

# How Do Demons Influence Our World?

**Luke 4:33-34:** (NASB) <sup>33</sup>*In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth?*



We really are messed up. Just look around us and observe the kinds of things we call entertainment, and it quickly becomes obvious that human minds have an unhealthy fascination with the powers of darkness. How many movies, TV shows and online series and stories focus on dark, spiritual power? How many depictions of Satan and his demons do we see and shudder at? Computer generated imagery can absolutely bring these things to life. Once we begin going down the imaginary road of what the demonic world might look and feel like, it is just one more

small step before we accept this imagery as a reality that is "kind of cool." News flash - there is NOTHING cool about evil!

 **Haunted, A Scientific Approach to the Paranormal, Carrie Poppy, TEDx**

- *Eight years ago, I was haunted by an evil spirit. I was 25 at the time and I was living in a tiny house behind someone else's house in Los Angeles. It was this guesthouse. It had kind of been dilapidated, not taken care of for a long time. And one night I was sitting there, and I got this really spooky feeling, kind of the feeling like you're being watched. But no one was there except my two dogs, and they were just chewing their feet. I started to feel this pressure in my chest, sort of like the feeling when you get bad news. But it started to sink lower and lower and almost hurt. And over the course of that week this feeling got worse and worse, and I started to become convinced that something was there in my little guesthouse, haunting me. And I started to hear these sounds, this "whoosh," kind of whisper, like something passing through me. I called my best friend, Claire, and I said, "I know this is going to sound crazy, but, I think there's a ghost in my house, and I need to get rid of it."*

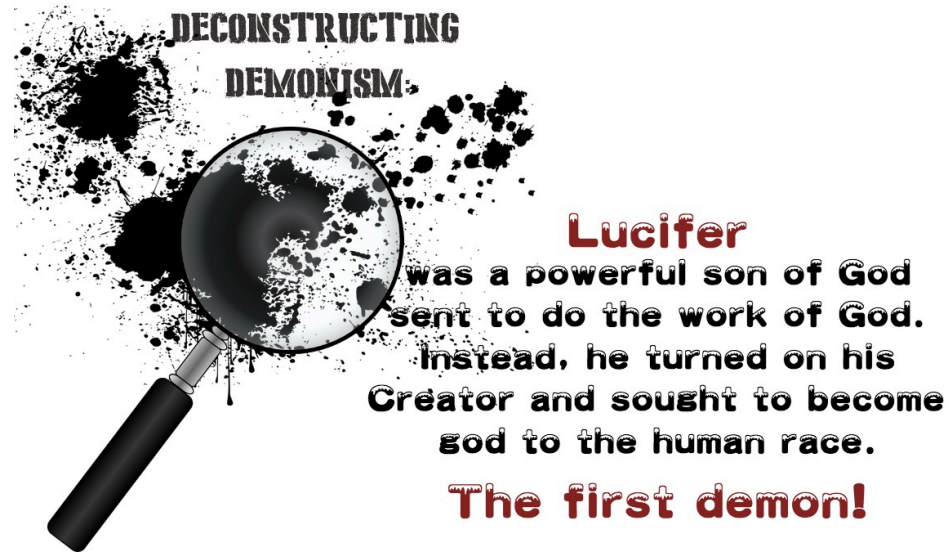


We will unfold Carrie's story as we go.

**Where did demons originate? Satan was the first spiritual influence to turn demonic:**

**Ezekiel 28:13-17:** (RVIC) (These verses were prophetically spoken to the King of Tyre) <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. (God placed Lucifer in a high and respected position in Eden.)* <sup>15</sup>*Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee...* <sup>16</sup>*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.*

Lucifer was a *cherub*, positioned to protect (cover) the Garden of Eden. He was originally a magnificent, powerful and beautiful "morning star." His beauty, power and glory became a temptation for him. Pride took over his heart, and he became demonic because he rebelled against God.



The usurpation of God's authority is the beginning of demonism.

After Lucifer, others followed. Satan, in his power, 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.

The *sons of God* (not "angels") were dabbling in the lives of mankind of their own desires and therefore had ceased to be messengers of God:

<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. (This is where Greek mythology stems from.)

The *sons of God* were not angels because they were not messengers of God. They were meddling in the affairs of humanity.

For more on angels, please see October 15, 2018, CQ Episode 1043: "How Do Angels Help Us in Daily Life?"

They acted against not only the will of God but the design of God as well, creating a hybrid race that did not belong, by joining spirit beings with fleshly ones.

It was far outside of the "very good" creation of God:

<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.

The sons of God influenced humanity and chose evil. 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, which brought their dismissal.



Rebellion and defiance!

There are rebels within the heavenly host.  
What does God do about them? Do they get away with it?

God ALWAYS has sin and rebellion firmly in His control, though to us it looks like it is exactly the opposite. We see the darkness and its diabolical results and feel like there is no way out. God sees the big picture, and while He does let evil have its day, His wayward heavenly sons do lose privileges.

 Cleansing failure, *A Scientific Approach to the Paranormal*, Carrie Poppy, TEDx

- *She's very open-minded. And she said, "I don't think you're crazy. I think you just need to do a cleansing ritual. So, get some sage and burn it, and tell it to go away." So, I said, "okay," and I went, and I bought sage. I had never done this before, so I set the sage on fire, waved it about, and said, "Go away! This is my house! I live here. You don't live here!" But the feeling stayed. Nothing got better. And then I started to think, "Okay, well now this thing is probably just laughing at me, because it hasn't left, and I probably just look like this impotent, powerless thing that couldn't get it to go away." So, every day I'd come home and you guys, this feeling got so bad that - I mean, I'm laughing at it now - but I would sit there in bed and cry every night. And the feeling on my chest got worse and worse. It was physically painful.*



Consequences were given to the spirit beings who followed in Satan's rebellious footsteps:

2 Peter 2:4: (RVIC) *For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to tartaroo, and committed them to chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

These who sinned were *cast down* and out of the light of God's presence, limiting their power and influence, but *not* removing all of their ability.

Why did God not just destroy them? God always gives a perpetrator of evil a chance for their choice to be corrected. Even if they do not take it, their experience will be an eternal example.



Trish: Was God surprised by these turns of events?

No. God knows the power of choice and it all works out within His plan to allow evil, so it can be seen and experienced and put away forever. Satan's experience will be an example for all eternity.

*Jude 1:6-7: (Rotherham) <sup>6</sup>Messengers also, even them who had not kept their own principality, but had forsaken their proper dwelling, unto the judgment of the great day in perpetual bonds under thick gloom, hath he reserved. <sup>7</sup>As, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having in like manner to these given themselves over to fornication, and gone away after other kind of flesh, lie exposed as an example, a penalty of age-abiding fire, undergoing.*



What is this *tartaroo* anyway? Is it a place? A condition? Is it where demons live?

*Tartaroo*, often translated hell, sometimes translated *tartarus*, is only used once in Scripture. The Scriptures describe what it is.

**Tartaroo:** Strong's #5020 *tartaroo* (the deepest abyss of hell); cast down to hell

The word is a verb; therefore, it is NOT a place but more of an action. Deep abyss is a symbol of deep darkness:

- 2 Peter 2:4 - Sinful angels were sent to the condition of darkness - chains of darkness - reserved for judgment
- Jude 1:6 - Sinful angels forsook their proper rank - now in perpetual bonds - in darkness

Tartaroo explains the conditions of those bonds or restraints. The sinning demons were cast out of God's heavenly light into a condition of darkness and limitation.

For more on hell and tartaroo, please see June 25, 2018, CQ Episode 1027: "Is the Hell of Christian Tradition Taught in the Bible? (Part III)"

**DECONSTRUCTING  
DEMONISM**

**God has severely stifled those  
who rebelled against Him.**

**In this limited state they are  
still capable of wreaking  
havoc, but their havoc is on a  
much smaller scale.**







Demons cannot produce the same kind of havoc they produced in the past. They are trying to break out of their restraints and grab onto power which makes them more insidious.

1 Peter 3:18-20: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>*For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that he might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;*

**Notice the focus here - Jesus righteously died for sin and was righteously raised in power. Satan was grabbing after higher power, but Jesus earned higher power:**

<sup>19</sup>*in which also he went and made proclamation to the spirits now in **prison** <5438>*,

Jesus did not go to the prison house to witness to the demons. Jesus' actions - his death and resurrection - and God's responses to his actions were a witness to the fallen angels. He showed them God's plan, God's power and God's authority. Jesus did not just die for us. The ransom was *not* for spirit beings, but Jesus provided them the opportunity through observation. They were given the opportunity to repent.

<sup>20</sup>*who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.*

**Prison:** Strong's #5438 *phulake* a guarding or (concretely, guard), the act, the person; figuratively, the place, the condition, or (specifically) the time (as a division of day or night), literally or figuratively

These once bright and shining *sons of God* are now followers of Satan, relegated to the shadows of earth, but still powerful and influential.

What do they want with us?





## Even though demons are limited, what do they do to influence humanity, and how do they do it?

Here is where it really gets sobering. Now we are going to look squarely at the power and influence that demons have. This power and influence can be both subtle and overt as we will see in a few examples of how they operated in biblical times. What we see in the Bible is a warning for us all.

 ***Poisoning detected, A Scientific Approach to the Paranormal, Carrie Poppy, TEDx***

- So finally, I got on the internet, and I Googled "hauntings." And I came upon this forum of ghost hunters. But these were a special kind of ghost hunters - they were skeptics. They believed that every case of ghosts that they had investigated so far had been explained away by science. And I was like, "Okay, smart guys, this is what's happening to me, and if you have an explanation for me, I would love to hear it." And one of them said, "Okay. Have you heard of carbon monoxide poisoning?" And I said, "Yeah. Like, gas poisoning?" Carbon monoxide poisoning is when you have a gas leak leaking into your home. I looked it up, and the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include a pressure on your chest, auditory hallucinations - "whoosh" and an unexplained feeling of dread. So that night, I called the gas company. I said, "I have an emergency. I need you to come out. I don't want to get into the story now, but I need you to come out." They came out. I said, "I suspect a gas leak." They brought their carbon monoxide detector, and the man said, "It's a really good thing that you called us tonight, because you could have been dead very soon."*



The reality was that "the haunting" was a gas leak in her house. We live in a world where some people want to have a demonic influence around them. Some love to toy with it and be exhilarated by being spooked and scared. We should never walk towards darkness.

### **Demons manipulate some people giving others opportunity to profit from it:**

**Acts 16:16-18:** (NASB) <sup>16</sup>*It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation. <sup>18</sup>She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And it came out at that very moment.*

Paul reacted to the truth this demon-possessed woman spoke because he wanted the gospel he preached to have NO part of anything that comes from darkness - even if it is truth. He freed the woman from demon possession which cost her masters their income and Paul was thrown into prison.

We should never want the light of God's truth to ever be confused with or proclaimed through channels of darkness!



## DECONSTRUCTING DEMONISM

DEMONS CLEARLY HAVE  
NO RESPECT FOR HUMANS.  
THEY ARE ONLY ABOUT  
**POWER!**

**Demons possess humans - never to any good end:**

Luke 4:31-37: (NASB) <sup>31</sup>And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and he was teaching them on the Sabbath; <sup>32</sup>and they were amazed at his teaching, for his message was with authority.

Jesus must have been speaking plainly about his representation of God and the kingdom.

**Perhaps Jesus knew the possessed man in the audience was there and sought to challenge the demon's influence:**

<sup>33</sup>In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!

**The demon-possessed man speaks up as the demonic influence knows the danger it is facing:**

<sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet and **come out <1537>** of him! And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, he **came out <575>** of him without doing him any harm.

Jesus continues his authoritative approach - *be quiet*.

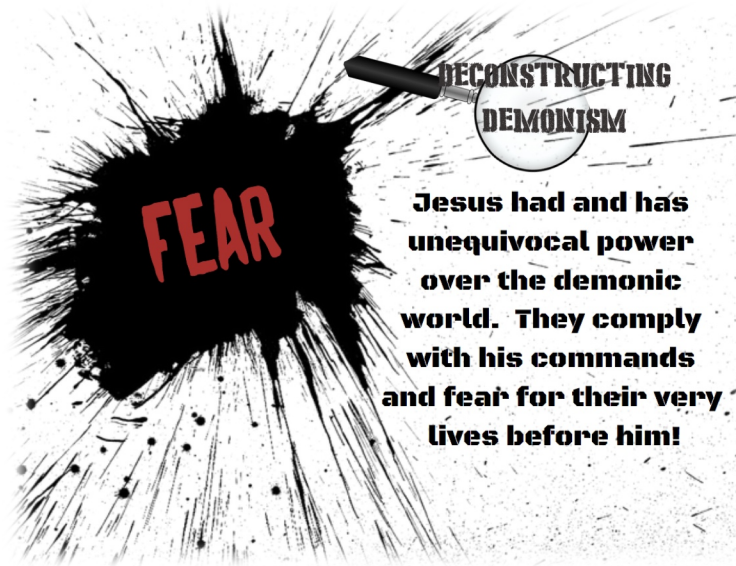
(Source: Bible commentary by Matthew Henry) Christ has the devil under check: He rebuked him, saying, "Hold thy peace"; and this word he spoke with power; "Be muzzled." Christ did not only enjoin him silence, but stopped his mouth, and forced him to be silent against his will.

**Come out of him** - the demonic influence comes out of him - Jesus commanded it to **come out <1537>** (out from) and it fled from him - (second word **out <575>** in verse 36.)

The demon left the man and ran away.

<sup>36</sup>And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, What is this message? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits and they **come out <575>**. <sup>37</sup>And the report about him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district.

The overriding theme of this event is Jesus has authority over the powers that defile God's creation. Satan poses as an angel of light through many ways, so we must be careful. We must not mess with the powers of the spirit world.



Why do demons want to possess human beings?  
What do they gain by it? Is it only about power?

The fact that these demons are restrained in chains of darkness and their power and influence are under constant guard indicates they have no power for good, for they are locked out of all heavenly sources of good. Aside from power, there may be some other factors in their possession of individuals. Consider the idea of mimicking God above - is that not what Satan was all about?

**We know God bestows His spirit, His power and influence upon His chosen followers:**

1 John 4:12-13: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

The gift of God's spirit working in the lives of God's chosen was evident throughout Old and New Testament times. The gift of begetting Jesus' true followers with God's spirit was and is evident now in the age of the gospel. Satan and his demons seek to mimic this because Satan cannot beget anyone with his spirit, so he must possess them. Demons **enter**:

- Entered:** Strongs #1525 *eisrchomai* 1) to go out or come in: to enter  
a) of men or animals, as into a house or a city b) of Satan taking possession of the body of a person c) of things: as food, that enters into the eater's mouth  
2) metaphorically of entrance into any condition, state of things, society, employment  
i) to arise, come into existence, begin to be ii) of men, to come before the public  
iii) to come into life b) 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 allowed his heart to be under the influence of Satan. The lesson? Satan's mere influence can lead to our betraying our Lord. Beware!





### Science wins, *A Scientific Approach to the Paranormal*, Carrie Poppy, TEDx

- *So that haunting story has led me to my job. I'm an investigator, and I'm an investigator in two senses: I'm an investigative journalist, and I'm also an investigator of the claims of the paranormal and claims of the spiritual. And that means a few things. Sometimes that means that I'm pretending to need an exorcism, so I can go to an exorcist and see if he's using gimmicks or psychological tricks to try to convince someone that they're possessed. Sometimes that means I'm going undercover in a fringe group which I report on for a podcast that I co-host. And I've done over 70 investigations like this with my co-host, Ross. I would love to tell you that nine times out of 10, science wins, saves the day, it's all explained. That's not true. The truth is, 10 times out of 10, science wins, it saves the day.*

So much is explainable. Demons do exist, but their existence is not as overt as everyone would like to think it is. Mental illness and drug addiction can also exhibit the same symptoms of demon possession.

Demons possess and control; this is something that they seem to do well and crave.

**Possessed with a devil:** Strong's #1139 *daimonizomai* to be exercised by a daemon: to be under the power of a demon

Matthew 15:22: (KJV) *And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously **vexed with a devil** <1139>.*

Demons manipulate for their own pleasure. This woman was not a Jew but came to Jesus in desperation, obviously hearing of his authority, and Jesus granted her request without even going to see her daughter.

We have nothing to fear if we stay in the righteous light of God's wisdom and truth. Perhaps because of their dark restraints, demons have an unquenchable longing for any connection with the light of God's creation.

### Jesus gives us insight into the demonic mind:

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. (This indicates their limited power.)

### Once relief is found, they seek to bring that relief to others' darkness:

<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.

When we fill our minds with righteousness, goodness and godliness we are occupied. "Permission to enter" is possible when we do not have righteousness occupying our minds.




**Trish:** Do chains of darkness mean demons are limited in their influence on humanity?

They are limited compared to what they did in Noah's time when they materialized and procreated a mutant race. They can still be dangerous, mostly to our minds.



Obviously demonic influence is destructive.  
How do we make sure we do not ever get caught up in it?

The whole point of talking about this frightening subject is to help us to be aware, for the world around us is far too welcoming when it comes to the powers of darkness. Because these powers have been around for so long we can be sure that God's protection from them has been there as well.

-  Two types of truth, *A Scientific Approach to the Paranormal*, Carrie Poppy, TEDx
- Now, I believe there are two kinds of truth, and it's taken me a while to get to this place, but I think this is right, so hear me out. I think there is outer truth and there's inner truth. So, if you say to me, "There was a man named Jesus and he once existed," that's outer truth, right? And we can go and look at the historical record. We can determine whether that seems to be true. And I would argue, it does seem to be true. If you say, "Jesus rose from the dead," ooh, trickier. I would say that's an outer-truth claim, because he physically rose, or he didn't. I'm not going to get into whether he rose, or he didn't, but I would say that's an outer truth claim. It happened, or it didn't happen. But if you say, "I don't care whether he rose from the dead. It's symbolically important to me, and that metaphor is so meaningful, so purposeful to me, and I'm not going to try to persuade you of it." Now you've moved it from outer truth to inner truth, from science to art. And I think we have a tendency to not be clear about this, to try to move our inner truths to outer truths, or to not be fair about it to each other, and when people are telling us their inner truths, to try to make them defend them by outer truth standards.

The inner truths we have in our lives sometimes are the perceptions of the reality and what we deem to be important. Often, we put other things aside that are not important at the time. That becomes an inner truth and guiding light. Sometimes that guiding light *is not actual truth*. We must be careful.

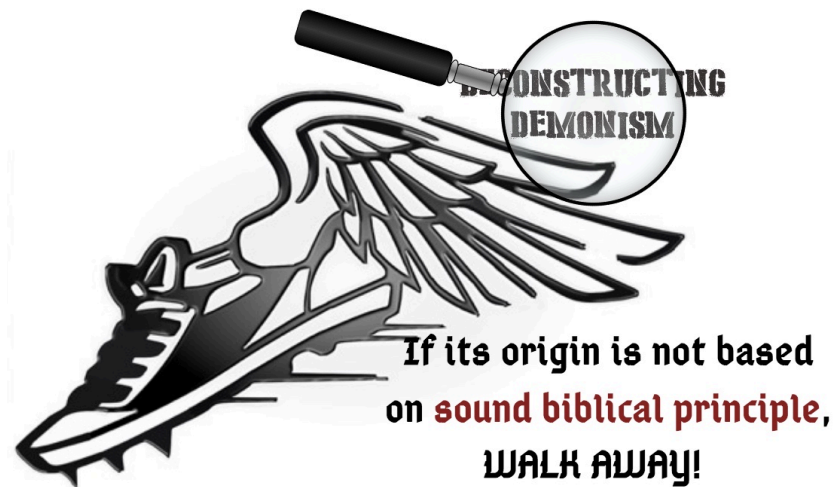
As Christians, we believe, the outer truth is demons exist. They are fallen from God's heavenly creation. They are in darkness with restraints but still have influence. Therefore, we must have healthy respect for that fact and stay away from such darkness and not give it permission to be part of our life.

**God's protection was made plain when the Jewish Law was established:**

Deuteronomy 18:9-12: (NASB) <sup>9</sup>When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. <sup>10</sup>There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, <sup>11</sup>or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. <sup>12</sup>For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

God listed all the things they were to stay away from even before they arrived in the Promised Land.

God created us. The first commandments state, "Thou shall have no other gods before Me" and "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." Do not make a mockery of the Creator by worshiping darkness instead of the Creator.



**New Testament warnings focus us on having an awareness of Satan and his objectives:**

1 Peter 5:6-9: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour (a roaring lion has a head start by freezing its prey). <sup>9</sup>But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.



**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.



**Stand in God's protection.  
We fight with God's strength and  
His full body armor,  
for our enemy is far too big for us!**

**Objective reality, A Scientific Approach to the Paranormal, Carrie Poppy, TEDx**

- So, I'm talking here about outer truth, about objective things. And there was an objective reality in my haunted house, right? Now that I've told you about the gas leak, I doubt a single person here would be like, "I still think there was a ghost, too," because as soon as we have these scientific explanations, we know to give up the ghost. We use these things as stopgaps for things that we can't explain. We don't believe them because of evidence; we believe them because of a lack of evidence.

The objective reality if we are following after Christ - we have protection.

What forms of demonic influence do we need to avoid besides "possession"?

Modern-day dalliances include spirit guides, tarot cards, Ouija boards, palm readings, horoscopes and "ghost hunting." Seeking these, even as a curiosity, invites destruction into your life.

**James 4:4, 7-8: (NASB)** <sup>4</sup>You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God... <sup>7</sup>Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



**DECONSTRUCTING  
DEMONISM**

**Stand in God's protection.  
Stand in single-minded loyal  
resistance to the devil  
and he will give up on you!  
God is always greater!**





Single-minded loyal resistance is what it takes to win this battle. We cannot win it by ourselves - we need the power of God through Christ and the holy Scriptures. *Resist the devil and he will flee from you.* Jesus had power over demonic beings because he was God's son.

*So, how do demons influence our world?  
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...  
Think about it...!*



Join us next week for our podcast on October 29, 2018:  
Ep. #1045: "Can Zombies Possibly be Real?"

### Bonus Material!

*Never open the door to a lesser evil, for other and greater ones invariably slink in after it.*  
— *Baltasar Gracian*

*It is not good practice to become intrigued by Satan and his mysteries. No good can come from getting close to evil.* — *James E. Faust*

How can one escape all of this?

### REALIZE THE SOURCE OF WHAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO:

MY THOUGHTS,  
MY FEELINGS,  
THE EXPERIENCES  
OF OTHERS



THE HOLY BIBLE -  
A BOOK OF HISTORY,  
SCIENCE, PROPHECY,  
DIRECTION AND GOD'S WILL

1 John 4:1: (NASB) *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

**Realize that the demons do know the power and might of God the Creator:**

James 2:19: (NASB) *You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.*

**Accept the power and might that God has given to the name of Jesus:**

Philippians 2:9-11: (NASB) *<sup>9</sup>For this reason also, God highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



**Remember that prayer brings peace and protection:**

Philippians 4:6-7: (NASB) *<sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Know that Satan's reign of terror is temporary:**

Hebrews 2:14: (NASB) *Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death he might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

**Be inspired by the fact that evil cannot win - 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.*

**Then Satan will be 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.*

**Jesus' compassion in this text regarding the demonic possession of a non-Jewish child is inspiring. Notice how he does not even have to face the demon. That is authority:**

Matthew 15:21-28: (NASB) *<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed. <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and implored him, saying, Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us. <sup>24</sup>But he answered and said, I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>25</sup>But she came and began to bow down before him, saying, Lord, help me! <sup>26</sup>And he answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs. <sup>27</sup>But she said, Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said to her, O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish. And her daughter was healed at once.*

