



## The Metaphysical

### Demons and Evil Spirits

The word *diabolos*, or devil, which means a “false accuser” occurs 38 times in the New Testament. There is, however, another word also translated “devil”, used in that portion of the Scriptures. This is the word *daimon*, which, with words derived from it, occurs 77 times. It has no connection at all with *diabolos*. The words besides *daimon*, are *daimonion* and *daimonzomai*. These are all derived from *daio*, which means “to distribute” or “impart”. The Latin word “distribuere” means to divide.

### Beelzebub

On many occasions, Jesus healed those that were “oppressed of the devil”. Accordingly, when the religious leaders tried to discredit Him in the eyes of the people, they said, “He casteth out devils (daimonian) by Beelzebub the chief of the devils”., to which Jesus replied “If I Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? But, if I, with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you”.

Beelzebub, or Beelzebub, was an idol, the Philistine god of flies, or possibly, “Lord of the dwelling”. A King of Israel, Ahaziah, once sent messengers to his temple asking whether, he, the King, would recover from a disease, indicating that, even at that early date, the Jews had already accepted the demonology of the surrounding peoples. Ahaziah’s preference for Beelzebub rather than God, the Creator, led to his non-recovery and demise.

They masquerade as light.

*“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15**



### King Ahaz Bulla (seal)

Contains a Hebrew inscription set on three lines which reads, “Belonging to Ahaz (son of) Yehotam, King of Judah.”<sup>7</sup> A fingerprint is on the left edge of the bulla which may belong to King Ahaz himself.

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## Devils are fallen angels—Demons are disembodied spirits

Some Bible commentators suggest that demons are the spirits of the humanoid hybrids or offspring of fallen angels and humans as indicated referred to in Genesis 6. Demons seem to be the foot soldiers of Satan's army.

In Jesus earthly ministry He came to establish God's Kingdom on earth and to purge the world of these evil entities. The pending Kingdom demanded the eradication of evil and sickness. The postponement of the Kingdom on earth, because of Israel's rejection of their Messiah, meant that through this abeyance evil and disease continues until Jesus returns to reign as King in the millennium.

Angels under Satan's leadership are bound for hell made for them – **Matthew 25:41** and **Revelation 20:10**.

## Nine Satanic Practises—Deuteronomy 18:9-12

1. Anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire.
2. Anyone who uses divination.
3. Anyone who practices witchcraft.
4. Anyone who interprets omens - enchanter.
5. Anyone who is a sorcerer.
6. Anyone who casts a spell.
7. Anyone who is a medium.
8. Anyone who is a spiritist or wizard.
9. Anyone who calls up the dead.



Idolatry and spirit influences have swarmed over all ethnic groups. The deadly venom of the “old dragon” has infected every race of man.

- A. Babylon was the mother harlot of idolatry – Babylon means “Gate of god.”
- B. Egypt was the Capital of spirit worship of idols.
- C. Sumerian records of antiquity, including Greece, Rome, Persia, spread to India, China, Africa and South America.

Spirit activity is evident in all cultures. **Romans chapter 1** gives a litany of idolatry.

## Aspects of Evil

- **PANTHEISM:** God in all living cells. Pantheism is the belief that god energies are to be worshipped in nature.

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## Aspects of evil continued

- DRUIDS: The British Isles did not escape the spirit activities of Satan. The indigenous religion of the United Kingdom was the druids. The word "druid" means "men of the oak trees," and therefore groves were grown as shrines of worship to spirit deities.
- CABALA: A Jewish mystic belief in the occult with secret coded messages in the Torah. →
- ACUPUNCTURE: A Chinese method of balancing Yin Yang energies in the body.
- WITCHCRAFT AND SATANIC RITUAL



A coven is a group of 6 men and 6 women who meet monthly at the time of the full moon.

A broken cross, unused church and pentagram as a magic circle is used to initiate and invoke satanic power. Black magic openly acknowledges Satan. White magic uses Bible phrases but uses "sacred" names to invoke power.

The demolition and breakup of the family unit and the closure of churches who subscribe to the evangelical message are the target.

Praise God, Satan is a defeated foe!

*"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."*

**James 4:7-8**

## Behavioural Occurrences

It is evident that the metaphysical realm seeks to impact the physical material world in which we live. These forces seek a bridge of affinity by which they can transcend into our world of reality. Too many people are naïve and gullible when it comes to spirit activity. This brings to mind the verse relating to the tribulation period

*"For this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie."*

**2 Thessalonians 2:11**

In his observation of 1 Timothy 4:1 the late Dr J. Vernon McGee states "that they will depart from the faith not because of intellectual or scientific knowledge but rather their return to the spirit world."

*"The spirits speaks expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons."*

**1 Timothy 4:1**

In ancient times any abnormal behaviour or anomaly would be considered to be a practice or event from the world of spirits. Superstition blurred the minds of the uneducated and uninformed. Often what the Bible calls demonic activity, modern science labels disorder.

## Behavioural Occurrences continued ...

There are multiple personality disorders listed by psychologists. Psychopathic behaviour is considered a disorder but the tendencies have their roots in demonic possession. We will consider a brief overview of the various disorders that are of a demonic nature.

1. Disorder of oppression - An oppressed person is one who is controlled by an evil force that dominates their personality and prevents them from expressing their true self because they are slaves to a power or disorder that has plagued their lives.
2. Disorder of obsession – Obsessive behaviour may often be attributed to a dysfunctional mind that is consumed or preoccupied with an event or problem that controls behaviour. It is similar to a fetish and the chains or obsession need to be broken.
3. Disorder of depression – There are different forms of depression. Some are circumstantial others are bio-chemical and others are neurological. Bi-polar is a disorder that manifests itself in highs and lows in manic behaviour and depressive moods. Demonic depression may not always be related to the above, but may be the result of an exposure to a crisis and tragedy that leaves one under a dark cloud of depression.
4. Disorder of suppression – This disorder manifests itself in a behaviour that inflicts the victim with a subdued, broken, crushed spirit. The symptoms are often identified as a person wanting to isolate themselves by becoming a recluse and silent or non-verbal about their malady.
5. Disorder of possession – Demonic powers may possess a body and take ownership of the person's personality as their own property. This severe disorder is often the result of those who tamper or experiment with the occult and invite spirit entities to access their lives with the purported promise of power, popularity and fame.

In my pastoral ministry I have been confronted with these challenges that have vexed the minds and the lives of men, women and children. A key verse for every believer is **1 John 4:4** and another profound verse that every believer should be able to quote is **2 Corinthians 10:5**.

*Greater is he that is in you,*  
than he that is in the world.  
1 John 4:4

