

Is Modern demon possession possible?

1. Have you noticed demon possession in the Bible? Appears quite common in the Gospels, no mention in the Old Testament, a few cases in Acts, and then suddenly no mention at all in the Epistles.
 - a. Common in the ministry of Jesus (Mt 4:24).
 - b. Not even mentioned in the Corinthian church (1 Cor 12:27ff).
2. **Satan - ADVERSARY**, also known as the devil, Lucifer, the tempter, accuser, etc.
 - a. A created angel of God, probably was an archangel type like Michael (Jude 9)
 - b. Rebelled against God, other angels followed him.
 - i. Demons, also called unclean spirits (Luke 4:33) are fallen angels.
 1. What else has super natural powers than angels?
 2. No other creature is mentioned...
 - ii. Satan is the prince of the demons, (Mt 12:24; Rev 9:11).
3. **The Fall of Satan.**
 - a. Uncommon View: Satan was cast down during the ministry of Jesus.
 - i. Job - how could sinful Satan be in God's presence?
 - ii. Luke 10:18 - Jesus saw Satan cast down from Heaven like lightning.
 - iii. Rev 12:9 - Satan is cast down after the war in Heaven.
 - b. Common View: Satan rebelled before the Garden.
 - i. Satan tempted Adam & Eve to sin, versus James 1:13.
 - ii. Satan and the snake were punished.
 1. Crawling on his belly.
 2. Prophecy of enmity with the seed of the woman, head and heel bruising.
 - iii. ADVERSARY - the ACCUSER
 1. Job - slander, incitement, blame.
 - a. Sons of God presented themselves AND Satan.
 - b. Satan's realm or roaming was upon the earth, as with Adam & Eve.
 2. Opposed Michael the archangel in the dispute over Moses' body (Jude 9).
 3. David - Satan opposed Israel and David (1 Chron 21:1, taking advantage of 2 Sam 24:1f).
 4. Daniel - Gabriel needed help from Michael to fight against the prince of Persia (Dan 10).
 - c. Satan and his demons were cast into the Abyss awaiting Final Judgement.
 - i. 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6.
 - ii. Doesn't mean he doesn't have some access or influence (Rev 12).

1. Satan is a roaring lion whom we must resist (1 Peter 5:8f).
2. Why else would you need the full armor of God to stand firm against the schemes of the devil? (Eph 6:10f).

4. The Reach of Satan.

- a. Satan was cast out of Heaven after the Great Rebellion
- b. Satan and his demons were temporarily given more access to humanity during the ministry of Jesus.
 - i. Luke 10:18f.
 - ii. Progressive Parallelism the Book of Revelation.
 - iii. Revelation 9:1f.
 - iv. Revelation 12:1f.
 - v. Purpose: to demonstrate the sovereignty of Jesus.
- c. Satan and his demons were cast back into the Abyss by Jesus awaiting Final Judgement (Jhn 12:31-33).
 - i. Rev 20:1f.
 - ii. Luke 8:31.
 - iii. He will be Judged (Mt 25:41).
- d. The nature of evil is self-destructive.

5. The Promise - Romans 8:

- a. No demon possession today, thanks to Jesus defeating Satan.
- b. Without Apostles, what remedy would be available today?
- c. Satan is bound, restricted, or chained awaiting eternal punishment at the Final Judgement.
- d. Satan and his demons CANNOT overcome the Holy Spirit that is given to dwell in us.
- e. Satan, while restricted, does exist.
 - i. If you go looking for him, you'll find him!
 - ii. Like a viscous dog on a chain... bound, chained, restricted.
 1. Only has the power of deception to pull us in.
 2. Only had the power of deception in the Garden.