the battle of Armageddon:

Rev. 16:12-14,16 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 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



CHRIST'S TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

³ And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

⁵ Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

⁷ Jesus said unto him, It is written again. Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Hy God.

⁸ Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.

⁹ And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Mark 1:11-13

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

 12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

¹³ And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Luke 4:1-13

¹ And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

² Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

³ And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written. That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

⁵ And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it

⁷ If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

⁹ And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

¹⁰ For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

¹¹ And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹² And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

¹³ And when the devil had ended all the

temptation, he departed from him for a season.

The Temptation of Jesus









6b. The work of Satan:

- 2c. The program of Satan:
 - 2d. In relation to the nations:
 - 3e. Satan gathers the nations to the battle of Armageddon:

out of the mouth of the false prophet. 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. . . 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

- 3d. In relation to the unsaved:
 - 1e. He blinds their minds:

2 Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2e. He snatches the seed of the Word:

Lk. 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

3e. He uses people to oppose the work of the gospel:

1 Thess. 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

Acts 13:4-12

- 4d. In relation to believers:
 - 1e. He tempts them to lie:

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

2e. He accuses and slanders them:

Rev. 12:10 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.

3e. He hinders their work for God:

1 Thess. 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

4e. He tempts them to immorality:

I Cor. 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

5e. He sows tares among believers in order to deceive:

Mt. 13:38-39 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

6e. He defeats them:

2 Cor. 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

6b. The work of Satan:

2c. The program of Satan:

4d. In relation to believers:

7e. He incites persecutions against Christians:

Rev. 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.



- 7b. The defense against Satan:
 - 1c. The assistance from God:
 - 1d. Keep from underestimating Satan:

Jude 8-9 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

- 2d. Keep from overestimating Satan: help is available for the believer's spiritual combat
 - 1e. An indwelling power:

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

 $1 \ Jn.$ 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

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- 7b. The defense against Satan:
 - 1c. The assistance from God:
 - 2d. Keeping from overestimating Satan:

2e. An intimate position:

Jn. 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

 $Heb,\ 13:5$ Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

3e. An interceding person:

 $Rom.\ 8:34$ Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

 $Heb.\ 7:25$ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

 $Jn.\ 17:15$ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

2c. The attitude toward Satan:

I Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1d. Be alert:

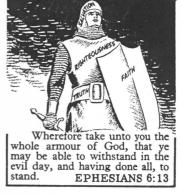
2d. Be aware:

- 1e. Of his aim:
- 2e. Of his procedure:
- 3e. Of his zeal:
- 3c. The armor of God: Eph. 6:11-18
 - Avoid giving place to the devil: Eph. 4:26-27 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.
 - 2d. Array yourself against the devil: Js. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
 - 3d. Arm yourself with God's weapons: Eph. 6:10-18
 - 1e. The armor:

 $Eph. \ 6:13$ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

2e. The girdle:

Eph. 6:14a Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,



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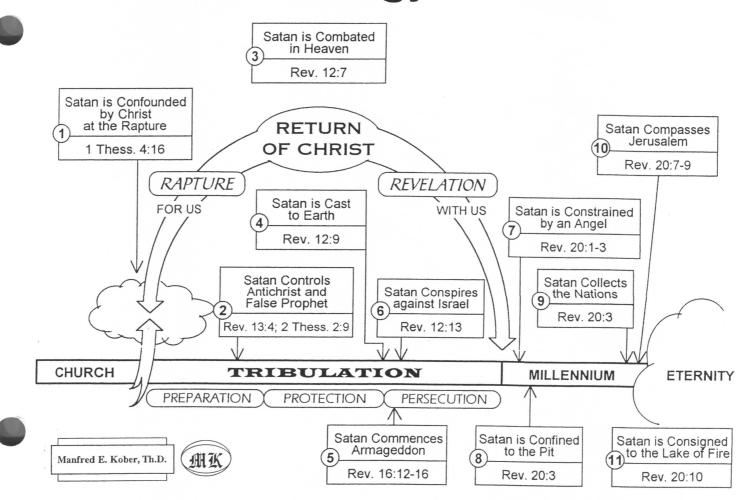
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3e. The breastplate:

Eph. 6:14b and having on the breastplate of righteousness

- 4e. The sandals: Eph. 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 5e. The shield: Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 6e. The helmet: Eph. 6:17a And take the helmet of salvation,
- 7e. The sword: Eph. 6:17b and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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Most American Christians Do Not Believe that Satan or the Holy Spirit Exist

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A new nationwide survey of adults' spiritual beliefs, conducted by The Barna Group, suggests that Americans who consider themselves to be Christian have a diverse set of beliefs –but many of those beliefs are contradictory or, at least, inconsistent. The survey explored beliefs about spiritual beings, the influence of faith on their life, views of the Bible, and reactions to faiths other than their own.

Views on Spiritual Beings

The Barna survey asked questions about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Satan, and demons.

All 1,871 self-described Christians were asked about their perception of God. In total, threequarters (78%) said he is the "all-powerful, all-knowing Creator of the universe who rules the world today." The remaining one-quarter chose other descriptions of God – depictions that are not consistent with biblical teaching (e.g., everyone is god, god refers to the realization of human potential, etc.).

For the other survey items a four-point opinion scale was used to measure people's reactions to statements about each spiritual entity.

The Certainty of Scriptural Statements

ALL SCRIPTURE IS TRUE BUT NOT ALL SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR OR PLAIN

The Meaning is

Indicated

At death the believer is immediately in the

presence of the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23)

Inferred

definite

dogmatic

At death the believer is carried by an angel into the presence of God (Lk. 16:22)

Implied debatable

Angels protect the bodies of dead believers, as they did with the body of Moses (Jude 9)

Indefinite doubtful

Dead individuals return to life and tell of out-of-body experiences or visits to heaven (cf. Paul, 2 Cor. 12:2-4)

Invented dreadful

The idea of purgatory: The dead must be purged of their sins before entering heaven or paradise. The **truth**: The Savior is our purgatory, seeing that on the cross "He had by himself purged our sins" (Heb. 1:3b)

2. PET. 3:15-16

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.



Four out of ten Christians (40%) strongly agreed that Satan "is not a living being but is a symbol of evil." An additional two out of ten Christians (19%) said they "agree somewhat" with that perspective. A minority of Christians indicated that they believe Satan is real by disagreeing with the statement: one-quarter (26%) disagreed strongly and about one-tenth (9%) disagreed somewhat. The remaining 8% were not sure what they believe about the existence of Satan.

Although a core teaching of the Christian faith is the divinity and perfection of Jesus Christ, tens of millions of Christians do not accept that teaching. More than one-fifth (22%) strongly agreed that Jesus Christ sinned when He lived on earth, with an additional 17% agreeing somewhat. Holding the opposing view were 9% who disagreed somewhat and 46% who disagreed strongly. Six percent did not have an opinion on this matter.

Much like their perceptions of Satan, most Christians do not believe that the Holy Spirit is a living force, either. Overall, 38% strongly agreed and 20% agreed somewhat that the Holy Spirit is "a symbol of God's power or presence but is not a living entity." Just one-third of Christians disagreed that the Holy Spirit is not a living force (9% disagreed somewhat, 25% disagreed strongly) while 9% were not sure.

A majority of Christians believe that a person can be under the influence of spiritual forces, such as demons or evil spirits. Two out of three Christians agreed that such influence is real (39% agreed strongly, 25% agreed somewhat), while just three out of ten rejected the influence of supernatural forces (18% disagreed strongly, 10% disagreed somewhat). The remaining 8% were undecided on this matter.

Influence of Faith

Most self-described Christians contend that their religious faith has significantly impacted their life. Almost six out of ten adults (59%) said their faith had "greatly transformed" their life, while 29% said their faith "has been helpful but has not greatly transformed" their life and 9% stated that their religious faith "has not made much of a difference" in who they are and how they live.

Christians were asked if they believed that a person must either side with God or with the devil – that there is no in-between position. A large majority strongly agreed with the notion (61%) while an additional 15% agreed somewhat. Just one out of ten adults disagreed somewhat (10%) and a similar proportion (11%) disagreed strongly. Surprisingly few adults (3%) did not have an opinion on this matter.

A large majority of Christians also proclaimed that the most important purpose in their life is to "love God with all their heart, mind, strength and soul," a notion drawn directly from the Bible (Mark 12:29-30). In total, three out of four self-described Christians (74%) strongly

affirmed that idea, while 15% more agreed somewhat with the statement. Just 4% strongly disagreed and 7% somewhat disagreed with the statement. Three percent said they were not sure.

Thoughts on Other Faiths

Among self-identified Christians, few held a positive opinion of Wicca. Overall, just 5% had a positive opinion while 55% had a negative opinion of Wicca. However, a huge segment (40%) did not know enough about Wicca to have formed an opinion of it, despite it being described to them as "an organized form of witchcraft."

Survey respondents were asked whether they believed that Mormons are Christians. Mormons themselves claim to be Christian, but most evangelical leaders say that they are not. There was no clear-cut perspective among the self-described Christians: four out of ten felt Mormons were Christian (18% strongly agreed, 21% somewhat agreed), three out of ten disagreed (17% strongly, 12% somewhat), and three out of ten were not sure what to think.

When asked whether it was important to them to have "active, healthy relationships with people who belong to religious faiths that do <u>not</u> accept the central beliefs of your faith," about two-thirds of the self-professed Christians claimed it was important. Thirty-six percent agreed strongly with the notion, and 29% agreed somewhat, while 11% disagreed strongly and 16% disagreed somewhat. The other 8% did not have an opinion.

Views on the Bible

A slight majority of Christians (55%) strongly agree that the Bible is accurate in all of the principles it teaches, with another 18% agreeing somewhat. About one out of five either disagree strongly (9%) or somewhat (13%) with this statement, and 5% aren't sure what to believe.

There is no similar clarity among self-defined Christians regarding how the Bible compares to other holy books. When faced with the statement that "the Bible, the Koran and the Book of Mormon are all different expressions of the same spiritual truths," the group was evenly split between those who accepted the idea (19% agreed strongly, 22% agreed somewhat) and those who rejected it (28% disagreed strongly, 12% disagreed somewhat), while leaving a sizeable portion (20%) undecided.

Inconsistencies Noted

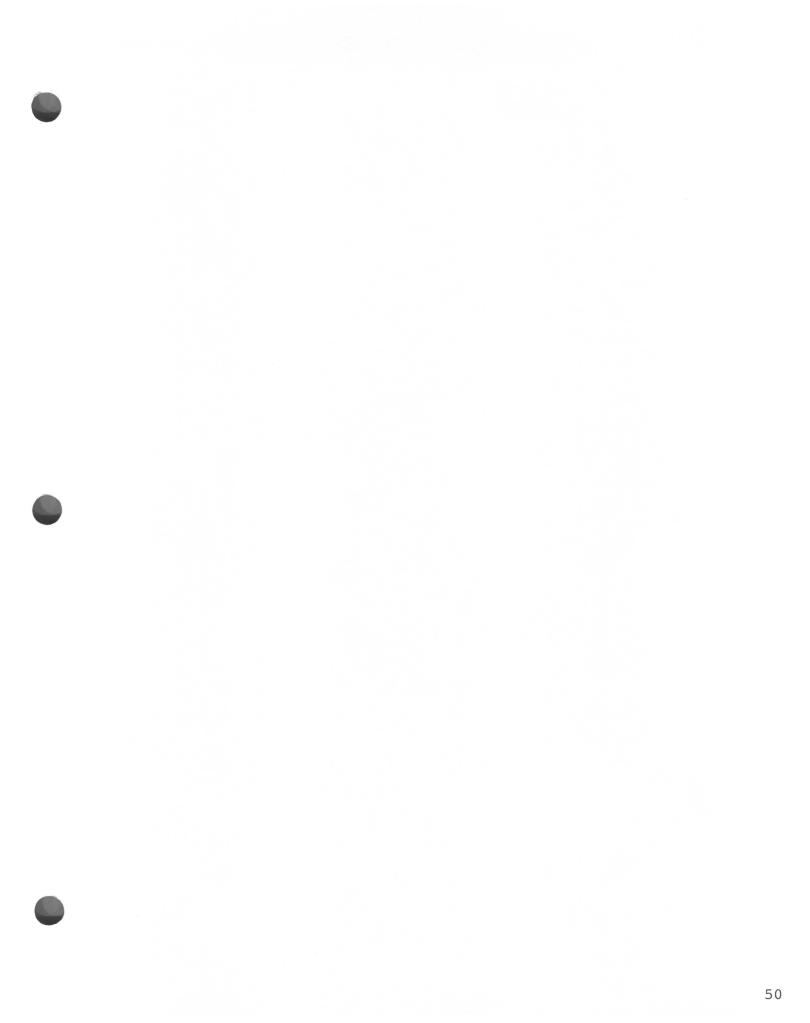
The study also identified a number of instances in which people's beliefs seemed inconsistent. Among those were the following:

- About half (47%) of the Christians who believed that Satan is merely a symbol of evil nevertheless agreed that a person can be under the influence of spiritual forces such as demons.
- About half (49%) of those who agreed that the Holy Spirit is only a symbol but not a living entity also agreed that the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches, even though the Bible clearly describes the Holy Spirit as more than a symbolic reference to God's power or presence.
- About one-third (33%) of the self-defined Christians who agree that the Bible, Koran and Book of Mormon all teach the same truths simultaneously contend that the Bible is totally accurate in its principles, even though the three sacred books have very different ideas about truth, salvation, and the nature of God.

How Born Agains Differ

The study examined how one segment of the Christian population – those whose beliefs about salvation categorize them as "born again" – differ from the beliefs of people who describe themselves as Christian but do not base their view of salvation solely on confession of sin and God's grace received through Jesus Christ. (The Barna Group has labeled the latter group "notional Christians.") For each of the 13 questions examined in the study, there were statistically significant differences between these two segments of the Christian population. Among the most significant gaps in belief were the following:

- Born again adults are at least twice as likely as notionals to strongly agree that the Bible is accurate in all the principles it teaches; that their life has been greatly transformed by their faith; that a person can be under the influence of spiritual forces such as demons; and to hold an unfavorable opinion of Wicca.
- Born again adults are more than twice as likely as notionals to strongly disagree that Satan is just a symbol of evil, and that Jesus sinned while He lived on earth.
- Born again adults are more than three times as likely as notionals to strongly disagree that the Holy Spirit is merely a symbol of God's power or presence; that Mormons are Christians; and that the Bible, Koran and Book of Mormon teach the same truths.
- Born again adults are one-third more likely than notionals to possess a definition of God as the omniscient, omnipotent creator and ruler of the world; nearly 60% more likely to believe that you either side with God or Satan because there is no in-between position; and slightly more than 50% more likely to say their chief purpose in life is to love God with all their heart, mind, strength and soul.



• The smallest difference between the two segments related to the importance of having active relationships with people who reject the central tenets of the person's faith. Born again adults were slightly more likely to strongly agree that such relationships were important to them (39% versus 31%).

Americans Are Struggling to Make Sense of Their Faith

George Barna, the author of nearly four dozen books analyzing research concerning America's faith, suggested that Americans are constantly trying to figure out how to make sense of biblical teachings in light of their daily experiences.

"Most Americans, even those who say they are Christian, have doubts about the intrusion of the supernatural into the natural world. Hollywood has made evil accessible and tame, making Satan and demons less worrisome than the Bible suggests they really are. It's hard for achievement-driven, self-reliant, independent people to believe that their lives can be impacted by unseen forces. At the same time, through sheer force of repetition, many Americans intellectually accept some ideas – such as the fact that you either side with God or Satan, there's no in-between – that do not get translated into practice."

Barna also noted that Christians tend to be open to co-existence with other faiths. "Most people understand that America's religious life is diverse," explained the author of a forthcoming book about the nation's faith segments, *The Seven Faith Tribes*. "A majority of Christians are generally open to maintaining relationships with people of other faiths, and most are not predisposed to judging people of different faiths, such as Mormons or Wiccans. But that open-mindedness is sometimes due to their limited knowledge about the principles of their own faith and ignorance about other faiths as it is to a purposeful acceptance of other faiths."

About the Research

This report is based upon telephone interviews conducted by The Barna Group for two surveys among people who described themselves as "Christian." A total of 1,871 adults were randomly selected from across the 48 continental states, with the first 873 interviews conducted in January and February, 2008, and the remaining 998 interviews conducted in November 2008. The aggregate sample The range of sampling error associated with a sample of 1,871 people is between ± 1.0 and ± 2.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The range of sampling error associated with the sub-sample of 873 adults is between ± 1.5 and ± 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The range of 998 adults is between ± 1.4 and ± 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The sample of 998 adults is between ± 1.4 and ± 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

aggregate sample to known population percentages in relation to several key demographic variables.

"Born again Christians" were defined as people who said they had made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that was still important in their life today and who also indicated they believed that when they die they will go to Heaven because they had confessed their sins and had accepted Jesus Christ as their savior. Respondents were not asked to describe themselves as "born again."

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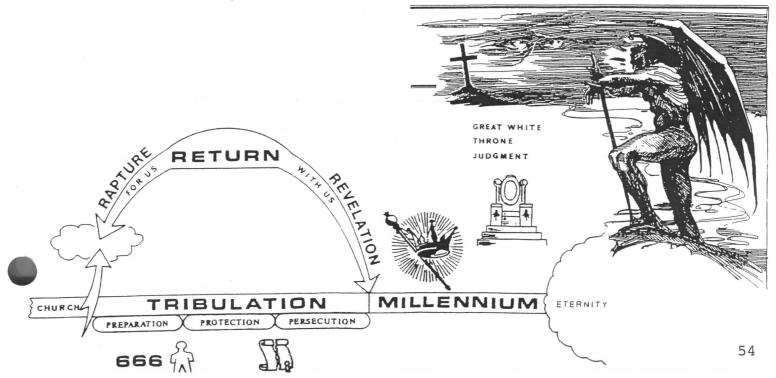
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THE FUTURE AND SATAN

The existence of a personal devil is clearly taught throughout the inspired Scriptures. The opening verses of Genesis present him as a deceiver who entices our first human parents to sin (Gen. 3). At the conclusion of the biblical canon we find him attacking Christ and as a result he is consigned to the Lake of Fire. There are numerous references to Satan in God's Word. Satan is recognized by every writer of the New Testament. Nineteen of the 27 New Testament books mention Satan by one of the names. And yet, liberal theologians in mainline denominations deny his existence. To them he is merely a symbol of evil or a figure of speech. For example, a committee of the former Southern Presbyterian Church concluded a study on Satan and the demons with these words: "In answer to the question whether we believe in a personal devil and demons, we can only answer with a flat, 'of course not!" (*Christianity Today*, July 18, 1975, p. 32).

The Christian would rather believe God who cannot lie that there is a Satan who is "the god of this age" (II Cor. 4:4) and "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). Christ, who is the incarnate Truth, must have personally related to His disciples the incidents of His desert temptations by Satan (Mt. 4; Mk. 1; Lk. 4).

As the Scriptures reveal the origin of the conflict between Satan and God, they also discuss the outcome of that cosmic conflict. Satan and his host feature prominently in end time events. The future in relation to Satan makes an interesting study. By a consideration of the eschatology of Satan one gains a graphic grasp of his fierce opposition to God and His people. But ultimately, one stands in awe at God's sovereign dealings with Satan. As the believer's fierce foe is permitted to have his final fling, God's suspended judgment will suddenly fall upon Satan as he is cast into the Lake of Fire. Satan's opposition to God has long been tolerated but in the end times it will be tamed and finally terminated.



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1A. Satan is Confounded by Christ at the Rapture.

During this age Satan has been granted control over this evil world system as well as the atmosphere surrounding this planet. At the time of the rapture Satan's temporary dominion will be challenged by an invasion from the earth and one from heaven. When the shout, the voice of the archangel and the trumpet sound, the dead Church age saints will be translated into the presence of the Savior, accompanied by the transformed living saints.

Meanwhile, Christ will return from heaven with the angels as well as the saints who have gone before. The saints of earth and the Savior, along with the angelic spirits and saints of heaven will meet in the clouds. This is Satan's dominion until the middle of the Tribulation period. Perhaps the voice of the archangel will be a signal to the angelic host to form a vanguard as they protect the saints ascending from earth and the Savior descending from heaven. Satan is shown to be impotent as the momentous meeting takes place in the clouds. It appears that some restraint will have to be put on Satan because he invariably attempts to thwart the purposes of God, no matter how hopeless the possibility for success.

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷ Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.







2A. Satan Controls Antichrist and the False Prophet.

The Savior predicted that in the interim after the rapture many false Christs and many false prophets would arise. However, when the Tribulation proper begins, two individuals have risen to the top, one a political, the other a religious leader. The former, also known as Antichrist (1 Jn. 2:18), will sign a treaty with the nation of Israel. This event marks the beginning of the Tribulation.

During the preparation period the many false Christs and prophets are somehow eliminated. Perhaps the single most important reason for the prominence of the Antichrist and false prophet (or the first and second beasts of Rev. 13) is the empowerment of the two individuals by Satan himself. Their ability to perform miracles will lead to their acceptance and acclaim by the masses.

Matthew 24:5,11,24

⁵For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

2 Thessalonians 2:9

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

Revelation 13:4

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Revelation 13:11-14

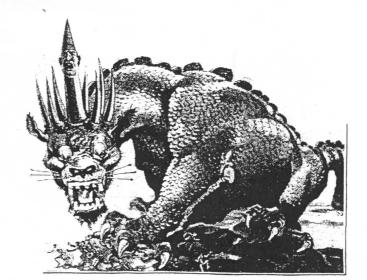
¹¹And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

¹²And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

¹³ And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

¹⁴ And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.





3A. Satan is Combated in Heaven.

At the midpoint of the Tribulation the archangel Michael and his holy angels engage Satan in a battle in heaven. Michael, who leads the battle against Satan, is the special protector to the people of Israel (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1). He had been in coflict with Satan before (Jude 9) and seems to hold the same high rank among the unfallen angels as Satan does among the fallen angels. The occasion of the battle may be the effort of Satan to unseat Christ from His heavenly throne. Rev. 12:1-6 symbolically pictures the dragon's (Satan's) anger against the woman (Israel) as well as her manchild (Christ). Satan's attack against Christ to unseat Him and reestablish himself in the presence of God meets with total failure.

Revelation 12:7-8

 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.



4A. Satan is Cast to the Earth.

The defeat of the devil results in his losing his access to heaven. The telling phrase, "neither was their place found any more in heaven" (Rev. 12:8) suggests absolute and complete exclusion. In Revelation 12:12a a song in heaven is recorded as the angels rejoice because of the elimination of Satan from their surroundings. The devil's anger is heightened because he knows his time on earth is short, limited to the final 3 and one-half years of the Tribulation.

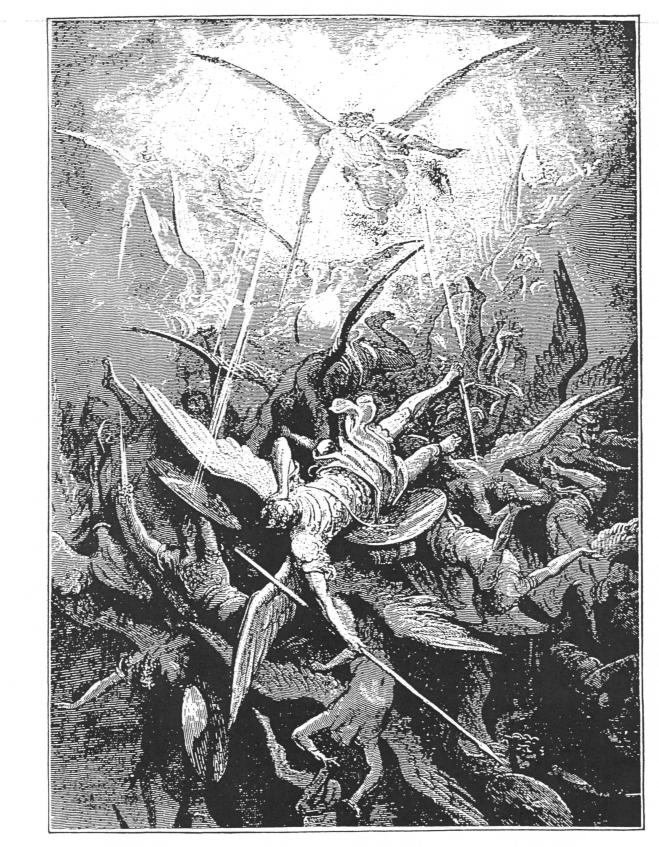
Revelation 12:8-9, 12

⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

^eAnd 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.

¹² Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters 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.





SATAN CAST OUT

5A. Satan Commences Armageddon.

John sees in his vision of the final campaign of the Tribulation period three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. The source of these demonic spirits is the unholy trinity of the Tribulation: Satan, the anti-Father, the beast who is the Antichrist and the false prophet, who is the anti-Spirit. These demons are dispatched by the counterfeit trinity to gather "the kings of the earth and of the whole world. . .to the battle of the great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14).

Though the armies of the whole world are lured by the demons under the direction of Satan, they nevertheless fulfill God's plan, because John adds that "he (God) gathered them into a place called. . .Armageddon" (Rev. 16:16).

Revelation 16:13-16

¹³ 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.

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.

¹⁵ Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

¹⁶ And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.



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6A. Satan Conspires Against Israel.

Once Satan is cast out of heaven he will especially persecute the godly remnant of Israel. Satan has always attempted to thwart God's purposes for the Jewish race but satanic anti-Semitism will reach its peak against Jewish believers during this period.

Israel is hated by Satan because she is the chosen of God and essential to God's overall purpose for time and eternity.

Israel will find refuge in the mountains to the East of the Dead Sea. Satan casts water as a flood out of his mouth to drown Israel but the earth helps Israel and swallows the flood.

As God sustained Elijah supernaturally at the brook Cherith and as He nourished Israel with manna during the 40 years it lived in the wilderness, God will in similar fashion preserve His people despite Satan's fierce and final efforts.

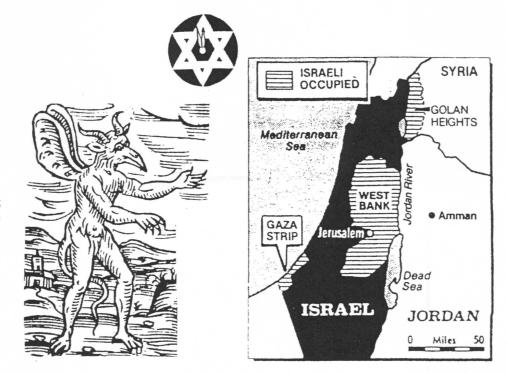
Revelation 12:13-16

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*.

¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.



7A. Satan is Constrained by an Angel.

Satan, who is now on earth, having lost his place in heaven earlier (Rev. 12:9, 12) will be prevented from spreading havoc on earth by being bound for 1,000 years. God designates a lower angel to bind Satan who was formerly the most exalted creature among God's angelic beings. As "Lucifer, son of the morning" (Is. 14:12), he occupied a special place of prominence in guarding the throne of God as "the anointed cherub that covereth" (Ez. 28:14). What a disgraceful end for such an exalted angel!

John saw an angel with a chain draped over his hand who bound Satan. It is interesting to contemplate how a spirit being can be bound with a chain. Apparently God uses the language of appearance. There will be an actual constraint upon Satan, as confining as the chains that fell off Peter's hands (Acts 12:7; the same word, *halysis*, cf. Mark 5:3; Acts 28:20; 2 Tim. 1:16).

While the chain itself might not be a literal chain, the binding most certainly is actual and effectual.

Revelation 20:1

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.



8A. Satan is Confined to the Abyss.

The dramatic prophecy of Rev. 20:1-3 depicts an angel seizing Satan and binding him 1,000 years. Good reason exists for taking the number 1,000 literally. As if the Holy Spirit expected the denial of the millennial reign of Christ in the latter days, six times the term 1,000 years is repeated (20:2,3,4,5,6,7).

If language means anything, Satan is totally out of commission for 1,000 years (and so are the demons, Zech. 13:2). As a guarantee of Satan's inactivity, various steps are depicted for his confinement: (1) he is seized by an angel, (2) he is bound by a chain, (3) he is cast into the abyss, (4) a key is used to lock up the abyss, (5) a seal is set upon Satan, rendering him inactive for 1,000 years.

Revelation 20:1-3

¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

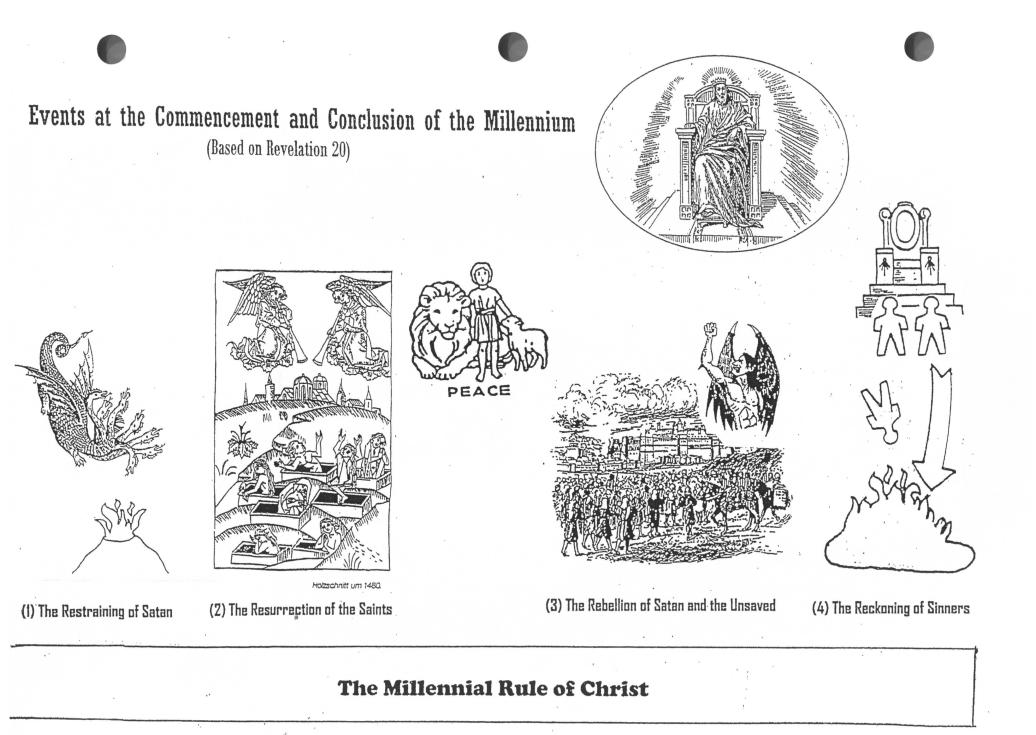
²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Zechariah 13:2

²And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.





9A. Satan Collects the Nations.

On being released from his confinement, Satan loses no time in his nefarious schemes. Satan's incurable bent toward evil evidences itself in his campaign to deceive the nations of the entire earth.

Those who are deceived by Satan are the descendants of the Tribulation saints who survived the Tribulation and entered into the Millennium in their natural bodies. Outwardly, these individuals will conform to the rule of Christ the King. Inwardly, they will not believe in Christ as Savior. Though they have obeyed Christ as Sovereign, they have rejected Him as Savior. How tragic that individuals can live 1,000 years under the beneficent rule of the Savior in peace, prosperity and a perfect environment and still spurn the grace of God and live in enmity with God.

Revelation 20:7-8

⁷ And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸ And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.





10A. Satan Compasses Jerusalem.

Satan deceives the nations and recruits them for an all-out attack on Jerusalem. Incredibly, he will find willing combatants all over the world and launch a lightening attack against Jerusalem.

As during the first battle of Gog and Magog in the middle of the Tribulation period (Ez. 38:2), the immense invading army suffers immediate destruction. Satan directs his troops against Jerusalem to unseat the King on the throne of David and to displace the saints from the holy city. Satan must know the end result of his evil plan. How could he who is undoubtedly familiar with Revelation 20 still attempt to defeat Christ, knowing it would lead to his own doom? The sinfulness and irrationality of Satan is nowhere more evident than here.

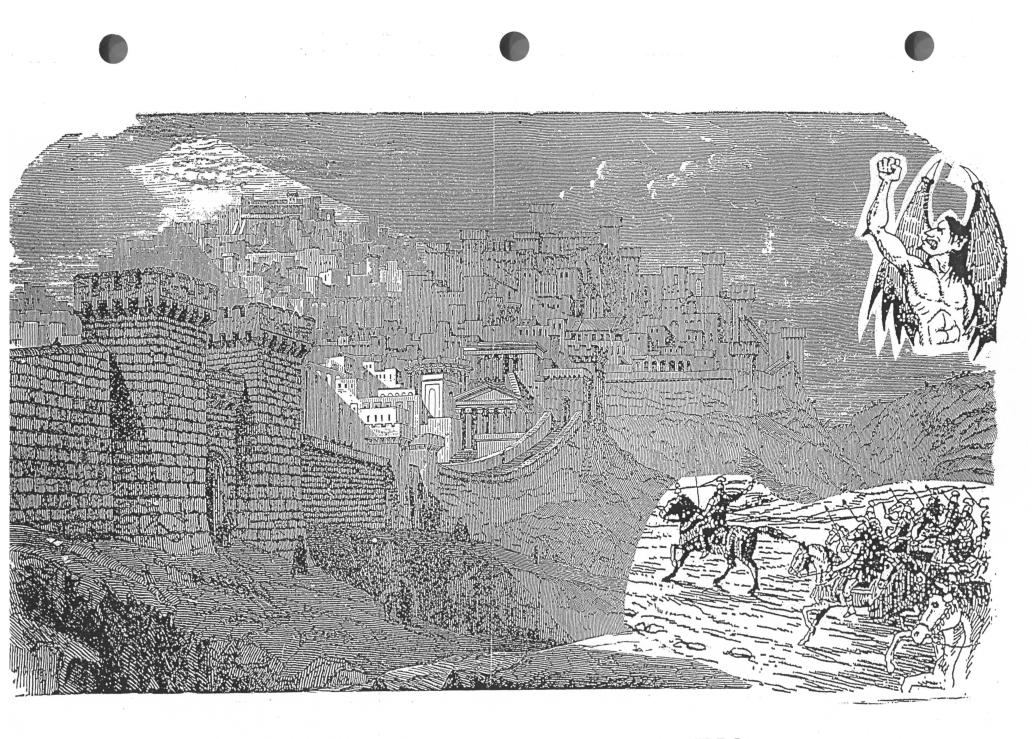
Satan must anticipate the results. Doomed to failure, his army will be destroyed by fire.

Revelation 20:7-9

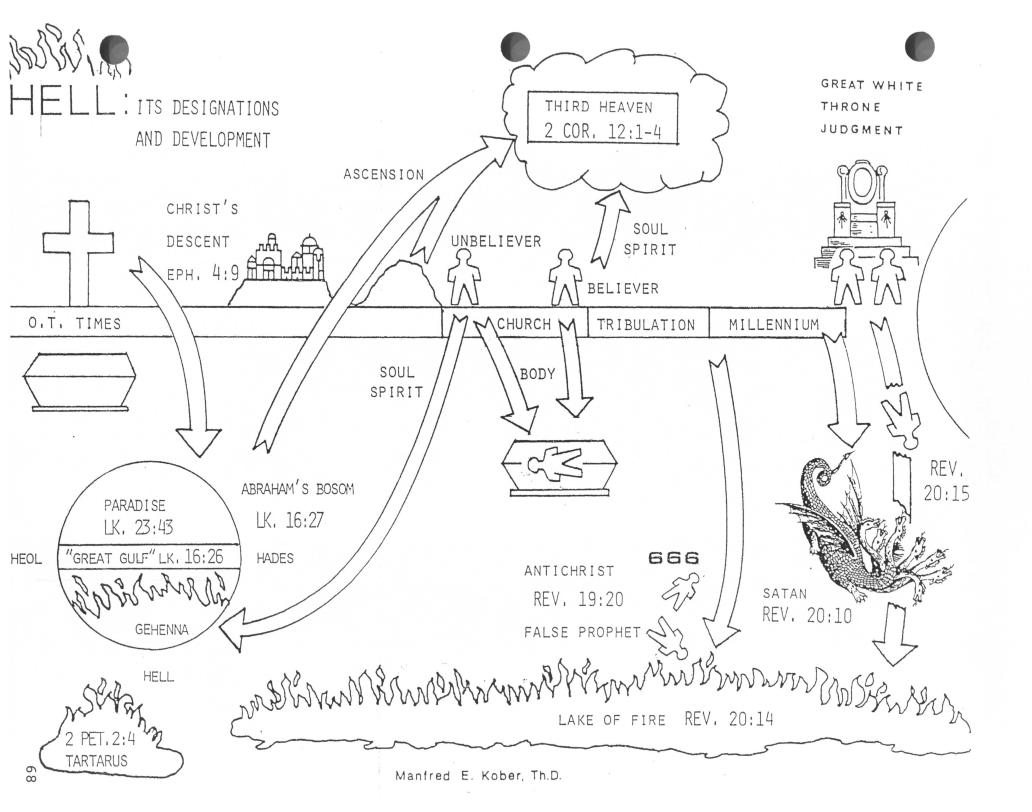
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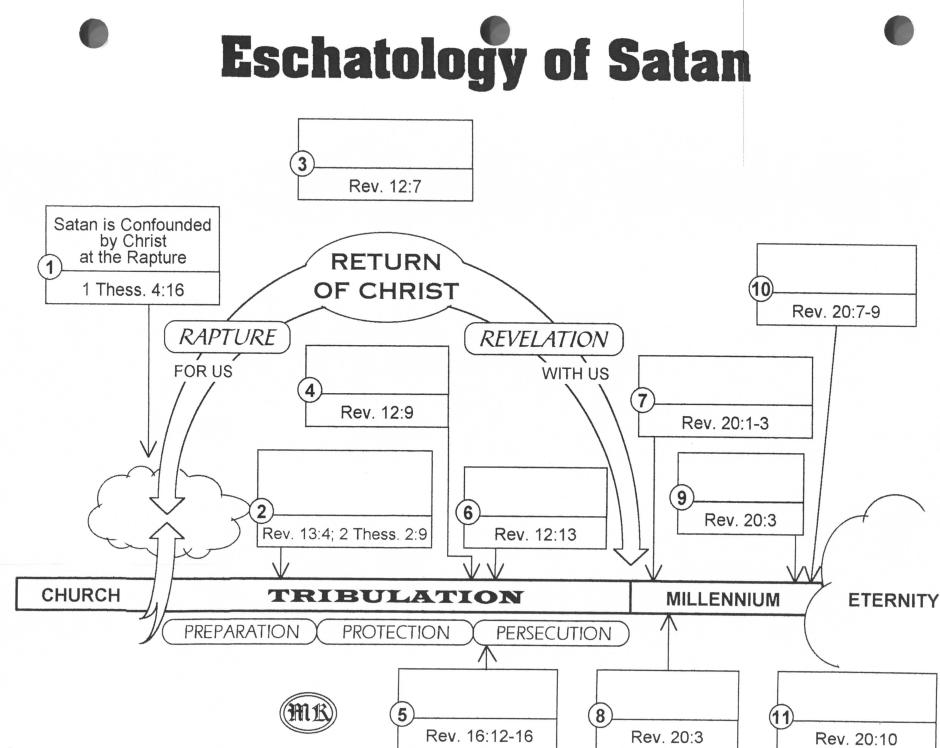
⁸ And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

⁹And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

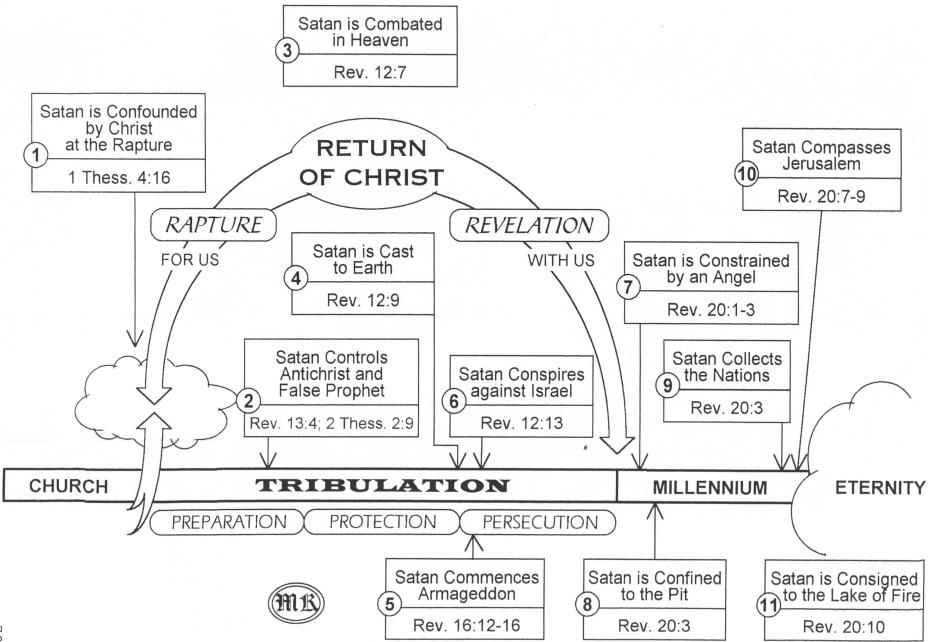


Satan's Fateful Attack on Jerusalem at the End of the Millennium, Rev. 20:7-9





Eschatology of Satan



SATAN, 15

Pope Francis told me: 'They are the proven proof that Jesus of Nazareth, once having become a man, was, though a man of exceptional virtues, not at all a God.'"

The most amazing thing about this story is that neither Pope Francis nor the Vatican had denied the pope made these statements, and neither have they asked La Repubblica to correct the account or retract the statements in full. So that leads me to believe that Pope Francis did indeed make them, and that this shocking accounting is indeed true and accurate. Don't forget that Eugenio Scalfari and Pope Francis are longtime friends. Scarfair would not misrepresent his dear friend, and the pope feels comfortable enough around him because of that friendship to let his guard down.

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." **1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)**

But Pope Francis has a long and proven track record of denying Jesus Christ, and making statements like it is 'dangerous to have a personal relationship with Jesus'. Last year with the same interviewer Scalfari and also in La Repubblica, Pope Francis said that 'Hell is not real' and never denied saying that, either, and the Vatican never asked for a correction or retraction. So maybe we should ask ourselves why Pope Francis is continuing to make these outrageous statements.

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:13,14 (KJV)

If you have been following our reporting on the <u>Catholic Church and Chrislam</u>, then you already <u>know</u> why the pope makes these types of statements. Because as he continues to assemble the <u>One World Religion</u>, he thinks of himself as a god, not unlike the passages we read in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 about Lucifer. Now you know, tell a friend.

Eugenio Scalfari: Pope Francis Told Me That Jesus Incarnate Was a 'Man ... Not at All a God'

"Let us just recall, for the record of events, that there is no reason to doubt its general accuracy. We are way past the time of doubting the general accuracy of the Scalfari quotes.

"Not now, that the papal interviews to Scalfari have been published on the Vatican website, that they have been occasionally published by the Vatican publishing house (LEV) itself - for instance, as part of the book to the right."

In a statement issued Oct. 9, reported by <u>Church Militant</u> in Rome, the Vatican said, "As has been affirmed in other occasions, the words that Dr. Eugenio Scalfari attributes between quotes to the Holy Father during his colloquies held with him cannot be considered as a faithful account of what was effectively said, but represent more a personal and free interpretation of that which he heard, as appears entirely evident from what was written today concerning the divinity of Jesus Christ."

Church Militant's Michael Voris commented, "That is the relevant part of the statement, and it, in itself, is now creating its own firestorm because it does not actually *deny* Scalfari's characterization, merely hinting at the possibility."

"Likewise, it does not affirm in any fashion that Pope Francis does indeed hold the divinity of Christ during Our Savior's earthly ministry," said Voris



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"There shall not enter into it any thing defiled, or that worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they that are written in the book of life of the Lamb." (Rev. 21:27)

Dear Friend in Christ,

We know from sacred Scripture that nothing unclean can enter Heaven. We also know that during His Passion and death, Christ earned infinite merits that opened the gates of Heaven to all those who earnestly seek it.

Many who die in His friendship still bear the stain of the venial sins they committed during their earthly lives. Before they can enter Paradise, they must first suffer the purifying fires of Purgatory. We intensify our prayers for these poor suffering souls not only on All Souls Day, but throughout the month of November.

Three Ways You Can Aid the Holy Souls in Purgatory

The souls in Purgatory—faithful Catholics like us—can no longer help themselves get to Heaven as you and I can. They need our help. As we approach All Souls Day on November 2, I ask you to do three things:

- 1. Pray and make sacrifices for the dead, especially by visiting a cemetery each day from November 1 through November 8.
- 2. Send in the enclosed reply card with your prayer intentions for
- our Novena of Masses. Or submit your intentions and donate online at https://fssp.com/novenas/all-souls-novena 3. Please contribute to the support of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, so that we can continue to form faithful priests who will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Poor Souls.

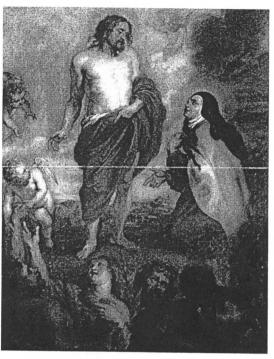
Will You Rescue Eight Souls This November?

We can and should pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory every day. But during the first week of November, Holy Mother Church makes it possible to earn a plenary indulgence each day for a soul in Purgatory. As you may recall, a plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due as a result of a person's sins.

From November 1 through November 8, the Church offers a plenary indulgence each day for all those who visit a cemetery to pray for the faithful departed. So, if you pray at a cemetery daily, receive Communion daily, pray for the Pope's intentions daily, make a good Confession that week, and are free from attachment to sin, you could rescue eight souls this November!

Help Your Loved Ones Get Out of Purgatory

It's exciting to have the opportunity to rescue eight souls from Purgatory in a single week. But when you stop and reflect on all the faithful Catholics you've been privileged to know in your life, you'll surely be able to think of more than eight who have died and may be suffering in Purgatory. How can you hasten their passage to Heaven this November?



The best way is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them. To that end, the priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary will offer a **Novena of Masses** for the deceased from November 2 through November 10, 2019. **Please fill out the enclosed reply card** with the names of your deceased loved ones, to be remembered in this Novena of Masses, and return it to us today. Our priests and seminarians will continue to pray for your loved ones each day throughout November.

The Holy Souls Need More Priests to Help Them!

As I've explained, there is much you can do to help the Holy Souls—this November, and always. They rely on your prayers and sacrifices to shorten their suffering and hasten their passage to Paradise.

But many of your good acts are only possible with the involvement of a priest. For example, to fulfill the conditions for a plenary indulgence, you need a priest to hear your confession and to give you Our Lord in the Eucharist.

And the sad fact is that nowadays, it can be difficult to find Catholic parishes that make confession widely available to the faithful. In our apostolates across the U.S., our priests typically hear confessions before every public Mass, every day of the week!

Since our inception 30 years ago, the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter has worked hard to rectify this situation. We continue to form holy, faithful priests who are shaped by the traditions of the Church, guided by the sound teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, and protected under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This is a good start—but we have much more work to do.

Another class of more than 20 men joined us this fall, bringing the current enrollment to over 80! Forming each of hese men will cost us \$30,000 per year. And because these men have left all behind to follow Our Lord, they can contribute very little towards their tuition and living expenses.

This is why I'm turning once again to you. The Holy Souls in Purgatory—and faithful Catholics everywhere—are in great need of assistance from our priests. But we can only form more priests if we have your generous support. As you return your reply card with your prayer intentions, please consider enclosing a gift to contribute to the formation of the next generation of faithful, well-formed priests.

Thank you for your charity towards the Holy Souls—and your support of the FSSP. May God reward you richly for your faithfulness.

Enroll your loved ones in our Novena of Masses!

Please consider enclosing a gift with your prayer requests on the enclosed card. Or go online at https://fssp.com/novenas/all-souls-novena

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael Stinson, FSSP North American District Superior

> Seminarians gathered in our cemetery on the ast of All Souls, offering prayers for the faithful departed

2nd Corinthians 11:14 15



"And no marvel; for Satan bimself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

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Black Pope Claims Satan is Not Real

August 31, 2019 by Jon Watkins



One of the primary agencies that Satan has worked through in the past and is still working through today to keep people entrapped in deception is none other than the Roman Catholic Church. That is one of the reasons that the Bible clearly identifies this entity by its unique and obvious characteristics, multiple times in the scriptures, in both the Old and the New Testaments.

It is no wonder that the Roman Catholic Church has so relentlessly, both overtly and covertly, made war upon the Bible and its faithful adherents. The Roman Catholic Church of the Dark Ages, wherein hundreds of thousands were killed for standing for the faith of the Bible and liberty of conscience, is the same today. Both the "Black Pope", officially called the Jesuit Superior General, and the "white Pope," Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, who is also a Jesuit, have recently been extremely vocal in opposing the plain teachings of the Bible.

However, this should come as no surprise considering that these men represent an organization that not only claims to be able to change God's law, specifically the fourth commandment, but also asserts that it's bishops can literately recreate God in a process called transubstantiation. The Roman Catholic Church is rooted in paganism and spiritualism in many different guises. To accomplish its work of deception, Satan is represented as anything other than what he really is.



Recently, The Catholic News Agency reported on the **black Pope**, denying the existence of Satan. The Superior General of the Society of Jesus said Aug. 21 that the devil is a symbol, but not a person.

The devil, 'exists as the personification of evil in different structures, but not in persons, because is not a person, is a way of acting evil. He is not a person like a human person. It is a way of evil to be present in human life,' Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, said Wednesday in an interview with Italian magazine Tempi. 'Good and evil are in a permanent war in the human conscience and we have ways to point them out. We recognize God as good, fully good. Symbols are part of reality, and the devil exists as a symbolic reality, not as a personal reality,' he added. Sosa has offered controversial comments about Satan in the past. In 2017, he told El Mundo that 'we have formed symbolic figures such as the Devil to express evil.'"

What is even more telling is that Roman Catholicism claims to believe that Satan is a real being. "The Catechism of the Catholic teaches that ' Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: 'The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing." While this may be the church's official teaching on paper, it really believes something opposite. What better way to deceive its members, by espousing particular teachings while in practice going against it. "Sosa has offered controversial comments about Satan in the past.

In 2017, he told El Mundo that 'we have formed symbolic figures such as the Devil to express evil.' After his 2017 remark generated controversy, a spokesman for Sosa told the Catholic Herald that 'like all Catholics, Father Sosa professes and teaches what the Church professes and teaches. He does not hold a set of beliefs separate from what is contained in the doctrine of the Catholic Church.''[3] By holding to these teachings, individuals make themselves susceptible to the influence of demonic spirits.

1st Corinthians 16:22 "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha."

Anathema - a person or thing accursed or consigned to damnation or destruction. Maranatha - the Lord is coming" or "come, O Lord.

For Jesuits, however, they knowingly invite communication with the spirit world through their spiritual exercises/spiritual formation practices which originated from Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order. It is no wonder that the Jesuit Superior General, Arturo Sosa would say that the Bible must be reinterpreted. I wonder who should "reinterpret" the scriptures in his estimation. Surely the very Roman Catholic Church that has not only reinterpreted but also rewrote the Ten Commandments and now the Lord's Prayer.

"None are in greater danger from the influence of evil spirits than those who, notwithstanding the direct and ample testimony of the Scriptures, deny the existence and agency of the devil and his angels. So long as we are ignorant of their wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom.

This is why, as we approach the close of time, when Satan is to work with greatest power to deceive and destroy, he spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist. It is his policy to conceal himself and his manner of working...It is because he has masked himself with consummate skill that the question is so widely asked: 'Does such a being really exist?' It is an evidence of his success that theories giving the lie to the plainest testimony of the Scriptures are so generally received in the religious world."



"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

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Black Pope Claims Satan is Not Real

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One of the primary agencies that Satan has worked through in the past and is still working through today to keep people entrapped in deception is none other than the Roman Catholic Church. That is one of the reasons that the Bible clearly identifies this entity by its unique and obvious characteristics, multiple times in the scriptures, in both the Old and the New Testaments.

It is no wonder that the Roman Catholic Church has so relentlessly, both overtly and covertly, made war upon the Bible and its faithful adherents. The Roman Catholic Church of the Dark Ages, wherein hundreds of thousands were killed for standing for the faith of the Bible and liberty of conscience, is the same today. Both the "Black Pope", officially called the Jesuit Superior General, and the "white Pope," Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, who is also a Jesuit, have recently been extremely vocal in opposing the plain teachings of the Bible.

However, this should come as no surprise considering that these men represent an organization that not only claims to be able to change God's law, specifically the fourth commandment, but also asserts that it's bishops can literately recreate God in a process called transubstantiation. The Roman Catholic Church is rooted in paganism and spiritualism in many different guises. To accomplish its work of deception, Satan is represented as anything other than what he really is.



- 3A. The Doctrine of Demons.
 - 1b. The identity of demons:
 - 1c. Their origin:
 - 1d. The depraved souls of departed evil men:
 - 1e. The reason for this view:
 - 2e. The reply to this view:
 - 2d. The disembodied spirits of a pre-Adamic race:
 - 1e. The reasons for this view:

Is. 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

2e. The reply to this view:

 $Matt. \ 19:4$ And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

- 3d. The degenerate offspring of angels and antediluvian women:
 - 1e. The reasons for this view:
 - 1f. The term sons of God is used only of angels:

 $Jb\ 1:6$ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Jb. 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Jb. 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

2f. Without this hypothesis there in no satisfactory explanation of 2 Pet. and Jude 6: 2 Pet. 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

(However, the first estate of angels was unconfirmed creaturely holiness rather than a fallen state from which some angels defected even more in the sin of Gen. 6)

3f. The sin of 2 Peter and Jude deals with unnatural sexual relations.



- 3A. The Doctrine of Demons.
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 - 1e. The reasons for this view:
 - 4f. A special, singularly unique judgment follows the wickedness.
 - 5f. This was the universal opinion of the early church, with only few exceptions.
 - 2e. The reply to this view:
 - 1f. Good angels are called sons of God but never evil angels.
 - 2f. To prove that angels could have sexual relations with men, one must demonstrate that (a) they have a material body by nature, (b) they can reproduce without a material body or (c) they can assume or create a material body for themselves.
 - 3f. The term "sons of God," according to recent archeological discoveries, refers in Near-Eastern literature to a group of tyrants or noblemen who claimed divine origin for themselves and wanted to subjugate other tribes through indiscriminate intermarriage (as did Solomon centuries later).
 - 4f. The judgment of Gen. 6 follows because of man's sin.

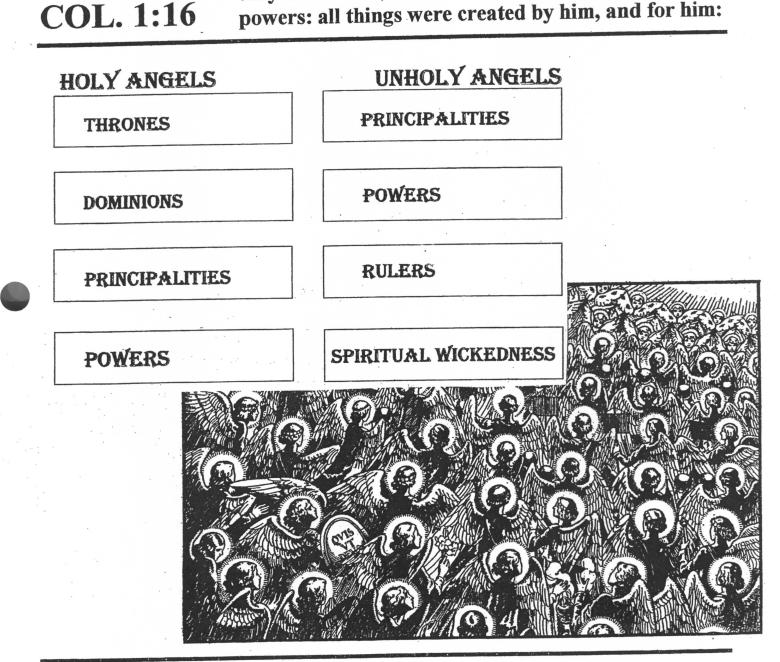
Gen. 6:3-7 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with <u>man</u>, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5 And God saw that the wickedness of <u>man</u> was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy <u>man</u> whom I have created from the face of the earth; both <u>man</u>, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

4d. Fallen angels:

- Satan is an angel and is called the prince of demons: Mt. 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
- 2e. Satan has angels which apparently are identical with demons: Mt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
- 3e. Satan has well-organized ranks of angels: Eph. 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 4e. Some demons are confined already and some are loose to do Satan's work: 2 Pet. 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

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For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:



EHP. 6: 12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

1b. The identity of demons:

- 1c. Their origin:
 - 4d. Fallen angels:
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Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Rev. 9:1-11

- 2c. Their reality:
 - 1d. Their attestation in Scripture:

"That the New Testament writers believed firmly in the existence of demons is capable of ample proof. They declare their existence (Jas. 2:19; Rev. 9:20), describe their nature (Luke 4:33; Luke 6:18), and their activity (1 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 16:14), mention their expulsion from human bodies (Luke 9:42), suggest their organization under Satan (Matt. 12:26; Eph. 6:12), and indicate their abode (Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:11), and point to their final doom (Matt. 25:41)" (Unger, *Biblical Demonology*, p. 36).

- 2d. Their acknowledgement by Christ:
 - 1e. The biblical account:

"That Christ Himself shared the identical views of the biblical writers, though this fact is extensively denied, is subject to the same ample proof. He commanded His disciples to cast out demons (Matt. 10:10), cast them out Himself (Matt. 15:22, 28), rebuked them (Mark 5:8), had complete power over them (Mt. 12:29) and viewed His conquest over them as over Satan (Luke 10:17-18)" (*Ibid.*).

- 2e. The logical alternatives:
 - 1f. Christ accommodated Himself to the superstitious beliefs of His age.
 - 2f. Christ was deceived.
 - 3f. Christ or the Evangelists were deceivers.
- 3d. The assent of the Jews:

Even Christ's enemies accepted the reality of demons and no one denied that He cast them out.

- 3c. Their names:
 - 1d. The Bible usage:

In the AV the word "demon" itself does not occur but these beings are variously designated

3c. Their names:

1d. The Bible usage:

by such terms as:

1e. "Devils"

Mt. 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

2e. "Spirits"

Mt. 8:16 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:

3e. "Unclean spirits"

Mt. 10:1 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.

4e. "Foul spirits"

Mk. 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

5e. "Evil spirits"

Lk. 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

2d. The derivation:

1e. Daimon:

1f. Frequency:

Once in the critical text:

 $Mt. \ 8:31$ So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Four times in the Textus Receptus:

Mk. 5:12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

Lk. 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.)

Rev. 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.

Rev. 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.

2f. Meaning:

From <u>dao</u>, meaning "knowing" or "intelligent" demons: beings who have superior knowledge to that of humans.

1b. The identity of demons:

3c. Their names

2d. The derivation:

2e. Daimonion:

1f. Frequency: 59 times as devil(s)
1 time as god (Acts 17:18 "a setter forth of strange gods...")

2f. Meaning:

1g. To the pagans:

2g. To the Jews:

3e. <u>Daimonizo:</u>

4c. Their personality:

1d. Liberal denials:

Davies: so-called demonism is nothing more than "certain diseases superstitiously regarded as due to demonical influence."

2d. The biblical description:

1e. Their intellect:

1f. They recognize Jesus:

Mk. 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

2f. They realize their own doom:

 $Mt.\ 8:29$ 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?

3f. They know the plan of salvation: Js. 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

4f. They prophesy (through people):

Acts 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation.18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

5f. They construct doctrinal systems:

I Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

- 4c. Their personality:
 - 2d. The biblical description:
 - 1e. Their intellect:
 - 5f. They construct doctrinal systems:

2 Tim. 3:1-4 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

The corruption of our culture is largely due to demonic deception.

- 2e. Their emotions:
 - 1f. Their impassionate pleas ("besought"):

 $Mt.\ 8:31$ So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

2f. To escape premature judgment:

 $Mk.\ 5:7$ And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

 $Mt.\ 8:29 \text{And},$ 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?

- 3f. Their "trembling" in anticipation of judgment: Js. 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- 3e. Their volition:

Their choice of the alternative of entering the swine:

 $Mt.\ 8:31$ So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Lk.~8:32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

As Smith so succinctly remarks: "Diseases do not speak as did the demon who cried out, 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou son of the most high God?' (Mk. 5:7)." "The New Testament Doctrine of Demons," *Grace Theological Journal*, X, April 1969, 38.

- 5c. Their nature:
 - 1d. They are spirit beings:
 - 1e. They are called spirit beings:

 $Mt.\ 17:18$ And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Mk. 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

cf. Lk. 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

1b. The identity of demons:

5c. Their nature:

- 1d. They are spirit beings:
 - 1e. They are called spirit beings:

Lk. 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Lk. 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Lk. 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

2e. They are described as spirit beings:

Lk. 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

"the spirit of an unclean demon" is a genetive of apposition, lit. "the spirit, namely an unclean demon."

3e. They crave embodiment:

Lk. 11:23-26 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. 24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. 25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. 26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

This is never said of angels. Demons are depraved spirits who either seek the gratification of their sensual desires by embodiment, or who can best further their satanic program by embodiment.

(Jn. 13:27) And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

2d. They are intelligent beings:

Lk. 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

They understand who Christ is and know of their own doom.

- 3d. They are powerful beings:
 - 1e. They cause deformities:

Lk. 13:11-17 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

3d. They are powerful beings:

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2e. They give supernatural strength:

Mk. 5:4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

Lk. 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.)

- 4d. They are immoral beings:
 - 1e. They are unclean spirits:

Lk. 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an <u>unclean devil</u>, and cried out with a loud voice,

Lk. 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the <u>unclean spirits</u>, and they come out.

Lk. 6:18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Lk. 8:29 (For he had commanded the <u>unclean spirit</u> 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.)

Lk. 11:24 When the <u>unclean spirit</u> is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

2e. They are evil spirits:

Lk. 7:21 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.

Lk.8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of <u>evil spirits</u> and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

The actions of the demonized seem to indicate that the unclean "spirit takes possession in some instances for the purposes of sensual gratification, and uses every type of uncleanness. This may explain the desire of the possessed to live in a state of nudity, to have licentious thoughts (Luke 8:27), and to frequent such places as tombs." (Unger, *Biblical Demonology*, p. 67).

2b. The activity of demons:

- 1c. Their activity in relation to Christ:
 - 1d. Active opposition:

"The coming of Christ was a signal to a general counter-offensive on the part of the forces of hell. The Gospels give the impression that a multitude of evil spirits had gotten together in Palestine to oppose the Savior's ministry and to turn men's attention to themselves. There was indeed much at stake. After having unsuccessfully tempted Jesus in the

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- 1c. Their activity in relation to Christ:
 - 1d. Active opposition:

wilderness, Satan, by mobilizing all his allies, tried to set up an obstacle before Him. This diabolical frenzy went on right up to the pages in the book of the Acts . . . and far beyond." (Rene Pache, *The Future Life*, p. 143).

2d. Immediate confession:

Lk. 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

Wherever Christ went, demons acknowledged Him as the Messiah, so much so, that Christ had to silence them:

 $Mk.\ 1:34$ And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Lk. 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

3d. Occasional promotion of God's purposes:

 $2 \text{ Cor. } 12.7 \text{ And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.$

(See also 1 Cor. 5:5-- The offending church member is to be delivered to Satan for the destruction of the flesh.)

1 Kings 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

1 Sam. 16:14 But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

- 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 1d. Demonic oppression:
 - 1e. Mental disorders:

Lk. 9:39 And, Io, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Mk. 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

- 2e. Physical diseases:
 - 1f. Epilepsy:

Lk. 9:39 And, Io, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

2f. Dumbness:

 $Mt.\ 9:33$ And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

2b. The activity of demons:

- 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 1d. Demonic oppression:
 - 2e. Physical diseases:
 - 2f. Dumbness:

Lk. 11:14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

3f. Blindness:

 $Mt.\ 12:22$ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

4f. Deformity:

Lk. 13:11-12 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was <u>bowed together</u>, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

5f. Infirmity:

Lk. 13:11-16 And, behold, there was a woman which had a <u>spirit of infirmity</u> eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. distinguishes between demonic and non-demonic diseases:

"bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits" (see also Mt. 4:23-24)

3e. Personal injury:

Lk. 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Mk. 9:26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Lk. 4:35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

Lk. 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.)

Mk. 5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

- 4e. Moral attacks:
 - 1f. Unclean thoughts and actions:

Lk. 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

2b. The activity of demons:

- 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 1d. Demonic oppression:
 - 4e. Moral attacks:
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Lk. 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Mk. 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

2f. Immoral activities:

1 Tim. 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

2d. Demonic opposition:

1e. By means of promoting idolatry:

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

1 Cor. 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Rev. 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

2e. By means of instigating jealousy, faction, and pride:

Js. 3:13-16 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

3e. By means of using prophecy:

Acts 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

4e. By means of furthering apostasy:

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

 $1\ Ki.\ 22:22$ And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

Rev. 16:13 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.

- 2b. The activity of demons:
 - 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 2d. Demonic opposition:
 - 4e. By means of furthering apostasy:

1 Jn. 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

- 3d. Demonic possession:
 - 1e. The theological definition:
 - 1f. Description of demon possession:

"Demon possession means a demon residing in a person, exerting direct control and influence over that person, with certain derangement of mind and/or body. Demon possession is to be distinguished from demon influence or demon activity in relation to a person. The work of a demon in the latter is from the outside; in demon possessing it is from within. By this definition a Christian cannot be possessed by a demon since he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. However, a believer can be the target of demonic activity to such an extent, that he may give the appearance of demon possession" *Ryrie Study Bible*, KJV, p. 1838

2f. Definition of demon possession:

"Thus demon possession means the residing of a demon in a person, periodically or permanently, controlling and influencing the person's thought, feeling and action."

- 2e. The main characteristics:
 - 1f. Demon possession involves the residing of a demon or demons in the person.
 - 2f. Those who are thus afflicted express the mind and consciousness of the demon or demons indwelling them:

Mk. 1:23-26 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mk. 5:6-12 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

3f. Demonism is clearly and repeatedly distinguished from disease:

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

- 2b. The activity of demons:
 - 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 3d. Demonic possession:
 - 2e. The main characteristics:
 - 3f. Demonism is clearly and repeatedly distinguished from disease:

Mt. 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

4f. Demons possess children as well as adults:

Lk. 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

5f. The fact that demons seek rest and find none once they had left a person implies that they cannot possess just anyone. Some willingness or yieldedness by the subject may be necessary.

 $\left(Mt.\ 12{:}43\ \text{When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.}\right.$

Lk. 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

6f. It is possible to be possessed by more than one demon:

Lk. 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

Lk. 11:26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

 $Lk.\ 8:30$ And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

cf. Mk. 5:13 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.

7f. Possession can be overcome permanently and instantly only by faith in the power of Christ::

 $Lk.\ 9:41 \text{And}$ Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

Lk. 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.

Lk. 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

3e. The Synoptic illustration:

Lk. 8:26-39 Mt. 8:28-34 Mk. 5:1-20

- 3A. The Doctrine of Demons:
 - 2b. The activity of demons:
 - 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 3d. Demonic possession:
 - 3e. The Synoptic illustration:

All three Synoptics record what may be called the classic case of demon possession which reveals all the characteristics of possession. Dr. Kurt Koch, a German pastor and psychiatrist, has listed these marks in terms of modern psychiatry. He discusses the Marcan account:

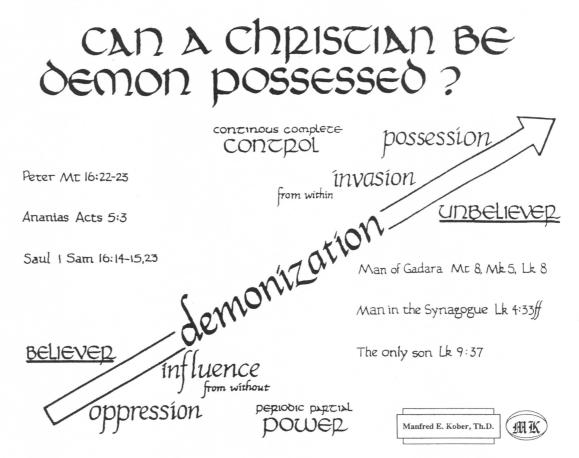
- v. 2: possessed with an unclean spirit
- v. 3: accelerated motoric--no one can bind him
- v. 4. paroxysm--he breaks shackles and strikes himself with stones
- v. 6: disintegration--desire of help and fear of help
- v. 7: resistance--defense against Jesus
- v. 7: hyperesthesia--he recognized the deity of Jesus and His omnipotence
- v. 9: psychic variations--change of voice
- v. 12: occult transference--entrance into swine (Christian Counseling and Occultism, p. 226).
- 4e. Possible identification of demon possession:
 - 1f. Spurious admission of certain individuals: Persons who claim to be demon possessed usually are not.
 - 2f. Strict aversion to godly activities: A demonized individual cannot endure Bible reading or prayer, whereas a mentally deranged person is generally calmed by these activities.
 - 3f. Sudden agitation at the name of Christ: A demonized individual reacts violently to the name of Christ.
 - 4f. Supernatural abilities of physical or mental nature: A demonized individual frequently displays supernatural strength or superhuman mental ability.
 - 5f. Spiritual awareness in the Spirit-controlled saint: The indwelling Holy Spirit will alert the believer to a demonic presence. The Spirit causes "spiritual alarm bells" to go off in the believer when he is in the presence of demons.

5e. The human subjects:

It is best to use the biblical term "demonized," rather than demon possession.

- 1f. The unsaved as subjects of demon possession or invasion:
- 2f. The saved as subjects of demon oppression or influence:

- 2b. The activity of demons:
 - 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 3d. Demonic possession:



6e. The cure of demon possession.

- 1f. Find the reason for demon possession: Demonization is the result of sin. The individual needs to confess that particular sin and turn in faith to the Savior who gives power to forsake the sin.
- 2f. Follow the recommendation of gifted individuals: The most important remedy for demon possession are the fervent, frequent prayers of "a circle or *band of faithful Christians*, who regard themselves responsible for the support of the pastor toward these afflicted." (Koch, p. 274, italics in the original.)

Both unbelievers and believers can be demonized. The believer has the triune God indwelling him and therefore has the power to overcome demonization. An unbeliever can be totally controlled by a demon so that the demon's voice and personality can dominate, something not likely for the believer.

- 7e. The special intensity:
 - 1f. It has been more open at certain times.

2b. The activity of demons:

- 2c. Their activity in relation to men:
 - 3d. Demonic possession:
 - 7e. The special intensity:
 - 2f. It has been more overt in certain cultures.
- 3c. Their activity in relation to animals:

Mt. 8:28-34 Mk. 5:1-20 Lk. 8:26-39

The case of the Gadarene demoniac vividly demonstrates that demons can **indwell**, terrify and **destroy** animals.

- 3b. The destiny of demons:
 - 1c. Their temporary overthrow:
 - 1d. Christ's divine authority:
 - 1e. The decisive confrontation with demons:

Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (1 Jn. 3:8), showed His Messianic authority by casting out many demons, was recognized by the demons themselves, and effected amazement and fear in people

Lk. 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Lk. 8:28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

Lk.9:43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

Lk. 11:14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

2e. The divine claims of Christ:

Lk. 11:20-22 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. 21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

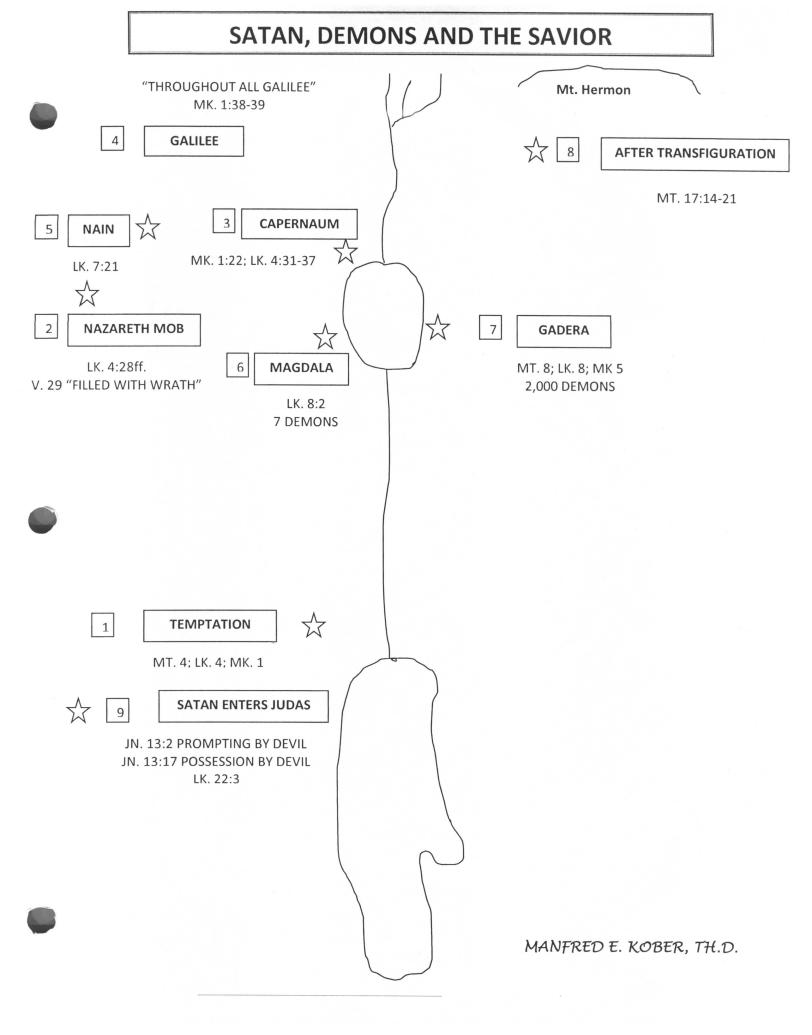
cf. Mt. 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

3e. The distinct contrast with exorcism:

W. W. Everts writes:

A greater contrast cannot be conceived than that between the foolish notions, and the superstitious practices, of the Jewish exorcists and the simple, direct command of our Lord as he cast them out. There are only two points in which he agrees with the Jews, once in adopting the Septuagint designation of demons dwelling in desert places and

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- 3b. The destiny of demons:
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 - 3e. The distinct contrast with exorcism:

again in finding large numbers of them, a legion at Gadara. Otherwise his position is absolutely opposed to theirs. The question was once asked, when hath this man wisdom? He certainly did not derive his knowledge of demons from the synagogue. The Jews met demons generally by night, Jesus always by day. They gave them bodies. He said, 'a spirit hath not flesh and bones.' They adjured them, he never used the word. They used them as servants, He treated them as criminals. They claimed that they propagated their kind. He declared that 'Angels neither marry nor are given in marriage,' and He spoke 'the devil and his angels.' They identified demons with diseases. He treated possession as a distinct affliction. Sometimes it is mentioned alone, at other times with other ailments. Possession is mentioned in the gospels more frequently than any other affliction. Forty-four verses in Matthew, 49 in Luke, and 61 in Mark are devoted especially to these cases. ("Jesus Christ, No Exorcist," *Bibliotheca Sac*ra, LXXXI 1924, 357).

The Jews had countless rules on how to ward off demons: "Do not go into a ruin.... Behave decently at the toilet...... Do not sleep alone in your house.... Avoid even numbers...... Do not go out alone at night" (Strack-Billerbeck, *Kommentar aus Talmud und Midrasch*, IV, 533).

2d. Christ's delegated power:

 $Lk. \ 9:1$ Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Lk. 9:49-50 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

 $Lk. \ 10:17$ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

- 2c. Their present state:
 - 1d. The confinement of some:
 - 1e. The place:
 - 1f. Tartarus:

2 Pet. 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

2f. The abyss:

Lk. 8:31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

3b. The destiny of demons:

- 2c. Their present state:
 - 1d. The confinement of some:
 - 1e. The place:
 - 2f. The abyss:

Rev. 9:1-11

- 2e. The purpose:
 - 1f. The angels in Tartarus:

These angels who fell with Satan were perhaps ringleaders in the rebellion against God's authority.

2f. The angels in the abyss:

Rev. 9:1-12 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

2d. The freedom of some:

1e. Their activity:

These hordes of hell do Satan's bidding and are eager to attack receptive believers as well as unbelievers.

2e. Their abode:

Lk. 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

 $Mt.\ 12:43$ When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Isa. 13:21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

Rev. 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.



3b. The destiny of demons:

3c. Their millennial confinement:

Zech. 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

The removal of demons from earth is coeval with that of Satan. While Satan is bound for 1000 years (Rev. 20:1-3) his demonic host will apparently also be confined during the Millennium

4c. Their ultimate doom:

1d. Demonic awareness:

Lk. 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

2d. Christ's activity:

Lk. 11:22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Their doom is sealed. A stronger is here. Demons plead with Him, obey Him instantly and completely, and are filled with consternation in His presence. The ultimate doom is foreshadowed in every demoniac's deliverance.

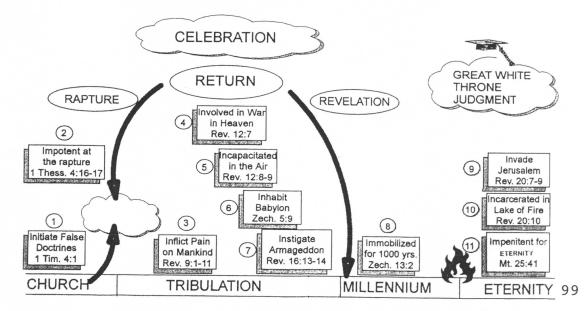
3d. The eternal abyss:

 $Mt.\ 25:41$ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

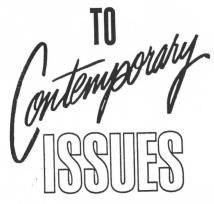
Some demons will have temporary freedom at the end of the Millennium, but eventually all will be cast into the lake of fire which was prepared for this purpose. How sad that vast hosts of humans will join the devil and his demons in their everlasting conflagration, when they could be joining the Savior and the saints in the eternal city!

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The Question of Demon Activity

When I began teaching, it was necessary to spend much more time trying to establish the existence of Satan and demons than it is today. Churches of Satan, Ouija boards, tarot cards, and even bumper stickers proclaiming the drivers are warlocks or witches all bombard us with evidence of satanic and demonic activity. Today most people recognize that Satan and demons exist and are at work in the world.

THE ORIGIN AND CHARACTERISTICS OF DEMONS

The origin of demons has been a matter of speculation for centuries. The Greeks said they were the souls of departed evil people. Some Christians believe that they are the disembodied spirits of a race of people who lived and died before Adam was created. However, the Scriptures say nothing about such a race. More likely, demons are the angels who revolted with Satan. Notice their close link with him in Matthew 12:24 and 25:41. Too, they are called spirit beings, albeit unclean (Matt. 17:18, cf. Mark 9:25), which associates them with the spirit world rather than the human.

Though they are spirit beings, they are not omnipresent. A demon can be in only one place at any given moment. The very fact that they can be confined demonstrates their lack of omnipresence (Mark 5:13; 2 Pet. 2:4). Neither are they omniscient, though they do possess a high degree of intelligence. Their long

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existence and great experience with people under almost every conceivable circumstance adds to their intelligence.

THE ACTIVITIES OF DEMONS

The activities of demons in the Bible can be cataloged into three categories: they promote a system of doctrine; they seek to destroy men's bodies and souls; and they deceive men and nations.

THEY PROMOTE A SYSTEM OF DOCTRINE

"But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth" (1 Tim. 4:1-3, ASV).

The expression "in later times" refers "to a period future to the speaker. . . . In the apostasy of the present the inspired Apostle sees the commencement of the fuller apostasy of the future."¹ Thus demonic doctrine has been increasing and will continue to increase in the church, reaching a climax at the end of the age.

That this false system of teaching originates from demons is clear, but the text also says that it is promoted through men who speak lies. Comparing this passage with 1 John 2:19 and 4:3, it appears that demonic spirits directly empower anti-Christian teachers and supply them with source material for their teaching. This close association among Satan, demons, and human beings is seen also in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. Notice, too, that deception is the hallmark of Satan's procedure for disseminating false doctrine. One would expect, therefore, to find this aspect of demonic

 Charles J. Ellicott, The Pastoral Epistles of Paul (London: Longmans, Green, 1864), p. 54. activity centering in churches and radiating from pulpits rather than from, say, mental institutions.

What is included in the doctrine of demons? There seem to be two principal emphases. First, they promote a works salvation (1 Tim. 4:3-4). This effort to promote salvation by works emphasizes asceticism. Abstaining from marriage and from eating meat apparently make devotees think they are commending themselves to God and therefore have no need of a Savior from sin. It is interesting to observe today that abstention from meat is becoming popular in certain Christian youth circles as a carryover from teachings of Eastern religions. Of course, demons do not always promote asceticism; often they are actively engaged in promoting evil in the lives of men. Victor Ernest said:

The spirits I encountered at seances were for the most part very moralistic. . . In contrast to the high moral and ethical tone of the seances in other homes, I attended some where the spirits were blasphemous and sensual. . . . Even the spirits who told us to improve ourselves morally and spiritually were doing so to gain our allegiance for themselves and keep us from God himself.²

But encouraging asceticism has a more obvious purpose in seeking to establish a works basis for salvation, for man has little or no sense of need when he thinks he is living a good life.

Second, demonic doctrine seeks to make the Savior Jesus Christ worthless by denying the fact that He is the God-man. This can be done by denying either the deity of Christ or His humanity.

A denial of the deity of Christ occurred in the apostle John's day (1 John 2:22-23) in the form of denying the Son's equal position in the Trinity. Commenting on this, another has said:

A common "Gnostic" theory was that "the aeon Christ" descended upon the man Jesus at His baptism, and left Him before the Passion. Those who held such a doctrine denied that "Jesus was the Christ"; and in so denying, denied the union of the divine

2. Victor H. Ernest, I Talked with Spirits (Wheaton: Tyndale, 1970), p. 38.

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and human in one Person. . . . The denial of the personal union of true manhood and true Godhead in Christ involves the denial of the essential relations of Fatherhood and Sonship in the Divine Nature.³

Denial of Christ's humanity was also prevalent in John's day (1 John 4:2-3). People denied the mode of His coming (in the flesh) and the permanence of the incarnation (since the tense of "come" is perfect). If the Lord Jesus was not both God and man, He was not a sufficient Savior, which is why demons attack either or both aspects of the doctrine of the God-man. The Savior had to be a human being in order to be able to die, for God cannot die; and He had to be God in order for that death to be an effective payment for sins. To deny His humanity makes it impossible for Him to die; to deny His deity makes it impossible for Him to pay for sins. Demonic doctrine, then, seeks to make Jesus Christ a worthless Savior.

THEY PROMOTE DESTRUCTION

Destruction of the bodies and souls of men is another major area of demonic activity. Physical problems that demons can inflict include dumbness (Matt. 9:33), blindness (Matt. 12:22), crookedness of limbs, paralysis, and torturous diseases (Mark 3:10; Acts 8:7; Luke 13:11, 16). Mental derangement is also within their power (Mark 5:4-5; Luke 9:37-42). The moral impurities of the Canaanites seem to have been traceable to demon activity (Lev. 18:6-30; see also Deut. 18:9-14), and we know that Satan can tempt believers to immorality (1 Cor. 7:5).

The war against the souls of men was illustrated by our Lord in His teaching about the worthlessness of self-reformation (Matt. 12:43-45). The believer is in a constant spiritual warfare, his enemies being Satan and his demons (Eph. 6:12). Notice that this verse teaches the organization and ranking of demons and

3. Brooke F. Westcott, The Epistles of John (London: Macmillan, 1892), p. 75.

"their world-wide way over the present . . . spiritual and moral darkness." $^{\prime\prime}$

In the Tribulation period, the destructive power of demons apparently will reach a climax. The judgment called "the first woe" seems to be inflicted by demon-insects (Rev. 9:1-12). Their origin is from the "pit of the abyss" (vv. 1-2, ASV), which, according to Luke 8:31, is the abode of the demons. The description of the locusts that ascend out of the smoke from the abyss is certainly not one of ordinary locusts. Indeed, they should be described as demons who take the form of these unique locusts (see also Rev. 9:11).

The work of these demon-locust creatures is to torment the bodies of men living at that time with a bite like that of a scorpion. The agony will be so great that men will attempt to destroy their bodies completely through suicide, but God will not permit it (v. 6).

The judgment that follows involves an army of horsemen numbering 200 million (Rev. 9:13-21). This may be an army of human beings, or it may be made up of demons. The weapons that destroy one-third of the remaining population of the earth are the elements of hell: fire, smoke, and brimstone (v. 17). Whatever be the agency of judgment, the result is a continued unrepentant attitude on the part of those who escape. Their activities include demon worship, idol worship, murders, sorceries, fornication, and thefts (vv. 20-21). The word *sorceries* means magic potions and drugs. Thus demon worship results in demon ethics that destroy life itself (murders), the bodies of men (drugs), marriage (fornication), and the sanctity of property (thefts). People and society will become the special targets of the destructive activities of demons in the coming days.

4. Charles J. Ellicott, St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (London: Longmans, Green, 1868), p. 147.

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THEY PROMOTE DELUSION

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Satan's thrust is that of deception (Rev 12:9), and his emissaries, the demons, carry out that purpose. This activity seems to be related most specifically to deceiving the governments of the world. The curtain is drawn back in Daniel 10:13, 20. Leupold says:

Bad angels, called demons in the New Testament, are without a doubt, referred to here. In the course of time, these demonic powers gained a very strong influence over certain nations and the government of these nations. They became the controlling power. They used whatever resources they could muster to hamper God's word and to thwart His purposes. . . . We get a rare glimpse behind the scene of world history. These are spiritual forces at work that are far in excess of what men who disregard revelation would suppose. They struggle behind the struggles that are written on the pages of history.⁵

In the Tribulation days, demons will be active in this respect again (Rev. 16:13-14, 16). They will be employed by Satan, the beast (Antichrist), and the false prophet to spread deception to the kings of this world so that the nations will gather together at Armageddon. Leaders of these nations will probably think they are doing the correct thing, though actually they will be acting under the strong deception of demonic activity.

This particular activity of demons seems to span all of history. Thus we would have to conclude that they are working in this way today among the nations of the world. (One must be careful not to attribute demonic influence only to "enemy" nations or opposite political parties!)

THE CHRISTIAN'S DEFENSE AGAINST DEMONS

As with many subjects, demon activity is viewed by many Christians from extreme viewpoints. A few regard the matter as

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insignificant, acting as if demons did not really exist. More today are oversensitive to demons, seeking a demon under every stone and attributing everything evil directly to demons. They often view themselves as special targets of demonic activity, though in reality they are only flattering themselves into thinking this might be so. They sometimes think that they are particularly discerning with respect to possible demon-working in the lives of others. Again they flatter themselves into thinking of themselves as special spiritual giants. However, demon activity is real and will increase as we approach the end of the age, so what are the defenses that a believer may use every day?

First, it is important to remember that almost anything Satan can do may be duplicated by other means. Evil in our own lives may be satanically induced, but it is likely more often initiated by our own sin nature. Even psychic phenomena may have explanations other than demonic origins. This is not to diminish the importance of knowing what Satan can do but to attempt to make us realize that there are usually several causes behind any given action, none or any of which may be satanic.

Second, a believer should never dabble in or flirt with the occult. God warned His ancient people against such activity (Deut. 18:10-11), and the New Testament example of the believers at Ephesus is most instructive. Some had continued for as long as two years to practice magical arts and consult books of magic. Finally, they were shocked into burning these books because of Paul's startling confrontation with demons, and "mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (Acts 19:20). This is certainly one area where it is exceedingly important for the Christian to be "simple [unmixed] concerning evil" (Rom. 16:19). Those who have been delivered from demon possession or oppression are the first to insist that they have nothing to do with such practices or anything associated with them from then on.

Third, "let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:26-27). Paul forbids the believer to prolong even righteous anger beyond sunset lest he brood over it and stimulate and exaggerate it into personal anger and sin.

^{5.} Herbert Carl Leupold, *Exposition of Daniel* (Columbus, Ohio: Wartburg, 1949), pp. 457-58.

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This admonition is followed by the more general statement not to give place to the devil. The two are connected, for excess wrath will give opportunity to the enemy to gain an advantage. This is probably one of the believer's most important defenses against satanic activity, and it is one that must be used daily to be effective.

Fourth, lean on the power of the indwelling Christ and Holy Spirit. Satan or demons cannot gain ultimate victory over believers, for their destinies are guaranteed by God. However, people frequently ask whether or not a Christian can be demon possessed. Usually the answer has been negative because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. The argument is that the Spirit and a demon cannot both possess a person. Since a Christian is indwelt by the Spirit, he cannot be possessed by a demon. Today, however, many are saying that believers can be possessed by demons, and some are regularly casting out demons from Christians. What do the Scriptures say about this question?

The phrase "to be possessed with demons" is not used outside the gospels. However, that does not necessarily prove that there was no demon possession beyond the earthly ministry of Christ. Passages usually cited to show demon possession of believers are 1 Samuel 16:13-14; Luke 13:11-16; Acts 5:3; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 11:4 and 12:7. Yet upon examining these passages, one can see that they do not conclusively prove that believers can be demon possessed. Actually none of those verses actually says that a demon or demons possessed a Christian. An evil spirit tormented Saul, but the base of operation (whether from outside or inside Saul) is not stated. Luke apparently attributes the woman's deformity to a demon ("a spirit of infirmity"), and the Lord calls her "a daughter of Abraham" (Luke 13:16). However, it is debatable whether this means that she was a believer or merely a member of the chosen people. In any case she was not a Christian in the post-Pentecost sense of the word. It was Satan, not demons, who filled Ananias's heart (Acts 5:3). Nevertheless, he is probably the strongest proof that a believer may be controlled by demons from within, for the same expression is used of the filling of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

The discipline of 1 Corinthians 5:5 involved delivering the believer over to Satan, which leaves unspecified Satan's base of operation (see also 1 Tim. 1:20). The "different spirit" of 2 Corinthians 11:4 (ASV) is not a demon any more than "another Jesus" in the verse is a demon. It is "another gospel" that brings a spirit of bondage (Rom. 8:15). And finally, though referring to a demon who afflicted Paul, 2 Corinthians 12:7 does not specify that the base of operation was from within Paul as if the demon possessed or indwelt him.

Surveying the evidence, one is forced to conclude that there is no clear statement of demon possession of a believer after Pentecost. It is significant that there are no commands in Acts or the epistles to cast out demons from believers.

How can we put these facts together? First, we should discard the phrases "demon possession" and "demon indwelling" when speaking of these possibilities in relation to Christians, for we tend to read into those terms the same ideas that we put in "Spirit indwelling" (i.e., a permanent residence within the individual). Neither Satan nor demons can ultimately have victory over a believer, though apparently they may dominate or control a believer's life for a time. A believer may be delivered to Satan "for the destruction of the flesh," but the spirit will "be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Cor. 5:5). Whatever relationship Satan or demons may have to a believer during this life, it cannot be permanent or eternal.

Second, the indefiniteness of the New Testament concerning the base of operation of demons in relation to believers and the lack of specific commands to exorcise demons from believers may provide a clue to successful war on demons. Demon activity should not be treated by exorcism but as any other sinful opposition. In other words, the believer should treat demon molestation as temptation or the activities of his own sin nature. Pinpoint the source of attack; examine oneself to see if there is any rebellion against the law or will of God; confess any and all known sin; and

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rely on the power of the indwelling Spirit. Demon activity can be fought successfully by these means and without theatrics, whether the demon operates from within or from without the believer. Even if exorcism seems called for in some unusual instance, the exorcist cannot prevent demons from attacking the same person again, for no human being can guarantee to completely bind demons or send them into the abyss where they would be confined permanently. Paul says we wrestle, or struggle, against the powers of darkness, and that it is a lifelong conflict (Eph. 6:12). Therefore, the believer must be alert (1 Pet. 5:8), be clothed in the armor of God (Eph. 6:13-18), and maintain vigorous physical, mental, and spiritual health (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 10:5; Phil. 4:8).⁶

One final word: for the unbeliever who is possessed or afflicted by demons there is only one means of deliverance, and that is faith in Christ as Savior (Mark 5:18-19; Acts 16:18-19).

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The Question of Evolution

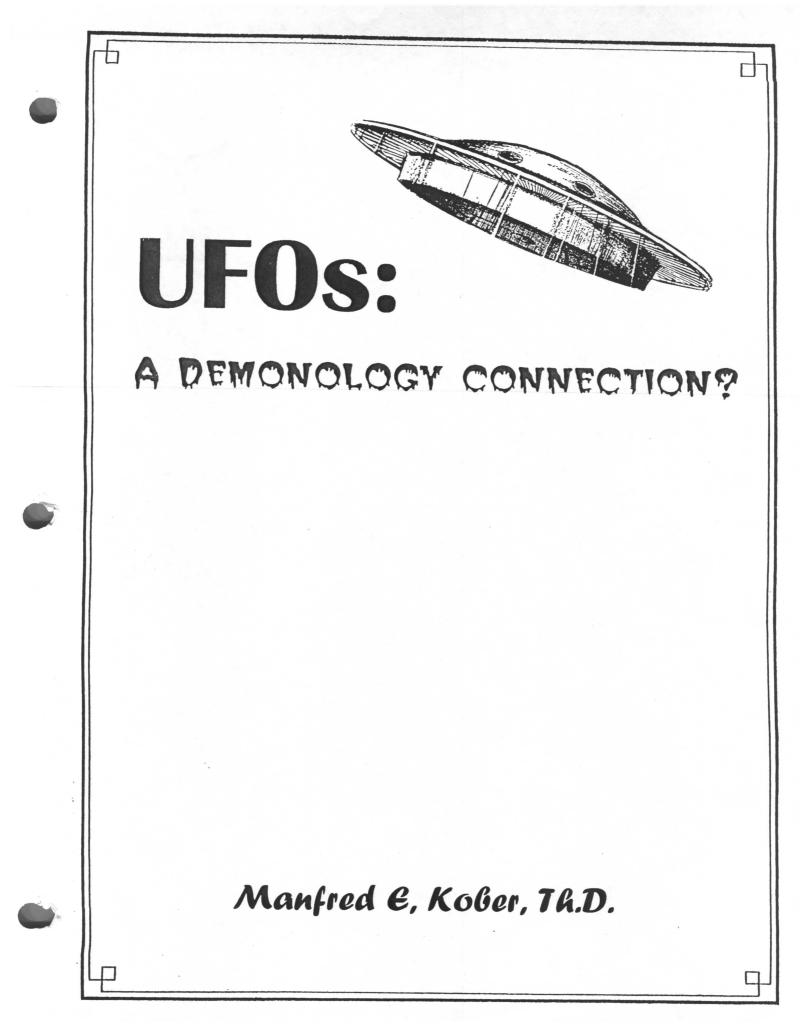
For many to believe in creation as taught in the Bible is to believe in ignorance or, at least, in a completely outmoded theory. But I believe in the biblical account of creation and with good reason. The alternative, the theory of evolution, not only has failed to prove its claims but at best can present only a weak case. Theistic evolution, the intermediate position, also fails to satisfy. Creationism offers, even today, a reasonable and accurate account of the origin of man and the world.

Some Alternatives

In the attempt to reconcile the teachings of evolution with those of the Bible, four alternatives have been suggested to ease the tension and resolve the difficulties that exist between them.

First, some accept the apparent contradictions between evolution and the Bible as real and attempt to believe both viewpoints. Although this would seem to be a logical impossibility, it is essentially the position of theistic evolution, which holds that God created all things through the process of evolution. Actually, this viewpoint is not acceptable either to the Bible-believing Christian or to the evolutionist. The Bible states clearly that man was created out of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7). This could not refer to or include a former animal ancestry, since it is to dust

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UFO'S: A DEMONOLOGY CONNECTION?

1A. THE PROOFS FOR UFO'S

1b. Visual evidence:



1c. Kenneth Arnold: June 24, 1947, Mt. Rainier:

The age of the flying saucer began for Americans on June 24, 1947. Pilot Kenneth Arnold was flying a private plane near Mt. Rainier, Washington when he observed a chain of nine peculiar-looking objects flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet. Describing the objects that evening to a newspaper reporter, Arnold said that they "flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." That was the origin of the term "flying saucers." Since then there have been tens of thousands of reports of strange objects in the sky.

2c. Arthur Godfrey:

Godfrey was one of the major entertainers two generations ago. Each Monday he piloted his plane from Virginia into New York City. He reports being accompanied on several occasions by strange non-aircraft-like crafts flying intermittently on his right then left wingtips. He refused to speculate what the unidentified objects might have been.

3c. Betty and Barney Hill, Portsmouth, NH:



The experience of the Hills has been considered for many years by believers as a classic close contact of the UFO sightings. The Hills, both middle-aged at the time of the incident, were partners in a mixed marriage: she was white, he was black. In September 1961 they returned by car from a vacation in Canada to their home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Somehow the trip took about two hours longer than it should have taken. Beset by a number of emotional problems subsequently, both testified separately under hypnosis that they encountered a UFO parked on the lonely country road. The human-like creatures from the craft took Betty and Barney on board and gave them a series of physical tests before releasing them. Through mental telepathy they were told that they would not recall the incident.

4c. Jimmy Carter and the Governor of Ohio:

While Governor of Georgia, before becoming President of the USA, Jimmy Carter testified in October 1969 that he witnessed a UFO. As a former nuclear scientist, he could not explain the sighting.

5c. Astronaut James McDivitt:

On a Dallas radio show, he gave testimony that he and the other astronauts, while flying over Australia, viewed a strange craft which was also tracked by radar from western to eastern Australia. He did not believe that it was of human origin.

6c. The Roswell incident:

Sometime during the first week of July 1947, a local New Mexican rancher near Roswell discovered a considerable amount of debris scattered over a large area of his ranch. After he notified the authorities, military personnel from nearby Roswell Army Airfield closed out the area and retrieved the wreckage. On the morning of July 8, 1947, Colonel William Blanchard, Commander of the 509th Bomb Group, issued a press release stating that the wreckage of a "crashed disk" (UFO) had been recovered. The UFO discovery made headlines in over 30 US afternoon newspapers that same day.

Within hours the Air Force rescinded the first press release and charged the initial investigators with an enormous blunder of identifying a weather balloon and its radar reflector as the wreckage of a "crashed disk."

In recent years the government has given two additional and contradictory explanations in an effort to explain away the reported UFO incident.

For a detailed report see http://www.cufos.org/ros2.html

The Rendlesham Forest incident:

In December 2002 the British government, after a lengthy cover-up, released the eyewitness accounts by US Air Force officers at a military base near Rendlesham Forest, near Ipswich in Suffolk, southeastern England, who saw a brilliantly lit object land in the forest in December 1980.

A report by the American Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt of the US Air Force, is reproduced in the appendix. The news release about the Rendlesham Forest UFO sighting can be read at http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc664.htm





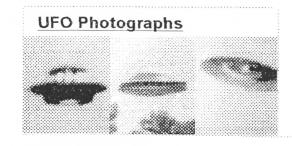
8c. Sightings by responsible personnel:

On the night of November 17, 1989, the crew of a JAL 747 cargo plane reported seeing an object near them at the altitude of 30,000 feet, over Alaska, "two times bigger than an aircraft carrier." (See the *Newsweek* report in the appendix.)

9c. Sightings around the world:

Numerous UFO sightings are reported in countries around the world. In 1991 the Belgian Ministry of Defense released radar tapes from two Belgian Air Force F-16s that had been scrambled to pursue a UFO detected by four ground-based radar stations. The object was also seen by numerous citizens and by police.

- 2b. Pictorial evidence:
 - 1c. Photographs:
 - 2c. Films:
- 3b. Material Evidence:
 - 1c. Crafts or parts of crafts:
 - 2c. Occupants:
 - 3c. Landing traces:



- Encounters with UFOs are sometimes cataloged the following way: 1—Close encounters of the first kind: less than 500 feet from the observer.
 - 2—Close encounters of the second kind: record of a visit or encounter with the UFO.
 - 3—Close encounters of the third kind: presence of animated creatures.

2A. THE POPULARIZING OF UFO'S:

- 1b. John Fuller: The Interrupted Journey, Incident at Exeter
- 2b. Charles Berlitz: The Bermuda Triangle (See book review in the appendix.)
- 3b. Erich von Däniken: ("von Däniken is not a scholar but an autodictat")





(Clifford Wilson has capably answered this book with his engaging *Crash Go the Chariots.*)

Gods from Outer Space The Gold of the Gods In Search of Ancient Gods, etc. <u>Chariots of the Gods: Unsolved</u> <u>Mysteries of the Past</u> by Erich Von Daniken,

- 4b. J. Allen Hynek, the late Director of NW University Dearborn Observatory:
- 5b. Films:
 - 1c. Star Wars
 - 2c. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
 - 3c. Return from Witch Mountain
 - 4c. Star Trek
 - 5c. E.T.
 - etc.

3A. THE POSSIBILITIES CONCERNING UFO'S

- 1b. Scientific hoax
- 2b. Natural phenomena
- 3b. Interplanetary crafts
- 4b. Intergalactical objects
- 5b. Earthbound civilizations
- 6b. Secret weapons
- 7b. A real mental vision as a substitute for God
- 8b. Ultradimensional beings

4A. THE PERCEPTION OF UFOS:

It is an extremely interesting and telling *Life* magazine poll, published in *Life* in its March 2000 issue, indicates that about half of America's population believe that UFOs are real and about 6 per cent of America's population claims to have seen UFOs.

LIFE UFO POLL

1. Do you think there	e is intelligent life
somewhere in the ur	niverse, other than on
Earth, or not?	
Yes	54%
No	32%
Not sure*	14%

4. In your opinion, are	JFOs real or just		
the product of people's imaginations?			
Real	43%		
Imaginary	42%		
Not sure*	15%		

 5. Have you or anyone you know ever

 seen a UFO, or haven't you?

 Yes, personally
 6%

 Yes, someone I know
 13%

 No
 79%

 Not sure*
 2%

Area 51 / S4 / Dreamland Category : Government Conspiracies

One of the most well known Government Cover-ups of the present day - the existence of an alleged top secret military base in North America, known as "Area 51" or "Area S4". Situated 95 miles north of Las Vegas near dried up "Groom Lake", the base is surrounded by mystery and intrigue, and is believed by some to be used by the US Military to reverse-engineer captured Alien Technology.

The Area 51 Legacy

In the past the base was used as a testing ground for previously top secret military projects such as the U2, F117A and SR-71.



However in recent years, incredibly fast and advanced airborne craft have been sighted by hundreds of witnesses over the Area51 test ground "AreaS4", which clearly exceed all of humankind's current technological abilities. This, along with reports

of Alien Bodies and other strange Extraterrestrial artifacts witnessed by those who have worked at the base, has now lead many to believe that Area51 houses much more than a few new test aircraft.

5A. THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING UFOS:

- 1b. The Astronomical problems:
 - 1c. Distances to the stars:

There are 100 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. There are 100 billion galaxies in the universe. There are one million planets supposedly inhabited.

2c. Difficulties of space travel:

The nearest star, Proxima Centauri, is 4.3 light years away. One light year equals 6 trillion miles. At the speeds of 17,500 MPH it would take about 170,000 years for a craft from our nearest star to reach us.

If UFOs are interested in earth's technology developed in the last 40 years, they must have had an advanced knowledge of that for 169,960 years.

Theoretically it could be, of course, that a civilization more advanced than ours would have developed means of transportation faster than the speed of light.

Many clear-thinking scientists discount the possibility of space travel:

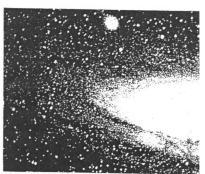


Interstellar travel, it seems to us, will be enormously difficult for any community, no matter how advanced. The probability of its occurrence in sparsely populated parts of the galaxy is remote. The idea that Earth is under more or less constant, or even sporadic, surveillance by interstellar spacecraft, whose crews have gone to very great lengths to get here and who do not then reveal themselves to us, is, simply, preposterous.

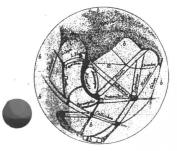
(Menzel, Donald H. & Ernest H. Taves, *The UFO Enigma—the Definitive Explanantion of the UFO Phenomenon*, Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1977, p. 209.)

3c. Discoveries in space:

Space exploration on earth's planets such as Mars has indicated that there apparently is no life, though scientists have supposed



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that most certainly rudimentary forms of life would be present at least on Mars. Recent Mars probes may have found evidence that water formerly existed on Mars, but their conclusion that therefore life may have evolved is unscientific, wishful thinking.

4c. Dismissals that life exists elsewhere:

Two scientists, Peter D. Ward and Donald C. Brownlee, in their book *Rare Earth* (2000) say the conventional wisdom is wrong. Life does not exist in distant galaxies, only on this planet.

Drawing on new findings in astronomy, geology and paleontology, the two argue that humans might be alone, at least in the immediate neighborhood of the cosmos. Modern science is showing that earth's composition and stability are extraordinarily rare. Most everywhere else, the radiation levels are too high, the right chemical elements too rare in abundance, the hospitable planets too few in number and the rain of killer rocks too intense for life ever to have evolved into advanced communities (*New York Times*, Tuesday, February 8, 2000, P. D1).

- 2b. Biblical problems:
 - 1c. The silence of Scripture:

While some have seen evidence of UFOs in passages such as Ezekiel 1, it is better to understand them as angelic beings. Furthermore, there are no references in the Bible to life on other planets.

2c. The questions of theologians:
If there are other life forms in the universe:
1—Are these extraterrestrial beings fallen creatures?
2—Did Christ die for them?
3—What is their destiny?
4—Where is the biblical support?



6A. THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BIBLE:

1b. The earth is a special creation of God: Isa. 45:18

For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other.

2b. The sun, moon, and stars were created for man's benefit: Gen. 1:16-18

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the

3b. The earth alone seems to be inhabited: Ps. 115:16

light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

4b. The biblical doctrine of man shows him to be a direct creation from the hand of God:

Mt. 19:4 (Mark 10:6) And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female.

Man did not evolve through lower forms of life. And there is no evidence that life would evolve elsewhere.

- 5b. The Scriptures give a detailed revelation concerning all of God's creation:
 - 1c. The division of Psalm 8

Creation 1-3 Humiliation 4-5 Exaltation 6-9

- --The universe is created by God (v.3)
- --The universe is put under man's dominion (v.6)
- --The universe includes 3 and only 3 life forms outside of God:

2c. The doctrine: God's creation & creatures

1d. Implications:

- 1e. Divine life:
- 2e. Angelic life:
- 3e. Human life:
- 4e. Lower life:
 - 1f. Creatures of the air:
 - 2f. Creatures of the land:
 - 3f. Creatures of the sea:
- 2d. Inference:
 - 1e. Since God never mentions any other creatures besides those, it stands to reason that there are no other living beings.

To the chief Musician upon Git'-tith, A Psalm of David.

PSALM 8

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- O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
- 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

- 2e. There are only two eternal abodes for God's creatures.
 - 1f. The Lake of Fire: For the Devil, his angels, and unrepentant sinners, (Mt. 25:41).
 - 2f. The New Jerusalem: For God, the holy angels, and the redeemed of all the ages, (Heb. 12:22).

God will eternally reside with men on this earth. There are only two eternal places for God's creatures: the Lake of Fire and the New Jerusalem. Any additional beings from distant planets or galaxies do not fit into the biblical framework.

7A. A PROPOSAL CONCERNING UFOS:

1b. The evaluation of the data:

CATEGORY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Astronomical	479	21.8
Aircraft	474	21.6
Balloon	339	15.4
Other	233	10.6
UNKNOWN	434	19.7
Insufficient information	240	10.9
TOTAL	2,199	100%

1c. The categorization of UFO sighting reports:

(Davidson, L., *Flying Saucers: An Analysis of Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14*, 4th Edition Rev., 1971).

- 2c. The conclusions thus far:
 - 1d. UFOs are not crafts from this earth because their flight patterns and characteristics are beyond earth's present technology.

The so-called **alien visitations** and **alien abductions** should be treated separately from the well-attested sightings of unidentified crafts. The concept of extraterrestrial aliens may well be the product of **psychologically-challenged minds** rather than real life experiences by individuals who see "something out there."

2d. UFOs are not crafts maneuvered by extraterrestrial civilizations because there is no scientific or biblical evidence life exists elsewhere in the universe.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had Sherlock Holmes say in "The Case of the Greek Interpreter": "It is an old maxim of mine that whenever you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

If UFOs indeed exist, as evidence appears to indicate, and if they are neither of human nor of extraterrestrial origin, then the only possibility is that they be of divine or angelic origin. Since neither God nor the good angels would involve themselves in trite, trivial and sometimes terrifying maneuvers such as observed by radar and simultaneously by qualified observers (for instance our three Apollo astronauts); the only conclusion is that there is a demonology connection.

- 2b. The emergence of a demonology connection:
 - 1c. Recent scientific publications stress the demonology connection of UFOs as a viable alternative.
 - 2c. There is no life outside that revealed in the Bible: divine, angelic, human and animal.
 - 3c. God and the holy angels would not be involved in UFO capers.
 - 4c. Man is unable to produce the kind of crafts observed frequently.

**these crafts fly at times at 6000 mph without causing a sonic boom **these objects can make 90 or 180 degree turns at 3000 mph **UFO's can materialize then disappear at will

- 5c. The only being apparently capable of producing these phenomena called UFOs are demons:
 - 1-To strike terror in the hearts of men in the latter days.
 - 2—To bring confusion to those who are religiously minded.
 - 3—To accomplish certain nefarious purposes of their commander:
 "The prince of the power of the air" Eph. 2:2







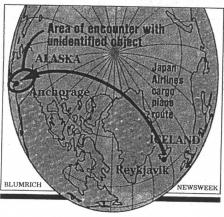


Strange Encounter Over Alaska

Was an FAA-confirmed sighting really a UFO?

t was big—bigger than anything known to fly, according to an experienced pilot who watched it from as little as eight miles off. It was fast—fast enough to keep pace with a 747 jet for half an hour as it flew over the empty Alaska wilderness. It was flanked by two smaller objects that maneuvered with it; together the three objects flashed a brilliant pattern of yellow, amber and green lights. And—if this sounds awfully familiar to connoisseurs of UFO tales—there is one thing that set this particular apparition apart: it may have shown up on radar.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration confirmed last week that some sort of sighting did take place aboard Japan Air Lines Flight 1628, much of what happened remains a mystery. The incident began on the evening of Nov. 17, with veteran pilot Kenjyu Terauchi, 47, at the controls of the JAL cargo plane, which was en route to Anchorage from Reykjavik, Iceland, the middle leg of a Europe-to-Tokyo flight. The weather was clear as the jet crossed the Beaufort Sea off Alaska's north coast. Suddenly Terauchi and his two fellow crew-



men spotted flashing lights moving alongside them—about eight miles off, at the plane's altitude of 35,000 feet. Terauchi radioed FAA controllers and received permission to descend to 31,000 feet. After a minute the controllers asked if the lights were still there. "It is descending in formation," the pilot replied.

Terauchi said he glimpsed the full craft only once, in profile. "It was a very big one—two times bigger than an aircraft carrier," he reported. He sketched it as walnut-shaped, with a wide flat rim and bulges above and below. According to FAA spokesman Paul Steucke of the Anchorage regional office, Terauchi located the object with his own on-board weather radar. Both Air Force and civilian flight controllers reported briefly seeing echoes of what might have been another craft nearby the JAL flight. But when radar tapes covering the period were replayed by FAA investigators, Steucke says, the reported echoes could not be found. The Air Force, he added, is now attributing the supposed radar sightings to "clutter."

'A mystery': Approaching Fairbanks, Terauchi steered his plane in a 360-degree circle, but the object stayed with him, finally disappearing as the 747 approached Anchorage. FAA officials interviewed the crew on the ground and found them, in Steucke's words, "professional, rational, well-trained people." The FAA confirmed the incident after inquiries from Japanese reporters, who heard about it from a relative of one of the crewmen. But it has closed its inquiry into the sighting. "It's a mystery," Steucke concedes, "but, really, we have nothing here to investigate. The controller saw what he saw . . . As far as what it could be, on the extreme side it could have been the proverbial unknown object, or possibly military aircraft from the United States, Canada or some foreign country." As for Terauchi, he told a UPI reporter that he believes the object he saw over the Alaska sky that night must have come from another planet with a civilization far more advanced than ours. Only that can explain, he says lightly, their interest in his cargo: cases of French Beaujolais wine.

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Sighting Report				
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Air Traffic Controller receives a report from airline pilot of UFO's				
I am an air traffic controller for Minneapolis Center. This evening at 1900 the pilot of an air carrier that was under my control reported two flights of two aircraft. There were no other airccraft in the vicinity at the time. He said they were 15 miles in front of him at 35,000 feet traveling away from him in a westerly direction. The UFO's stayed out in front of his aircraft for apprximately 15 minutes until the pilot said that the UFO's were so far out in front of him that he could hardly see them anymore. After being relieved of my duties I reported it to my supervisor who put me in contact of the Military Air Defense. The person at the other end of the phone said that they saw no objects in the area of this aircraft.				
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1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced in down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metalic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three maters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was novering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the slide of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing appeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky; two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous indivi-2 and 3.

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CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF Deputy Base Commander Officials continue search, but no trace of small plane

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Aussie pilot reports UFO, disappears. Authorities were trying to determine Monday whether an oil slick spotted in the sea south of Melbourne came from a light plane that vanished after its young pilot radioed that a large object hovering above him was not an aircraft.

POURNE, Australia (UPI) - The

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Frederick Valentich, 20, was on a short solo flight from Melbourne to King Island across the Bass Strait when he disappeared Saturday evening.

Air traffic controllers on the mainland reported he radioed at 7:06 p.m. that he could see four bright lights about 1,000 feet above him that appeared to be the

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shape. I cannot identify more than that. It's coming for me right now," he said. At 7:10 he said: "It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside."

A few minutes later he reported that his plane's engine was idling roughly and coughing.

His last words before redic tant

Searchers give up on plane

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) - Authorities Wednesday called off a ground, air and sea search for a pilot who vanished after radioing that his light plane was being pursued by an unidentified flying object.

A Federal Transport Department spokesman said eight civil aircraft and an air force reconnaissance Orion plane had searched 1,000 square miles of ocean without success for Frederick Valentich, 20, and his Cessna 182.

The spokesman said ships and planes crossing Bass Strait between Victoria and the island of Tasmania would be asked to watch for wreckage.

Valentich was flying the single-engined aircraft from Melbourne's suburban Moorabbin airport to King Island, 130 miles south of Melbourne, when he told air traffic controllers he was being followed by a strange craft.

He asked the Melbourne flight service unit whether there were any other planes flying below 5,000 feet in the area. Melbourne said no.

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1975 UFO FLIGHTS OVER U.S. BASES PUZZLE AIR FORCE

By WARD SINCLAIR and ART HARRIS © 1979 Washington Post

WASHINGTON, D.C. - During two weeks in 1975, several of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense department records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fastmoving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areevaded all pursuit effort

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The object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

The information on the 1975 and 1976 sightings — records from the Air Force and the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) was turned over to Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), a Phoenix-based organization that monitors UFO reports.

GSW obtained the information through a Freedom-of-Information request to the Air Force.

A similar request to the CIA, made by both GSW and the Washington Post, resulted in the CIA's turning over almost 900 pages of documents related to its monitoring of UFO reports since the 1950s.

The CIA's position is that it has had no involvement with UFOs since 1953, when a special study panel concluded that they presented no threat to national security.

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chel, a GSW investigator -ctor of another organization. as Against UFO Secrecy, and liam Spaulding, a Phoenix ngineer and director of GSW, said the Defense Department, the Air Force and the National Security Agency (NSA) have refused to turn over certain other information that would shed more light on military encounters with unidentified flying objects.

Zechel, a former NSA employee who now lives in Wisconsin, said the 1975 incidents around the missile and bomber facilities would not have been revealed had it not been for a "leak" from a Pentagon source.

That tip, he said, led to the information request that produced the reports on the "flap," as a rash of UFO incidents are called, in the last days of October and the first two weeks of November 1975.

The Air Force and NORAD data provided detailed accounts of sightings of unexplained objects from Loring Air Force Base in Maine Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan and Malmstrom AFB in Montana, all within a two-week period.

At those and other missile-launching sites in the northern tier of states military personnel reported that the objects hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas, in some cases as low as 10 feet from the ground, and missile silos before they departed.

In one instance, on Nov. 7, 1975, at Malmstrom AFB, Capt. Thomas O'Brien, who had just left duty as a missile launch officer, said ar aircraft resembling a helicopter approached the silo area.

He and his-deputy heard what they thought was a helicpter rotor over the building where they were resting. The unidentified deputy looked out the window and saw "the silhouette of a large aircraft hovering about 10 to 15 feet above the ground" and about 25 feet from the launch-area fence.

He reportedly saw two red and white lights on the front, a white light on the bottom and another on the rear of the object, which reportedly left after a minute or so of hovering.

Military crews at two other nearby launch facilities reported moving lights in the air on the same evening, but said they heard no sounds.

NORAD commanders' activity logs during that period reported another sighting at another unidentified launch facility in which witnesses said they saw the object "issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape." Standard radar surveillance provided no clues as to the presence of anything other than known craft in the area

More details appeared in reports of sightings on Oct. 30 and 31 over Wurtsmith AFB, where an "unidentified helicopter" flew around the base and hovered over weapons-storage bunkers.

Investigators subsequently determined no military, commercial or private helicopters known to be based in the area could have been around Wurtsmith at those times. The crew of a KC-135 tanker plane, already airborne, spotted the object near the base and attempted to give chase, but couldn't keep up with it.

Several sightings occurred at the Maine air base as well, where objects hovered over the weapons area. Radar and visual sightings were made, and another KC-135 was sent aloft to oversee pursuit efforts by a helicopter.

The object eventually disappeared toward the Canadian border, where Canadian air force jets were on glert. There was no indication whether the Canadian planes spotted the object.

ET, Is That You?



Bob Dix/Union Leader



CONCORD'S UFO — This artist's recreation of what motorist Roger Cross, left, said he saw along Route 3A/South Main Street in Concord Tuesday night shows a huge triangular object with pulsating bluish-white lights disappearing over the tree line near Broadway. Other reports, starting about 6 p.m., came from people in Claremont, Newport, Bradford, Salisbury, Penacook and Concord and were of a similar object at a higher altitude, according to Cheryl A. Powell, an Investigator for Mutual UFO Network. Cross, of Concord, spent about two hours yesterday with Union Leader artist Bob Dix describing what he saw about 7:50 p.m. This view looks west-northwest from where Cross pulled his car over on South Main Street near the Interstate 93 overpass. He described the object as flying just above the treetops, "awesome in size," and making a sound "like increasing rain on a summer night on a canvas tent." There was no turbine or jet whine, he said. Cross concedes there wasn't a lot of time to take in more detail of the object in the dark, but it was like nothing he has ever seen before.

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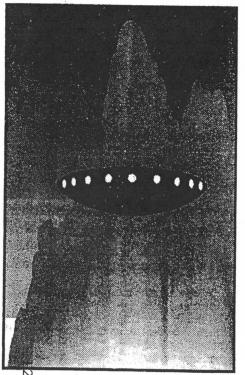
► UFO SIGHTINGS: Michigan authorities are probing sightings of low-flying, brightly lighted objects last week by dozens of residents from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan. The National Weather Service also noted unusual radar trackings about the same time.

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Interest soars in recent UFO sighting over lake



► A UFO group sends a team to investigate the sightings, which were picked up on radar.

By Michael G. Walsh Grand Rapids Press News Service

MUSKEGON – A West Michigan UFO sighting is prompting worldwide interest because the phenomenon was not only seen by several people but also was picked up on radar.

Walter Andrus, director of the Texasbased international Mutual UFO Network, said the radar verification is extremely rare.

"That's why we're especially interested in this case," Andrus said. Several MU-FON investigators were to be in West Michigan this weekend to probe Monday's sighting.

"What impressed us most is that it was picked up on weather radar, 20 miles out in Lake Michigan, moving east to west," Andrus said.

"We're interested in knowing if anyone in (West Michigan) saw it pass over, then we'd have a real confirmation," he said.

The case started about 10:15 p.m. Monday when a Holland police officer and others in Ottawa County noticed sets of red and green lights "oscillating" over Lake Michigan south of Holland.

At the same time, tower personnel at the Muskegon County Airport saw what they took to be aircraft flying in formation some 60 miles south, near South Haven.

Simultaneously, a National Weather Service operator picked up radar blips that found a fast-moving object near South Haven.

Leo Grenier, official in charge of operations at Muskegon's National Weather Service station, said the most interesting aspect of the phenomenon was the object's – or objects' – speed.

The radar blips zipped from South Haven to 10 miles west of the city, over Lake Michigan, in 10 seconds, Grenier said.

The speed is not beyond human ability. Modern military aircraft can fly even faster.

However, unlike known aircraft, the South Haven phenomenon could hover and was quiet. There were no sonic "booms" reported.

"To go out and hover over Lake Michi-

gan is not what aircraft would be able to do," Andrus said. "That's what becomes more interesting."

Unidentified flying objects are not a new phenomenon to West Michigan skies, but what they are remains a mystery.

A review of sightings over the past 40 years shows most occurred this time of year, of what people believed were spaceships over Lake Michigan or remote areas of West Michigan.

A few witnesses claimed they saw cylindrically shaped objects flying at incredible speeds. Most reported seeing mystic lights in the sky.

Andrus said 80 percent to 90 percent of reports MUFON receives "turn out to be something mundane after investigation."

Nonetheless, Andrus said, "we take our UFOs very seriously" and he has assigned a team to probe Monday's West Michigan sighting.

About one or two sightings take place in the region each year, according to Muskegon Chronicle files. However, between 1982 and 1993, none was reported.

Most of the reported sightings had natural explanations. A sighting last year, for example, turned out to be student pilots practicing their skills.

It sounds crazy, but this close encounter was too close for comfort

► When this many people report UFO sightings you know it's more than just some hopped-up Trekkies playing games.

For me, alleged sightings of UFOs have almost always conjured up the same humorous image — of the lion in "The Wizard of Oz" left alone in the forest to cower and stammer "I do believe in spooks, I do believe in spooks..."

Not anymore.

There's something out there. Up there. Maybe it's our own government and maybe it's not. But it's definitely not a bunch of fraternity brothers whooping it up in souped-up Cessnas.

I didn't see anything. But too many people living in West Michigan did reportedly witness – and concur in – sightings of strange somethings in the heavens last week.

"This series of reports is the most important – the hottest – we're working on at the moment," says Walter Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Texas, which investigates UFO reports worldwide.

MUFON is especially anxious about last week's reports because the Tuesday-night sightings seem to coincide with unexplained radar trackings from the National Weather Service in Muskegon.

What happened last Tuesday – and by some accounts, other weeknights last week – has folks from South Haven to Muskegon and as far inland as the Grand Rapids area humming that little tune from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Perhaps the closest reported encounter of all was experienced by a Holland

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family who claim a craft hovered above their neighbor's farmhouse about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, maybe 100 feet away. (The neighbors were in California at the time).

'It reminded me of Saturn'

"What we saw was not a whole craft, but the bottom of it, turning in a clockwise motion," Holly Graves, 36, said Monday. "It wasn't like an airplane or a flying machine I've ever seen."

Holly says she and husband Darrell, reacting to their 14-year-old son Joseph's screams, ran to the living room window of their home on Country Club Road.

There, they joined Joseph and younger sister Michelle, 10, in viewing a globeshaped object of indiscernible size. It featured lights which didn't blink, but alternated from white to red. The craft also appeared to be tilted on its axis. "It reminded me of Saturn," Holly said.

"I just sat there looking at it. My adrenalin was really going and I said, 'Darrell, what is that?' He's really into aviation – he watches 'Wings' every night – and he said, 'That's no aircraft,' so we called 911."

Holly said the craft remained aloft perhaps 10 minutes then moved south and out of sight before Holland police responded. "People might think we're nuts," says Holly, "but we're not." The weather service in Muskegon detected something on its screens roughly an hour after the Graves reported their sighting. Radar data picked up a fastmoving phenomenon over Lake Michigan, which was promptly reported to the National UFO Reporting Center, a government-controlled agency.

Most interesting was the radar's tracking of the object, which showed a blip moving from South Haven to a point 10 miles offshore in just 10 seconds.

The calls keep coming in

Reports continue to filter in elsewhere from observers who saw something last week, especially Tuesday night. More than than a few have contacted The Press from their homes in Kent, Allegan and Ottawa counties.

Bob and Norma Venema moved recently from Grand Rapids to the east side of Saugatuck, a stone's throw from Lake Michigan, over which others reported seeing something.

The Venemas, both 57, said they were facing west when they saw green and red lights moving north to south about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday. "We thought maybe they were some small airplanes practicing," says Norma, "but they were too close together. It was really strange... just so unusual."

In Wyoming, Erwin Rosenberg, 70, of Oregon St. SW, said he went out for some air about 10 p.m. Tuesday and while facing east noticed at least eight sets of "pulsating" lights positioned about the horizon and "blinking furiously."

He summoned his wife, Barbara, 54, who was inside practicing the accordion, and she stepped to the porch to see the same thing. "At first, we weren't going to call (The Press)," she said. "People kind of look at you like you're crazy." But Erwin is convinced he saw



Holland residents Darrell and Holly Graves watched out their window as a craft hovered near a neighbor's house for about 10 minutes.

something out of the ordinary – and not a balloon or satellite or plane. As a war veteran, he says he's seen "flares and flak and grenades and all the phenomenon man-made."

"I'm a pretty regular fellow," he says, "and still in possession of my faculties. But I'd never seen anything like this. "This - this was illogical."

Jane Woodall, who lives near Cutlerville, said she saw a "pointed" object in the skies this past Thursday or Friday. Near Allendale, Phyllis Davis said she and her son witnessed a half-dozen strobe-like lights moving in unison, then apart from each other, giving off white and then bluish-green tint.

"To me, it looked like they were sending messages back and forth to each other," Davis said.

The Graves family, meanwhile, wishes it would have passed a single message from one member to another the night they watched something hover just 100 feet away: "Get the camera."

But nobody did. And the whole time they were being visited, there was a loaded 35mm Vivitar in the next room.

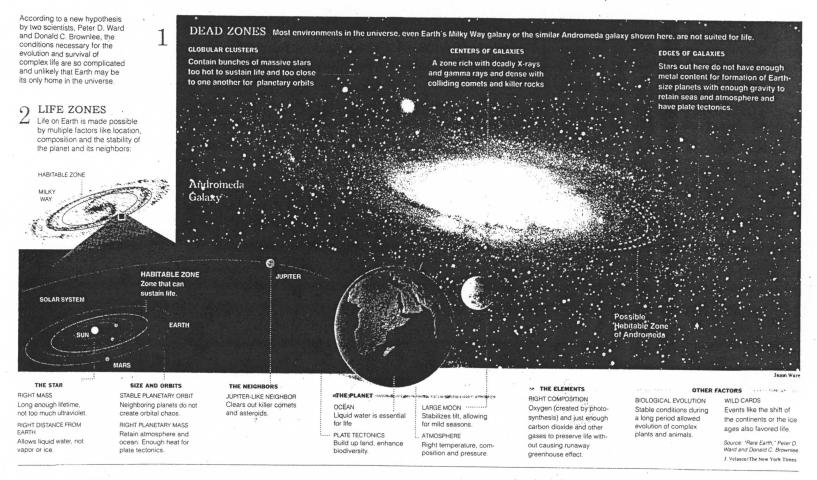
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Maybe We Are Alone in the Universe, After All



By WILLIAM J. BROAD

In the last few decades, a growing number of astronomers have promulgated the view that alien civilizations are likely to be scattered among the stars like grains of sand, isolated from one another by the emptiness of interstellar space. Just for Earth's own galaxy, the Milky Way, experts have estimated that there might be up to one million advanced societies.

This extraterrestrial credo has fueled not only countless books, movies and television shows — not to mention hosts of Klingons, Wookles and Romulans — but a long scientific hunt that uses huge dish antennas to scan the sky for faint radio signals from intelligent allens.

Now, two prominent scientists say the conventional wisdom is wrong. The alien search, they add, is likely to fail.

Drawing on new findings in astronomy, geology and paleontology, the two argue that humans might be alone, at least in the stellar neighborhood, and perhaps in the entire cosmos. They say modern science is showing that Earth's composition and stability are extraordinarily rare. Most everywhere else, the radiation levels are too high, the right chemical elements too rare in abundance, the hospitable planets too few in number and the rain of killer rocks too intense for life ever to have evolved into advanced communities. Alien microbes may survive in many places as a kind of cosmic shower scum, they say, but not extraterrestrials civilized enough to be awash in technology.

Their book, "Rare Earth" (Springer-Verlag), out last month, is producing whoops of criticism and praise, with some detractors saying that the authors have made their own simplistic assumptions about the adaptability of life forms while others call it "brilliant" and "courageous."

"We have finally said out loud what so

many have thought for so long — that complex life, at least, is rare," said Dr. Peter D. Ward of the University of Washington, a paleontologist who specializes in mass extinctions and whose previous works include "The Call of Distant Mammoth" (Springer-Verlag, 1997). "And to us, complex life may be a flatworm."

The book's other author is Dr. Donald C. Brownlee of the University of Washington, a noted astronomer, member of the National Academy of Sciences and chief scientist of NASA's \$166 million Stardust mission to capture interplanetary and interstellar dust

"People say the Sun is a typical star," he

sald in an interview. "That's not true." Dr. Brownlee added: "Almost all environments in the universe are terrible for life. It's only Garden of Eden places like Earth where it can exist."

Dr. Geoffrey W. Marcy of the University of California at Berkeley, a leading seeker of planets around other stars, 31 of which have been found so far, hailed "Rare Earth" as likely to spark a revolution in thinking about extraterrestrial life.

"It's brilliant," Dr. Marcy said in an interview. "It delineates many things I've been thinking about but does a much more

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Des Moines Tribune, 11/4/74, p. 9.

By Jim Gallagher © Knight Newspapers

WEIRD THINGS are happening in the Atlantic Ocean, just off the southeast coast of the United States. That's the area you fly through when you vacation in the Caribbean.

Some people, apparently, fly farther than they care to. They disappear — into thin air, it would seem. Or into another dimension. Or the clutches of extraterrestial beings.

These are some of the possible explanations advanced by Charles Berlitz for the phenomenon known as the Bermuda Triangle, a threesided section of the Atlantic with Bermuda, Miami and Puerto Rico at its apexes, in which mysterious disappearances have been occurring for years.

The most famous incident involved a flight of five Navy TBM Avengers, with a combined crew of nine men, which disappeared simultaneously while on a routine training mission in the area.

The aviators apparently lost their bearings rather suddenly and for no apparent reasons.

"Everything is wrong . . . strange," the flight leader radioed his ground control. "We can't be sure of any direction . . even the ocean doesn't look as it should . . ."

As if that weren't enough, a twin-engined aircraft with a crew of 13 sent to rescue the nine Avenger fliers soon vanished as well. No wreckage was ever found, not even an oil slick.

A Naval Board of Inquiry studying the disappearances came up with no logical explanation.

"We don't know what the hell is going on out there," one member said.

"They vanished as completely as if they had flown to Mars," another one said.

Berlitz is pretty sure they didn't fly to Mars, and he admits he, too doesn't know for certain "what the hell is going on out there." But he isn't afraid to speculate.

For Berlitz, whose book "The Bermuda Triangle" is fast becoming a best seller, the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle goes deeper than the bottom of the Caribbean.

It reaches back in time to ancient civilizations destroyed by cataclysm and out into space where intelligent life may exist.



It even involves a possible universe existing contiguous to ours — in the space between our atoms — another dimension into which we might slip and never return.

The Bermuda Triangle, he suggests, may be a roadway into this mysterious dimension.

"IN MY OPINION," Berlitz said, "we are not yet advanced enough scientifically to understand what is happening, but we are making technological advances at such a rate that I think we will know the answer in the near future."

What we know now, Berlitz said, 1s the fact that ships and planes are disappearing in the area (also known as the Devil's Triangle) at an alarming rate. One boat a week and two planes a month is his estimate, a figure that a Federal Aviation Agency. spokesman in Atlanta thought much too high, but which a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami said was "not out of bounds."

"I get letters every day from people telling me about their experience in the triangle," he said. Many, he said, have experienced strange happenings in the area but have not been lost: Compasses cease working, electrical systems are drained, planes glow with an eerie phosphorescence, greenish-white clouds appear out of nowhere. From studying the radio communications of those who have not survived, Berlitz said he has determined that the appearance of the cloud occurs almost always.

He believes it may be an electromagnetic haze, which would explain the mechanical failures. He argues further that such a haze might very well transform matter into an invisible state.

FOR ALMOST three decades, he said, there have been reports that the U.S. Navy successfully conducted an experiment with magnetically induced disappearances in the Philadelphia naval shipyard. A ship and its crew, he said, was reported to have been made invisible, and then visible again.

He claimed an honorary close collaborator of his, J. Manson Vallentine, curator of the Museum of Science of Miami, has spoken to some of those involved, although he admits he has never met any of them. According to Vallentine, Berlitz said, some of the men died during the experiment and others became emotionally disturbed.

Some, he said, continued to disappear and appear again from time to time over the years. But the Navy never has verified that such an experiment took place.

If magnetism is involved, Berlitz said, it may emanate from a power source beneath the sea. In a previous book he suggested that the lost civilization of Atlantis is located beneath the Caribbean, where recent discoveries have included structures that appear to be manmade.

Perhaps, he suggested, there may be a power source in the area so powerful as to still be operative, or which might flare up every now and then.

Or, he continued, there may even be a civilization flourishing beneath the sea, one suddenly alarmed by pollution of their previously remote and protected environment.

While reserving judgment on this point, Berlitz did say that most sightings of unidentified flying objects and unidentified submarine objects — strange vehicles beneath the surface — have occurred in the triangle area.

OF ALL THE disappearances in the triangle, perhaps the most intriguing involve those in which entire crews have vanished, while their ships were left to float adrift. It is these occurrences that have given rise to the cosmic zoo theories, which propose that alien creatures are collecting humans for study in some other part of the universe.

What makes these theories more palatable, Berlitz said, is the fact that animals are always left behind, except for talking parrots — as if the alien creatures used speech as the mark of a human being.

Spokesmen for the FAA and the Miami Coast Guard unit refused to take the talk of a mysterious Bermuda Triangle seriously.

Both pointed out that the area includes more than 200,000 square miles, most of it water. Considering the great flow of air and sea traffic through the area, they said, the disappearances that do occur are not really unusual.

The Coast Guard spokesman added that planes or ships that sink in that area of the Atlantic would probably be sucked into deep currents and pulled north along the bottom of the ocean by the Gulf Stream.

Much of the free-floating debris in the North Atlantic, he suggested, may be wreckage of disasters in the Bermuda Triangle. Other vehicles, he said, probably disappear in the sandy ocean bottom.

"THE BERMUDA Triangle," he said, "is one of two areas in the world where compass needles point to true north, not magnetic north (the North Pole) as they do everywhere else.

"If this compass variation is not accounted for, you can be put off your course, by as much as 100 miles. You can be going out to sea and think you're going back to shore." He attributed most of the disappearances to poor seamanship or poor airmanship

In the face of such official pooh-poohing, which he refers to a "cosmic Watergate," Berlitz persists.

"When we learn more about the Bermuda Triangle," he said, "we will learn more about man's past. There are indications that past civilizations destroyed themselves in some sort of nuclear conflagration. Isn't that what we're on the verge of doing again?"

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U.F.O. Hits Congestion at O'Hare, Turns Back

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A column in The Chicago Tribune yesterday has had many skywatchers atwitter over the last 24 hours, in that it details the apparent sighting by several United Airlines workers at Chicago's O'Hare airport of ... something hovering over Concourse C on Nov. 7.

The official word from both the F.A.A. and from United executives, of course, is that there's nothing to see here folks, move along, but Jon Hilkevitch, who writes the paper's "Getting Around" column, interviews several employees who said otherwise:

A United manager said he ran outside his office in Concourse B after hearing the report about the sighting on an internal airline radio frequency.

"I stood outside in the gate area not knowing what to think, just trying to figure out what it was," he said. "I knew no one would make a false call like that. But if somebody was bouncing a weather balloon or something else over O'Hare, we had to stop it because it was in very close proximity to our flight operations."

The money quotes, however, appeared to come from a "taxi mechanic" who described something that would raise the hairs on anyone's neck:

"I tend to be scientific by nature, and I don't understand why aliens would hover over a busy airport," said a United mechanic who was in the cockpit of a Boeing 777 that he was taxiing to a maintenance hangar when he observed the metallic-looking object above Gate C17.

"But I know that what I saw and what a lot of other people saw stood out very clearly, and it definitely was not an [Earth] aircraft," the mechanic said.

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For what it's worth, this appears to be the same taxi mechanic who filed a report with something called The National U.F.O. Reporting Center on Nov. 21 — about two weeks after the incident allegedly occurred.

And excerpt from the mechanic's account (posted here):

I work for a major airline at O'Hare, I am a taxi mechanic. I have the job responsibility of moving aircraft under their own power from gate to gate or the hangar complex for maintenance. We also accomplish the engine run-up testing needed. So I hope that does something for establishing a little of credibility for my report. I am still in absolute wonder and amazement at what I saw that afternoon.

Around 16:30 a pilot made a comment on the radio about a circle or disc-shaped object hovering over gate C-17 at the C concourse in Chicago. At first we laughed to each other and then the same pilot said again on the radio that is was about 700-feet a.g.l. (above ground level). The day was overcast with the ceiling being reported at 1600 feet if I remember correctly. I was taxiing a Boeing 777 from the Int'l Terminal to the Company Hangar on the North side of the Airport. As we passed the C Terminal on the Alpha taxi-way we observed a dark gray hazy round object hovering over O'Hare Int'l Airport. It was definitely over the C Terminal. It was holding very steady and appeared to be trying to stay close to the cloud cover. The radio erupted with chatter about the object and the A.T.C. controller that was handling ground traffic made a few smart comments about the alleged UFO sighting above the C terminal.

We had to continue moving the aircraft to the hangar. After parking I noticed the craft [was] no longer there but there was an almost perfect circle in the cloud layer where the craft had been. The hole disappeared a few minutes later.

For the rest of the night there were jokes made on the radio about the sighting.

We don't quite know what to make of any of this, but a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, Elizabeth Isham Cory, apparently offered Mr. Hilkevitch of The Tribune this view: blame the weather.

"Our theory on this is that it was a weather phenomenon," Ms. Cory said. "That night was a perfect atmospheric condition in terms of low [cloud] ceiling and a lot of airport lights. When the lights shine up into the clouds, sometimes you can see funny things. That's our take on it."

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USS Nimitz UFO incident

The **USS** *Nimitz* **UFO** incident refers to a radar-visual encounter of an unidentified flying object by US fighter pilots of the *Nimitz* Carrier Strike Group in 2004. The encounter also included an engagement with the UFO by the commander of Strike Fighter Squadron 41, and his weapon systems officer.^[1]

The primary encounter occurred during a combat training exercise being conducted in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of southern California on 14 November 2004, with purportedly related sightings occurring in the days before and after this encounter. A 2015 account of the incident on FighterSweep.com, interviews with one of the pilots, and subsequent news reports describe the sighting of an "unidentified flying object" by six Navy Super Hornet fighter jets.^[2]

Thirteen years after the incident, in December 2017, infrared footage of the encounter was released to the public.^{[3][4]} According to *The Washington Post*, the video was released by former intelligence officer Luis Elizondo to shed light on a secretive Department of Defense operation to analyze ported UFO sightings, the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program.^{[5][6][7]}

Numerous Freedom of Information Act requests were submitted regarding

the incident. There was an FOIA obtained that indicated four <u>Marine</u> Lieutenant Colonels and a Marine Major were aware of the event and had witnessed the IR video of the unknown object. A number of documents were leaked to the Internet, with varying levels of credibility. Acceleration values for the performance characteristics of the object were based upon statements from the USS *Princeton* radar operators, the F/A-18 pilots that saw the object disappear within a second, and the IR video.^[8] The Navy has since reportedly updated their protocols for pilots to report UFO sightings in an effort to reduce the stigma associated with such reports.^[9]

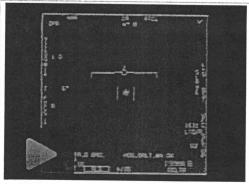
Skeptics have called into question the veracity of the pilots' accounts, pointing out that the sighting can be explained by equipment malfunction or human error. One of the witnesses, retired United States Navy officer, Commander David Fravor, lamented the amount "of misinformation that [was] starting to come out through third and fourth parties" during a June 2018 interview.^{[1]:11:58} On 17 September 2019, the U.S. Navy acknowledged that the three UFO videos are of real unidentified phenomena.^[10]

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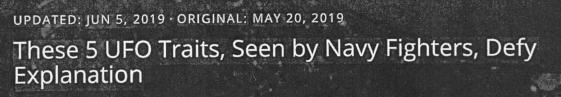


Video released by the US military showing a Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet intercepting a UFO

Date	November 10– 16, 2004
Location	Pacific Ocean, off the coast of southern California
Coordinates	31°20′N 117°10′W



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A 3-D photo illustration of an unidentified aerial phenomenon flying beneath an airplane. (Credit: KTS Image/Getty Images)

Called the '5 observables' by a former Pentagon investigator, they include hypersonic speed, erratic movement and the ability to fly without wings.

You know a UFO has earned its "unidentified" status when cockpit transcripts from elite Navy fighter jets include this frantic pilot exclamation: "Holy s___, what is that?"

When Luis Elizondo ran a small team at the U.S. Department of Defense investigating military-based reports of unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), he heard numerous such accounts—by some of the most highly trained aeronautic experts in the military. They describe objects that appeared to be intelligently controlled,



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"It's white. It has no wings. It has no rotors."

"It didn't fly like an aircraft. It was so unpredictable—high g, rapid velocity, rapid acceleration."

"I didn't see a trail."

"It was going 70-plus knots underwater."

Those reports—from Navy fighter pilots, radar operators and other witnesses from the <u>USS Nimitz aircraft carrier strike group incident</u> from November 2004—were among a handful of shocking encounters the <u>Unidentified</u> team explored. When Elizondo ran the Defense Department initiative, called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, or AATIP, he compiled a list of extraordinary, logicdefying capabilities most commonly associated with unidentified aerial phenomena sightings. He calls those traits the "five observables":

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1) Anti-gravity lift. Unlike any known aircraft, these objects have been sighted overcoming the earth's gravity with no visible means of propulsion. They also lack any flight surfaces, such as wings. In the *Nimitz* incident, witnesses describe the crafts as tubular, shaped like a Tic Tac candy.

2) Sudden and instantaneous acceleration. The objects may accelerate or change direction so quickly that no human pilot could survive the g-forces—they would be crushed. In the *Nimitz* incident, radar operators say they tracked one of the UFOs as it dropped from the sky at more than 30 times the speed of sound. Black Aces squadron commander David Fravor, the *Nimitz*-based fighter pilot who was sent to intercept one of the objects, likened its rapid side-to-side movements, later captured on infrared video, to that of a ping-pong ball. Radar operators on the USS Princeton, part of the Nimitz carrier group, tracked the object accelerating from a standing position to traveling 60 miles in a minute—an astounding 3,600 miles an hour. According to manufacturer Boeing, the F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet typically currently reaches a maximum speed of Mach 1.6, or about 1,200 miles an hour.

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3) Hypersonic velocities without signatures. If an aircraft travels faster than the speed of sound, it typically leaves "signatures," like vapor trails and sonic booms. Many UFO accounts note the lack of such evidence.

4) Low observability, or cloaking. Even when objects are observed, getting a clear and detailed view of them—either through pilot sightings, radar or other means—remains difficult. Witnesses generally only see the glow or haze around them.

5) Trans-medium travel. Some UAP have been seen moving easily in and between different environments, such as space, the earth's atmosphere and even water. In the *Nimitz* incident, witnesses described a UFO hovering over a churning "disturbance" just under the ocean's otherwise calm surface, leading to speculation that another craft had entered the water. *USS Princeton* radar operator Gary Vorhees later confirmed from a Navy sonar operator in the area that day that a craft was moving faster than 70 knots, roughly two times the speed of nuclear subs.

No one has yet gotten close to crafts that display these traits, so their origins are still unknown. Are they a super-top-secret U.S. defense project? Do they hail from Russia? China? Or from even further afield? The only thing we do know is that their capabilities exceed any technologies currently in the U.S. arsenal.



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Executive Summary

During the period of approximately 10-16 November 2004, the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group (CSG) was operating off the western coast of the United States in preparation for their deployment to the Arabian Sea. The USS Princeton on several occasions detected multiple Anomalous Aerial Vehicles (AAVs) operating in and around the vicinity of the CSG. The AAVs would descend "very rapidly" from approximately 60,000 feet down to approximately 50 feet in a matter of seconds. They would then hover or stay stationary on the radar for a short time and depart at high velocities and turn rates. On 14 November after again detecting the AAV, the USS Princeton took the opportunity of having a flight of two F/A-18Fs returning from a training mission to further investigate the AAV. The USS Princeton took over control of the F/A-18s from the E-2C Airborne Early Warning aircraft and vectored in the F/A-18s for intercept leading to visual contact approximately one mile away from the AAV, which was reported to be "an elongated egg or a 'Tic Tac' shape with a discernable midline horizontal axis". It was "solid white, smooth, with no edges. It was "uniformly colored with no nacelles, pylons, or wings." It was approximately 46 feet in length. The F/A-18Fs radar could not obtain a 'lock' on the AAV; however it could be tracked while stationary and at slower speeds with the Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR). The AAV did take evasive actions upon intercept by the F/A-18 demonstrating an advanced acceleration (G), aerodynamic, and propulsion capability. The AAV did not take any offensive action against the CSG; however, given its ability to operate unchallenged in close vicinity to the CSG it demonstrated the potential to conduct undetected reconnaissance leaving the CSG with a limited ability to detect, track, and/or engage the AAV.

Key Assessments

- The Anomalous Aerial Vehicle (AAV) was no known aircraft or air vehicle currently in the inventory of the United States or any foreign nation.
- The AAV exhibited advanced low observable characteristics at multiple radar bands rendering US radar based engagement capabilities ineffective.
- The AAV exhibited advanced aerodynamic performance with no visible control surfaces and no visible means to generate lift.
- The AAV exhibited advanced propulsion capability by demonstrating the ability to remain stationary with little to no variation in altitude transitioning to horizontal and/or vertical velocities far greater than any known aerial vehicle with little to no visible signature.
- The AAV possibly demonstrated the ability to 'cloak' or become invisible to the human eye or human observation.
- The AAV possibly demonstrated a highly advanced capability to operate undersea completely undetectable by our most advanced sensors.