



## Are Demons Influencing Your Life?

**2 Corinthians 11:14: (NASB) *No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.***



Ours is a day of openness, availability and communication - sort of. We can stay in touch with friends and family on a moment by moment basis, follow news as it happens and even tap into the spirit world pretty much at will. Wait a minute...what? Tapping into the spirit world - is that something good or could it be horribly evil, even though it might look good? Stay with us as we look into a dimension beyond our own to find out what is really happening out there...

### Where do demons come from?


All angels and demons originate from God... This statement left by itself sounds bad! Let's look into how things got to where they are:

 **Death to the weak, *The Satanic Bible*, Anton LaVey**

- In this arid wilderness of steel and stone, I raise up my voice that you may hear. To the east and to the west I beckon. To the north and to the south I shall assign, proclaiming death to the weakling, wealth to the strong!*

**Ezekiel 28:13-17: (RVIC) (These verses are prophetically spoken to the King of Tyre, personifying Lucifer.)** <sup>13</sup>Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering..... <sup>14</sup>Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>15</sup>Thou wast perfect (complete) in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. <sup>16</sup>By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup>Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground;...

Satan was an anointed cherub, positioned on somewhat of a permanent basis to protect (cover) mankind. He was originally a magnificent, powerful and beautiful "morning star." This was the first negative spiritual impact we are told of in all of God's creation.

 **Exposed, Evil Demonic Spirits, Fox sisters (1848) (This is a reading of a sworn statement by Margaret Fox in 1848, Hydesville, NY, about a "haunted house.")**

- I then asked, is this a human being that answers my questions so correctly? There was no rap. I asked, is it a spirit? If it is, make two raps. Two sounds were given as soon as the request was made. I then said, if it was an injured spirit, make two raps. I asked, were you injured in this house? I ascertained by the same method that it was a man, age 31 years that he had been murdered in this house and his remains were buried in the cellar.*

### Satan influenced other "sons of God" towards rebellion:

**Genesis 6:1-5: (ASV)** <sup>1</sup>And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, <sup>2</sup>that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose.



Notice, it says the *sons of God* (not “angels” or “cherubim”) were dabbling in the lives of mankind of their own accord (desires) and were *not* messengers of God. Angels perform only God’s bidding only. These beings do not.

<sup>3</sup>And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for that he also is flesh: yet shall his days be a hundred and twenty years. <sup>4</sup>The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

They acted against not only the *will* of God but also the *design* of God. They mixed spirit with flesh and bore a hybrid race that did not belong.

<sup>5</sup>And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

This action brought the permeation of evil throughout humankind - an evil founded in not only *disobedience*, but also in *defiance* of the God ordained order of creation, bringing their dismissal.

### Why are demons involved with humanity?

#### Satan’s fall: (Actually it was more like a jump!)

Isaiah 14:12-14: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup>But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

Instead of protecting the garden of Eden, he ended up corrupting it! This arrogance created a spiritual sub-culture of power and dominion over the lesser creation! Satan’s original responsibility was to cover/protect the garden - he would now twist that position of protector to one of a dictatorial ruler.

God would not allow such sin to go unanswered but, as usual with many of God’s answers, the final outcome is not in place for a long time, though there is an immediate consequence in place. This is similar in process to the sentence given to Adam: *dying thou shalt die*. God did not take the earth away from Satan immediately. This time period would allow a lesson to be learned for all eternity of the exceedingly sinfulness of sin.

#### Pilot from season 1, *Bewitched* (Television show 1964-1972)

- *Once upon a time, there was a typical American girl who happened to bump into a typical, red-blooded American boy. And she bumped into him and bumped into him! So they decided they better sit down and talk this over before they had an accident. They became good friends. They found they had a lot of interests in common. And when the boy found the girl attractive, desirable, irresistible, he did what any red-blooded American boy would do...he asked her to marry him. Except, it so happens that this girl is a witch!*

Why is this clip important? It was a very wholesome introduction to witchcraft into our daily lives. It was demonic but something to be laughed at. It was widely accepted by taking witchcraft and making it “normal” in the American society.

It has gotten much worse since then!



Satan and his followers are imprisoned as a consequence to their betrayal. But what does this "imprisonment" look like?

**2 Peter 2:4:** (KJV) *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (**tartaroo**), and delivered them into chains of darkness, **to be reserved unto judgment**;*

The word "Tartaroo" is used only once in the New Testament. This word very closely resembles "tartarus," a word used in Grecian mythology as the name for a dark abyss or prison. But *tartaroo* seems to refer more to an act than to a place. The fall of the angels who sinned was from honor and dignity, into dishonor and condemnation, and the thought seems to be: "God spared not the angels who sinned, but degraded them."

*Chains of darkness* implies they are limited in movement.

**Jude 1:6-7:** (KJV) *<sup>6</sup>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**. <sup>7</sup>Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, **suffering the vengeance of eternal fire**.*

Not torture, but restraint. Notice the "angels" are kept (reserved) for judgment - not disposed of or yet punished... (See CQ Rewind Full Edition Bonus Material for notes on "vengeance of eternal fire.")

Satan was cast down from heaven to earth. His followers were cast down with him to darkness and restraint, in the context of earth. We notice that when willfulness is involved, God often lets that willfulness play out its course for us to learn lessons.

These evil beings still wield great power - the difference being their power can no longer access Godly righteousness, it can only draw from satanic influence.

### **Exposed, Evil Demonic Spirits, Fox Sisters (1848)**

- *This account was given by Mrs. Margaret Fox in Hydesville, New York, concerning events that transpired on March 31 of 1848 and describes the beginning of what many believe to be the birth of modern spiritism, the communication with spirits of the dead or beings from the other side of reality. While Mrs. Fox recorded the account, her daughters Cate and Margaretta were considered the real mediums of this encounter. The sisters claimed to have contacted a disembodied spirit they called Mr. Splitfoot.*

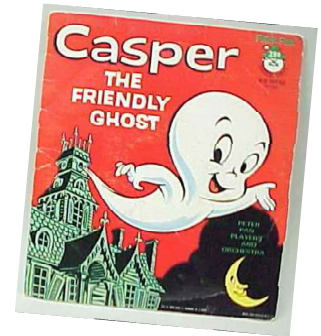


**Ephesians 6:10-12:** (NASB) *<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

This armor is given to us for protection. Satan and his followers are left to their own way, to influence the world they were once meant to protect, just as mankind was left to our own way to exercise our dominion over the world we were originally to care for! God allows rebelliousness, but only to a certain point. Right now we are in the middle of a rebellious stage.



These beings are much more powerful than we are and can influence men's hearts. We see the fruits of their work all around us. It is never positive, upbuilding or for the good of mankind. How does Satan's influence work into our lives? Small step by small step by small step. Satan gives us the ability to accept things that are dark and evil as normal and nice. We learn to accept demonic influence into our everyday life without questioning it.



### Is demon possession real? Yes!

Even though these spiritual beings were degraded from their positions of great light, it does not mean that they could not do harm - on the contrary, they would be able to influence and hurt - we know this because they themselves said so - "by their fruits ye shall know them."

These next two sets of scriptures give us a sense of how demon possession works:

Luke 4:33-36: (NRSV) <sup>33</sup>In the synagogue there was a man who **had** <2192> the spirit of an unclean **demon** <1140>, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God. <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be silent, and come **out** <1537> of him! When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out <575> of him without having done him any harm. <sup>36</sup>They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!

**Had:** Strong's #2192 ecw echo ekh'-o a primary verb; 1) to have, i.e. to hold, 1a) to have (hold) in the hand, in the sense of wearing, to have (hold) possession of the mind (refers to alarm, agitating emotions, etc.),

- The man is possessed/manipulated by an unclean spirit or influence, that of a demon.
- The "demon" comes out of him - Jesus commanded the demon to come **out** <1537> from and it literally fled from him (second word **out** in verse 36 <575>: off, away from)
- The demons are apparently aware of their future destruction.
- Jesus had the power to cast them out.

We need to be aware that demonic influence is surrounding us. This is Satan's world. God has not yet removed his authority. We need to be extremely careful and avoid demonic things in all cases!

 **Body found in 1904, Exposed, Evil Demonic Spirits, Fox Sisters (1848)**

- *The Fox Sisters began a movement that exploded in the 19th century, surrounded with much controversy. The sisters became rich and famous for a time, even traveling with the likes of P.T. Barnum of Barnum & Bailey Circus, as professional mediums. While skepticism and accusations of fraud surrounded them in their lifetime, 56 years later, on November 22, 1904, the*





*Boston Journal would report that the skeleton of the man supposed to have caused the rappings first heard by the Fox Sisters in 1848 had been found in the walls of the house occupied by the sisters and clears them from the only shadow of doubt held concerning their sincerity in the discovery of spirit communication.*

### Next, an example of how demons possess:

**Luke 8:26-31: (ASV)** <sup>26</sup>And they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is over against Galilee. <sup>27</sup>And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in any house, but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>And 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 the Most High God? I beseech thee, torment me not. <sup>29</sup>For he was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him: and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the demon into the deserts. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him. <sup>31</sup>And they entreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss.

- The man with the demons met Jesus and cried out to Jesus - perhaps showing how he wanted to be free, but was powerless to do so.
- The possessed man falls down before Jesus, showing Jesus was above the power of the demon.
- *Torment me not* - do not put me to the test of judgment. The word for torment is the "testing stone" used in marketplaces.
- Jesus asks for a name and the demon complies.
- The demons *entreated* Jesus - they asked for mercy, knowing they were being cast out.
- Jesus had the power to withstand a legion of demons and cast them out.
- The demons knew of their future destruction, the abyss.

Demons are present in our world and influence our world. They can wreak havoc in the lives of anyone who will allow them to. Our mental positioning either opens the door to their influence or closes that door. We have a choice and need to keep our lives clean of demonic influence!

### How does demon possession work?

**Matthew 17:18: (NASB)** And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.

## DEMONS ENTER:

**Entered:** Strong's #1525 eisercomai eiserchomai ice-er'-khom-ahee

1) to go out or come in: to enter 2) metaph. 2a) of entrance into any condition, state of things, society, employment 2a1) to arise, come into existence, begin to be, 2a2) of men, to come before the public 2a3) to come into life 2b) of thoughts that come into the mind



Luke 22:3-4: (NRSV) <sup>3</sup>Then Satan **entered <1525>** into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them.

We do not believe that Judas was "possessed," rather he had sold himself over to evil.

We should stay close to righteousness through the word of God. Be on the alert!

 **Beyonce admits demon possession? Beyonce**

- It was way better than I expected. Sasha is my alter-ego and when people hear me, sometimes I think that when they meet me and they speak with me, they are expecting Sasha and I'm really more reserved and nothing like Sasha. I guess I wouldn't be very entertaining on the stage until Sasha comes out, and she is fearless. She can do things that I cannot do when I'm in rehearsal. I remember right before I perform, I raise my hands up and it was kind of the first time I felt something else come into me and I knew that was going to be my coming out night for the BET Awards.*



A listener provided two Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:3: God's church eventually will judge angels. Hebrews 2:5: God would never again allow angels to do what they did at the time of the flood.

Two examples of entering <1525> that are not physical but mental:

Matthew 26:41: Watch and pray, that ye **enter <1525>** not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Hebrews 4:1: Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of **entering <1525>** into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

So, the entering/possession of a demon can be along the same lines as above - not a physical entering into a body, but a spiritual manipulation of a mind and a body. Who would they want to enter? Those who would not give them trouble!

## DEMONS POSSESS/CONTROL:

Three words for "demon" in the New Testament:

**Demon:** Strongs #1140 daimonion daimonion *dahee-mon'-ee-on*; a daemoniac being; by extension a deity:—devil, god. AV-devil 59, god 1; 60

**Demon:** Strongs #1142 daimwn daimon *dah'-ee-mown*; from daiw daio (to distribute fortunes); a daemon or supernatural spirit (of a bad nature):—devil. AV-devils 4, devil 1; 5

**Demon:** Strongs #1139 daimonizomai (*dahee-mon-id'-zom-ahee*); to be exercised by a daemon: 1) to be under the power of a demon.

The phrase *possessed with devils* is from #1139.



### Dawning of a new era, *Evil Demonic Spirits, Fox Sisters (1848)*

- *In the aftermath of the events in Hydesville, Margareta Fox would experience further encounters. Using the alphabet to communicate, she obtained the following message from a spirit who told her: Dear Friends, must proclaim this truth to the world. This is the dawning of a new era. You must not try to conceal it any longer. When you do your duty, God will protect you and good spirits will watch over you.*

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, but he is the father of lies.

### **Are ghosts really demons?**



Is there any Scripture that even hints at dead people becoming ghosts? No. We do not believe that ghosts are disembodied spirits of human beings. God did not "forget" to reveal this to us.

### Monument - there is no death, *Evil Demonic Spirits, Fox Sisters (1848)*

- *At the site of the Fox cottage, a monument was erected that said: "The birthplace of modern spiritualism. Upon this site stood the Hydesville Cottage, home of the Fox Sisters, through whose mediumship communication with the spirit world was established. March 31, 1848." The monument went on to say, "There is no death, there are no dead. Placed here December 5, 1927."*



This monument repeats Satan's original lie!

**God said:** Genesis 2:17: (RVIC) *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely begin to die.*

**Satan said:** Genesis 3:4: (RVIC) *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall surely not begin to die:*

**God declared:** Romans 6:23: (NASB) *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**We were warned:** 2 Corinthians 11:14: (NASB) *No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

So, if Satan can pose as an angel of light, he and his followers can certainly pose as "ghosts!"

**Demons seem to have a fixation on possessing and taking away our free will:**

Matthew 12:43-45: (NASB) <sup>43</sup>*Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. <sup>44</sup>Then it says, I will return to my house from which I came; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup>Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and*



*they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.*

Satan and his demons are looking for places to plant and flourish their influence. We want to close our minds to these things. We can choose godliness instead.

🔊 **Hang around after exiting, *Ghosts' Past Lives*, [iamjefferyallen.com](http://iamjefferyallen.com)**

- *When you do finally decide "it's my time, and I go through this Exit Door - I die" - your spirit leaves your body. You tend to spend a few weeks or a few months (it's different for each individual) around the body and kind of near the people you were close to in this life. And this is the time where people will feel you. If you have loved ones that died, you know they kind of hang out for a little while. You may feel they are talking to you or that you can sense their presence. You may even smell a familiar smell that was with them, and you kind of know that they are there. At some point you notice they have moved on - they are not here anymore. And that's because it's true. The spirits, after you die, hang out a little bit and kind of point things out, work with your loved ones, finish any energy, and after you leave your body you have a bigger perspective on what's happening.*

If this person is claiming to communicate with the dead, this is a dark and evil spirit connection. These demonic spirits have been around mankind. They know history. They know every person and their experiences. As gullible human beings, we can be convinced easily. There is a much larger power at work here. It is the classic battle of good and evil, and evil will do anything to override good - even disguise itself as good to get your trust.

Once again, ghosts are not disembodied spirits of human beings. If there is a spiritual connection or communication with a ghost, it is a dark, evil spiritual influence masquerading as a lost loved one. Avoid this at all costs - they are trying to gain your trust and have you become vulnerable.

**Matthew 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** <1139>,*

Demonic power is not satisfied unless it is able to control.

## DEMONS ARE ONLY CAPABLE OF EVIL:

**Jude 1:6:** (NRSV) *And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great Day.*

**2 Peter 2:4:** (NRSV) *For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment;*

**1 Peter 3:19-20:** (NRSV) <sup>19</sup>*in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,* <sup>20</sup>*who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.*





The fact that these demons are restrained in chains of darkness and their power and influence is under constant guard indicates that they have absolutely no power for good, for they are locked out of the source of all good.

James 1:17: (NRSV) *Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

#### Observations about the objective of demonic possession:

- To control;
- To manipulate;
- To seize and drive that which it possesses;
- Solely for its own purposes;
- Never for the benefit of the one possessed; and
- Only capable of producing evil results. Evil begets evil.

#### Can we live in a demon-free zone?



The good news is that we have a better understanding of demon possession. The bad news is that demons do NOT have to possess to have evil influence!!!

#### To get to the demon-free zone:

##### 1. Know that this is a battle MUCH bigger than you or I can fight:

Ephesians 6:12: (KJV) *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.*

##### 2. Know that they know!

James 2:19: (ASV) *Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder.*

God created these beings who turned evil after they were given the ability to choose. They did not forget their origins, however, and they know they are fighting a battle.

##### 3. Set your mind to firm and final resistance:

1 Peter 5:8-9: (NKJV) *<sup>8</sup>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

Have your Christian faith support you.



**Charmed and dangerous, Charmed (Television show 1998-2006)**

- *This is about a premonition that I just had that I don't want Cole to know about...I just saw him jump in front of a demon to take a fireball for me.*



- *What kind of demon?*
- *One with half a face. So we have to figure out who the demon is and vanquish him...*
- *The Source probably sent the demon...*

We have been essentially brainwashed by Satan and his minions to accept spiritual wickedness, as if this is how life is supposed to be. Beware the subtlety of sin and darkness!

#### 4. Arm yourself:



**Ephesians 6:13-18:** (NKJV) <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Don't be vulnerable)

- <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, (What do you trust? The Scriptures.)
- *having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (Always be seeking to do right in a godly fashion, not just what feels right.)*
- <sup>15</sup>and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (This must be what our lives are about. Our minds are set on where our feet are going.)
- <sup>16</sup>above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (Notice you can pick up or put down faith.)
- <sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, (This protects our mind.)
- *and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; (We offensively fight with the word of God.)*
- <sup>18</sup>praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (We work together to arm ourselves.)

#### 5. Claim the promises of protection:

**Psalms 91:3-5:** (NASB) <sup>3</sup>For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. <sup>5</sup>You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day;

#### 6. Remember how the story ends:

**Satan is to be bound during the 1,000 years of Christ's reign:**

**Revelation 20:1-3:** (KJV) <sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>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.

... and he is then destroyed!



**Revelation 20:10: (RVIC)** *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be put to the test day and night for ever and ever.*

What will our position be when we are faced with demonic influences that permeate the world around us? You have a choice! Our fear can create courage in the greatness of the Creator of the Universe willing to grant us protection through Christ and the Holy Word of God. We can stand against these evil things and resist with faith. God has this all in His hands. Evil can prevail for a time, but not forever. Be aware of it and get away from it!

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For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...  
Think about it...!*



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### **A bit of background on the 1848 events and the Fox Sisters:**

(Source: Wikipedia)

The Fox sisters were three sisters from New York who played an important role in the creation of Spiritualism. The three sisters were Leah Fox (1814-1890), Margaret Fox (also called Maggie) (1833-1893) and Kate Fox (1837-1892). The two younger sisters used "rappings" to convince their much older sister and others that they were communicating with spirits. Their older sister then took charge of them and managed their careers for some time. They all enjoyed success as mediums for many years.

In 1888 Margaret confessed that their rappings had been a hoax and publicly demonstrated their method. She attempted to recant her confession the next year, but their reputation was ruined and in less than five years they were all dead, with Margaret and Kate dying in abject poverty. Spiritualism continued as if the confessions of the Fox sisters had never happened. "This pattern of confession followed by retraction, which is not uncommon, has supplied both spiritualists and skeptics with material to support their case, so controversy never ends."

Later years: Over the years, sisters Kate and Margaret had developed serious drinking problems. Around 1888 they became embroiled in a quarrel with their sister Leah and other leading Spiritualists, who were concerned that Kate was drinking too much to care properly for her children. At the same time, Margaret, contemplating a return to the Roman Catholic faith, became convinced that her powers were diabolical.



Eager to harm Leah as much as possible, the two sisters traveled to New York City, where a reporter offered \$1,500 if they would "expose" their methods and give him an exclusive on the story. Margaret appeared publicly at the New York Academy of Music on October 21, 1888, with Kate present. Before an audience of 2,000, Margaret demonstrated how she could produce - at will - raps audible throughout the theater. Doctors from the audience came on stage to verify that the cracking of her toe joints was the source of the sound.

**The Body in the Cellar:** In 1904, the body associated with the peddler spirit was supposedly found in the cellar when a false wall fell down. The Boston Journal published a story about the discovery on November 22, 1904. The tin box of the peddler was found in the cellar and is now in the Lily Dale Museum. Skeptic researcher Joe Nickell concluded after researching the box and the primary sources of the bones that they constituted further hoaxing. The bones were, at least in part, those of animals. There has been no confirmation that the peddler existed. Also, the alleged false wall appears to be due to an expansion of the foundation, not concealment of a secret grave.

Jude 1:6-7: *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. <sup>7</sup>Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, **suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.***

*Suffering the vengeance of eternal fire: Is this eternal torture? No!!!*

*Why? It takes place in the context of Judgment Day - look at the following:*

Matthew 11:24: *But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of **judgment <2920>**, than for thee.*

*Of eternal: Fire whose effects were eternal. Greek: "aionios" age-lasting.*

*Even the Sodomites, who are held up as an example of wickedness, and as suffering the vengeance of the eternal fire, are to share in the restitution.*

*fire: A symbol of destruction. Utter destruction, not eternal torment.*

*Everlasting destruction or second death.*

*The vengeance of eternal fire could not possibly mean what it sounds like because Sodom will have a "more tolerable" time in the Day of Judgment:*

Matthew 11:22: *But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of **judgment <2920>**, than for you.*

Matthew 11:24: *But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of **judgment <2920>**, than for thee.*

**Judgment:** Strong's #2920: 1) a separating, sundering, separation 1a) a trial, contest 2) selection 3) judgment 3a) opinion or decision given concerning anything

**Psalm 91 in its entirety - read it and see how carefully protected those are who dwell "under His wings:"**

Psalms 91:1-16: (NKJV) *<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; My*





God, in Him I will trust. <sup>3</sup>*Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.* <sup>4</sup>*He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.* <sup>5</sup>*You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,* <sup>6</sup>*Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.* <sup>7</sup>*A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.* <sup>8</sup>*Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.* <sup>9</sup>*Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,* <sup>10</sup>*No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;* <sup>11</sup>*For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.* <sup>12</sup>*In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.* <sup>13</sup>*You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.* <sup>14</sup>*Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.* <sup>15</sup>*He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.* <sup>16</sup>*With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.*