DEMONOLOGY





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Preview of Angelology

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



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Existence

- OT
  - Deut 32:17
  - Ps 106:37
- NT
  - Over 100x
  - All NT writers (except Hebrews)
  - Christ (Matt 8:29; 10:1; 12:43-45)



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Origin		
	Demons	**Fallen Angels**
Satan is leader	**Matt 12:24**	**Matt 25:41; Rev 12:7-9**
Spirit beings	**Matt 8:16**	**Heb 1:14**
Capacity to enter people	**Matt 12:22; Luke 11:14-15**	**John 13:27**

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Personhood

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



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Characteristics

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



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Powers

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



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Works

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



Works (cont'd)

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



Occult Works

NAME	DEFINITION	SCRIPTURE
Divination	Fortune telling	Deut 18:10; Acts 16:16
Spiritism	Contacting the dead	Deut 18:11
Magic	Performance of miraculous powers	Deut 18:11
Pharamkeia	Illicit drug use	Rev 9:20-21; 18:2, 23

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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



INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE
2 Peter 1:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
  - *"phero" = to carry*
    - *Acts 27:15,17*



- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
  - *Which is their own imagination*
    - *Jer. 23:16*

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Genesis 8:21

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



Jeremiah 17:9

"The **heart** is more **deceitful** than all else And is desperately **sick**; Who can **understand** it?."



Mark 7:20-23

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



Revelation 20:7-9

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



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

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

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John 14:16-17

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



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Ephesians 1:3

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



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

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