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SPIRITUAL WARFARE Prolog

SW: SFaRfSoABT:	
Spiritual Warfare: Spiritual Force are Responsible for Some or All Bad TI Some believe that demons, or Satan himself, is resp This is based mostly upon Ephesians 6:12:	onsible for individual wrongs.
"For we not against	, but against
"For we not against, against, against, against, against, against hosts of Wrestle, Flesh and Blood, Principalities, Powers, Rulers, Spiritual Wicked	against the of the
darkness of this world, against hosts of	in heavenly places."
Wrestle, Flesh and Blood, Principalities, Powers, Rulers, Spiritual Wicked	ness
Does that say that demons are responsible for our v	vrong thoughts and actions? Some think that it
leads to that conclusion, and they teach accordingly	, believe accordingly, and live accordinglyBUI
James 1:14-15 - "Every man is tempted when he and enticed. Then when has consistent sits finished, it brings forth	s drawn away by
and enticed. Then when has con	ceived, it brings forth, and when
is finished, it brings forth	·
His Own Lust, Lust, Sin, Sin, Death The Bible is saying that our sin is OF	
Our Fault	Inat's good news! Why? Because
FiP,BiW:	
Fault is Power. Blaming is Weakness	
Just to drive the point home, James 1:16 adds: "_	my beloved brethren."
Do Not Err Dornita have aften the Pible helds us responsible for	or our own sin some people think that wrong
Despite how often the Bible holds us responsible for	
behavior is evidence of "Spiritual Warfare" - a "do money problems. Some people believe in generation	
ancestors explains your problem today. You are no	
	_
What about Ephesians 6:13? Let's look at it again,	this time with 6:11 and 6:13
Ephesians 6:11-13 - "Put on the whole	, that you may be able to stand
against the of the	For we
not against, but a	gainst, agains
, against the	_ of the darkness of this world, against hosts of
whole, against the, that yo having done all, to stand."	in heavenly places. Therefore put on the
whole, that yo	u may be able to withstand in the evil day, and
Armor of God, Stand, Wiles/Schemes, Devil, Wrestle, Flesh and Blood, P.	ringinalities Dawars Pulars Spiritual Wickedness Amer of God
Is the AoG	literal armor or metaphorical armor?
Armor of God	-
The rest of the passage tells us that it includes T: _	, R:
P:, F:	, S:,
The rest of the passage tells us that it includes T:P:, F:	
Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Faith, Salvation, Spirit: The Word of God	los the American of Cod what does it means
If the "Battle" in Ephesians 6:12 is as metaphorical	This was the Cross Doman Wrestling of
W/B:P: the day, a contest in which the goal was the pin the	This was the Greco-Roman Wrestling of
Wrestle/Battle: Pale	opponent.
	or People. So it is a Wrestling Match, but not
against People. They were not fighting against peo	
Flesh and Blood	
P:A:	- First in a Series, Principle, Politically,
Principalities are ruled by Princes. That's where the	
the root word for Principles. We are fighting wron Principalities: Arche.	g principles.

P:E : Ability to do what one pleases, or make others do a
P:E: Ability to do what one pleases, or make others do a thing by virtue of authority. To exercise authority, one must have have right to authority.
Powers: Exousia RoDotW: KStA:
"Rulers" is sometimes used of human rulers, but Rulers of Darkness more commonly refers to the
Angel of Death or Satan, to Supernatural Rule Makers. Darkness here is Spiritual Darkness,
which, for us, would mean "being in the dark" on Truth at the GRPO level. "The World" means
"this age" or "this system."
Rulers of the Darkness of the World:Kosmoskrator Skotos toutou Aion.
RMR,aRMiaR: Rulers Make Rules, a Rule Maker is a Ruler
HoSWiHP:PPEE:
Hosts is an Army or a Large Group. Spiritual is GRPO. Wickedness is knowingly wrong missing
the bullseye. Heavenly Places is Heaven or Celestial. This would be a large force of wicked
GRPO being passed off as Divine Truth, claiming that Heaven is governed by this wickedness. Hosts of Spiritual Wickedness in Heavenly Places: Pneumatikos Poneria en Epouranios
IF THE PROBLEM WAS SPIRITS, WHY ARE THE EPISTLES ABOUT TRUTH?
They were correcting a wrong GC:
They were correcting wrong RB:
Religious Beliefs.
They were correcting wrong P: Principles.
They were correcting wrong WoDwP:
Ways of Dealing with People.
If the problem was Spiritual Warfare, then why were the Epistles written for correction?
Why weren't the Epistles written to train the leaders in Spiritual Warfare?
WHAT IF IT IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE?
James 4:7 - ""
"Resist" is withstanding or putting up a fight. "Flee" means he needs to run away from you -
that he must seek safety by escaping from you. Resist the Devil and he will Flee
Ephesians 6:11 - "
"Wiles" is methodeia - schemes, deceptions, tricks.
Stand Against the Wiles of the Devil Ephesians 4:27 - "
"Give Place" is like deeding real estate. The implication is that if the Devil is a problem for
Christians, it is because Christians "provided a place" for him. Which is Our Fault and FiP.
Neither Give Place to the Devil
THREE LEVELS OF "SPIRITUAL WARFARE"
1. TN:: When it is not Spiritual Warfare, it is Principles.
The Normal This is a common area in which we have "Spirit Problems" (GRPO), and diagnosing the problem
as "Supernatural Spiritual Warfare" is dangerous and counter-productive.
2. TDNM: Either Normal or SuperNormal, but it does not matter because no matter the Results are the Same AND the Solution is the Same.
The Does Not Matter
This is another common area in which it whether or not there really are spirits involved is irrelevant.
Why happens and why it happens is the same. What you do about it is the same.
3. TSN: When it IS Spiritual Warfare and it does matter.
The Supernormal
This is far, far rarer than the "Spiritual Warfare" crowd might like to believe, and it can be scary.
GIVING POWER TO THE DEVIL
There is a Devil. He has an agenda revealed in Isaiah 14:12-14. He wants to be like God.
Ascribing to Satan and demons powers they do not have glorifies them and helps Satan's agenda.
Why would Christians do that? Because Christians are as human as anyone else. They do not
want it to be their fault. They want the magic. They do not want to have to learn and change. They do not want to be responsible for the results they produce. When does it stort? When does it and?
do not want to be responsible for the results they produce. When does it start? When does it end?

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Demon: AES	
An "Evil Spirit" Many people believe that Demons i	inspire virtually every bad thing anyone does. Some claim demonic strongholds
	forces behind such things as Shopping, Smoking, Drinking, Money Problems
	How Do We Know? TBSTE:
Of Course! The Bible Says They Exist	
BUT Many People GTtMC:	:
According to Many Theolog	gies, DFa≥GOD!
Demonic Forces are Equal to or More Pow	erful Than GOD!
How do we know that's what	at they believe? TSS!
They say so!	•
	ing so. "Of course Pastor divorce rates are equal to nonChristian divorce rates! strue, the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Pastors, them following
	ntimacy of their relationship with Christ is TOTALLY thwarted by demons!
-	that GEOiS:
it is a timowback to the 111	tilat GEOIS.
Totally FALSE Idea, God's Equal Opposite	is Satan!
Our Architecture of Man M	lodel:
	Sin: MtB: Sin: Missing the Bullseye
	"Evil" Spirit: AStMtB:
	A Spirit that Misses the Bullseye
	Spirit: RPO:
	Religion, Principle, Others
	So, with this understanding, we get the idea
	that an "Evil Spirit" can be: WGC:
	Wrong God Concept
	WRB: Wrong Religious Beliefs
	Wrong Principles
	WGBoO:
	Wrong Global Beliefs of Others
	This can render some more "supernatural" principles and
	books far more useful. If we simply insert our
	understanding into their use of "demon" or "the enemy"
	it illuminates a great deal - and helps us understand why prayer does not seem to work in a great many cases.
	Agathos Principle: YDYP:
<u> </u>	ASSUME that an "Evil Spirit" problem is a HSP:
	Human Spirit Problem Spirit Level: God, Religion, Principles, Others

f the Problem is Spritual Warfare, then the Solution is Prayer. Simple Test: P :	
"I pray that if this is an actual demon, that it be quieted by the power of the Holy Spirit in the	
name of Jesus Christ. If it is something I need to deal with myself, Lord, let it remain."	
f you pray the Simple Test Prayer and the issue does not temporarily evaporate, it is safe to assur	ne
he problem is not a disembodied evil spiritual consciousness, but, rather, a problem in	
YOS(GRPO):	
Your Own Spirit (God, Religion, Principles, Others)	
Definition of a Problem: SYCS:	
f there is NO Solution it is: it's a	
Not a Problem, Fact of Life	_
DtPtStP:	
Define the Problem to Solve the Problem	
What's Wrong with Assuming Spiritual Warfare? Let's look	_
Fact: Pastor Marriages are Worse than Lay Person Marriages and WAY worse than Secular Marriages	s,
and they end at the same rate as both!	
Chosen Definition of the Problem: Spiritual Warfare. Easiest Way to Have a Good Marriage: Avoid becoming a Christian. Avoid Christian leadership.	
<u>Way to Win Spiritual Warfare</u> : Warfare Prayer/Deliverance. Intimacy with God. Righteousness.	
Who does that better as a group than Clergy? If Clergy cannot win the Spiritual War, what chance to	_
the rest of us stand? If they have all these resources for this war - why are they not winning?	J
Logical Result: Avoid Christianity. If one enters Christianity, minimize involvement because it	
results in spiritual attack. Minimize spiritual growth because it results in spiritual attack.	
OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE	
Fact Pastor Marriages are Worse	
<u>Chosen Definition of the Problem</u> : They are doing something wrong and need to change.	
Easiest Way to Have a Good Marriage: Insight: Find Out What Really Works. Application: Do it.	
Growth: Become the person that normally and naturally does the things that really work.	
Way to Stop Doing Something Wrong and Change: Keep gaining Insight, Application and Growth.	
Logical Result: Keep gaining Insight, Application and Growth.	
Does Spiritual Warfare Exist? OC the Bible says it doe	s.
Of Course!	
The Screwtape Perspective. (The Screwtape Letters, a book by C.S.Lewis) See it from Satan's Side.	٠
Pastor's Marriages are messed up. Satan knows they are messed up because they have misunderstood	od
God's Word and they simply do not know Principles. They have set up goals and expectations for	
narriage that cannot possibly be achieved the way they are trying to do it. Satan sees that many,	
nany Christians have a total Process-Result Disconnect. Satan's problem is that the real solutions to he issue will cause the Pastors and by their good teaching, ALL God's People to learn, grow, become	
better and more powerful Christians, be better Pastors, better Leaders, and they will all keep growing	.IC
getting stronger! BUT IF Satan can convince them that the "real problem" is "Spiritual Warfare	<u>,</u> ,,
then he can accomplish a great many things all at once.	
1. The Church gives Satan so much credit that the presence of demons can totally thwart the Holy	
Spirit, and Satan is the ruler of the demons, and if the demons can fight God to a standstill	
2. The Church affirms that the result of "doing it right" (what they think is God's Way) is to face	
opposition by demonic forces so powerful that the Church can be stopped dead in its tracks.	
3. The Church interprets the very failure of their principles as "proof" that they are doing it "God	∟′S
way" because that's why "they came under attack" - and actually do MORE of the wrong thing.	т
4. The Church will become worse Christians - because they are out of harmony with God's ACTUA	ıL.
Way and God's ACTUAL design - and they will defend the wrong way as God's Way! 5. Satan keeps his enemy ineffective in their lives, their work, and in their relationships.	
6. Pastors will Teach and Leaders will Lead the wrong way, and the Church will MISunderstand God	1.
MISunderstand God's Way, and teach that "doing it God's way" means demons will oppose you.	-,
7. If someone DOES try to do it the wrong way, believing it is "God's Way" - they will make the	
exact same mistakes and compound the problem - so Satan wins in more families!	
3. Outside Observers will see that "God's Way" does not work - and Satan gets to keep his people.	
3. Outside Observers will see that "God's Way" does not work - and Satan gets to keep his people. 9. The Next Generation will be more cynical, and many will reject God - and Satan gets a generation 10. Satan gets them fixated on praying against him - when HE IS NOT DOING ANYTHING!	

In Principle Problems, the "Spiritual Warfare Assumption" works for the Devil.

Here's a question... WHO is "Doing the Devil's Work?"

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The DOES NOT MATTER Level of "Spiritual Warfare."

	Two Diseases. HSP&DSP:
	Human Spirit Problem and Demonic Spirit Problem
	Symptoms are Exactly the Same: LiR
	Living in Reaction What we call emotionally driven, negatively motivated behavior.
	Caught Exactly the Same Way. OPE:
	Overly Powerful Event Event that amplifies emotion or leads to wrong GRPO.
	Grows Exactly the Same Way. OPM:
	Overly Powerful Memory You hold on to the OPE with OPM
	Cured Exactly the Same Way. FoO&FoS
	Forgiveness of Others and Forgiveness of Self. Let Go of the OPM, Which Eliminates the Effect of the OPM, Which Ends LiR.
	SP: is enough of a diagnosis, because whether it is just a Human Spirit or a Demonic Spirit DNM:
Remember, just because the Bible uses the word it is talking about a literal spirit entity. Take a lool John 6:70 - "Jesus answered them, Have not I compared them, Have not I compared them, Have not I compared them."	k at just a couple of examples
Mark 8:33b - "[Jesus] rebuked	, saying, Get thee behind me,"
Peter, Satan Was Judas literally a devil or demon? Was Peter litit, and, in that moment, Peter was doing the exact the structure of the struct	hing that Satan would have done.
	of S:
Hidden Part, Self There is a "Heart Part" of S:RPO, S: WME, B:A One Important Theory is that Demonic Force	
Right In Job 1, Satan needs God's permission to deal with Ephesians 4:27 says "Neither give place to the Development of the Dev	
	ney do because they have a right to do that thing to
person under most entenneum bot more	Design

Design means It Works the Way It Wo C&E, P&R, C&C:		Way It is Supposed to Work.
Cause and Effect, Process and Result, Choice and Conse	equences	a can at the deah for hyman haires
S-R:	should have	a gap at the dash for human beings.
Stimulus-Response This is ED: Emotion Driven, Living in Reaction	, LiR:	
It should be S-Č-R: Stimulus-Choice-Response		
This requires WP:IWStWiRNMWIF	':	
Will Power: I Will Stick to What is Right No Matter Wh	at I Feel	
Process of Internalizing: 1. UI:	4 110	2. CI:
Will Power: I Will Stick to What is Right No Matter What Process of Internalizing: 1. UI:	4. UC: Conscious Competence, Unconscio	ous Competence
Basic Kiai: BtiSbihH: Breath that is Strong because it has Harmony		
Advanced Kiai: StiSbihH:		
Spirit that is Strong because it has Harmony Mushin: NM,AP:		
No Mind, Auto-Pilot Whatever Picture you hold in your Spir	rit/Soul of Reality will be	e your Default Destination. Your
Auto-Pilot will Unconsciously drive yo B:ISWR:	ou to your Default Destir	nation. Your Beliefs guide you.
Belief: Idea Supported With References Ephesians 4:26-32 - Be	, and	Do not let the sun go
down on your	•	
Angry, Do NOT Sin, Wrath Parorgismos		ling with rage. Sin - Missing the Bullseye. eration. Think: Anger Motivated Behavior.
Neither give place to the Devil. Let him	n that stole steal no mor	re: but rather let him labor, working
with [his] hands the thing which is	, that he	? may
to him that has Good (Agathos), Have to Give, Need	.1 1 . 1 . 1	
Let no corrupt word proceed from you according to the need {of the moment,}		
the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you w	vere sealed for the day o	f redemption.
Get rid of all		,and
		, and,
along with every form of Bitterness, Rage/Wrath, Anger, Brawling/Clamor/Argun	nents Slander/Gossin/Evil Speakin	α Malice
And to one a	nother,	,
one another, just as God through Chri. Be Kind, Compassionate, Forgiving.		
<u>Implication</u> : The "Devil" (literal or me		
Bitterness, Rage/Wrath, Anger, Brawling/Clamor/Argum	,	
	, along with ever	y form of
Implication: We can avoid it by	nents, Slander/Gossip/Evil Speakin	g, Malice
		,
and, Being Angry and Still Hitting the Bullseye, by Resolving		
Good/Do Good, Produce Value, Be Generous, Control Y	Your Tongue, Be Kind and Be Com	Doing Wrong Things, Start Doing Right Things, Be npassionate. 2. W 15:11, 15:20, Mark 7:20, James 3:6
<u>Implication</u> : If we already did it wrong,	, we can fix it by	,
Accepting that		, and by

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REMINDER ON DEVILS, DEMONS AND SATAN

	t always mean a literal
DDorS	-
Jesus referred to one of the Twelve as "a devil" and said to Peter "Ge Satan" which shows us how the word can be used to talk about a person or about There are some interesting implications in this - about how "vexed by by Satan" might be a problem with a bad person - or with our own "devil like "Satan" is a word that means "adversary" - and sometimes it can used an an "adversity" just like Proverbs calls Wisdom a "she" and treats the abstraction purposes of the discussion. It helps us put the following verses in a different limark 4:15 - "And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their he Acts 5:3 - "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to keep back [part] of the price of the land?" 2 Corinthians 2:11 - "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are nedevices."	out Satan-like actions. a devil" or "opposed e" behavior. Also, a anthropomorphism for like an entity for light: t when they have heard, earts." the Holy Ghost, and to not ignorant of his
1 Thessalonians 2:18 - "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Pau Satan hindered us."	ul, once and again; but
WHAT THE BIBLE DOES SAY DEMONS CAN DO	
is not a Biblical term. The proper term is _	
Demon Possessed, demonized I,D,E,&D: Ill, Dumb, Epileptic and Demonized D	
The Bible does give examples of demons who have made people ill, un or have "demonized" people. (Matthew 8:16, 10:1, 12:45, Mark 1:27, 3:11, 5 6:18, 7:21, 8:2, 11:26, Acts 5:16, 8:7, 19:12.) Demonized, or "has a devil" may imply insanity. Jesus was accused o being "mad" (John 10:20 for an example), which may be literal or an idiom. 10:20 seems to imply a disconnect from reality.	5:13, 6:7, Luke 4:36, of having a devil and
SS,VP:	
Supernatural Strength, Violent Power We have the example of Legion (Mark 5, Luke 8) and the demon abjut of Sceva (Acts 19:14-16). Both had supernatural strength, breaking chains an seven against one.	
WHAT THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY DEMONS CAN DO	
Where in the Bible does it give us examples or tell us the demons can???	
	hallenge issued by God
- and Satan could do nothing until God gave him clearance. Yet, many peopl	
- and Satan could do nothing until God gave him clearance. Yet, many peopl family is attacked by demons.	Destroy Your Family Chronicles 21:1 it says omething they would by the same thing! The

God's Agenda:
To Prove Job Would Pass the Test
Satan's Agenda: To Prove Job Would Fail the Test
Genesis 1:1 Principle: D: - 2 Samuel 24:1 says that the Anger of the
Genesis 1:1 Principle: D: 2 Samuel 24:1 says that the Anger of the Lord burned, telling us that David was breaking God's Rules. Anger means "One of My rules has
been broken." Rule Breakers Break Rules. David was breaking God's Rules already, so he
continued along that path and broke this rule. It's Cause and Effect. Design
GB:
CONSEQUENCES OF "DELIVERANCE"
D:CoD,DfA:
Deliverance: Casting Out Demons, Deliver from Addiction
The goal is to get rid of demons, get rid of addictions, or get rid of Living in Reaction behaviors. BUT, if it IS really demons, there is an additional issue to consider Matthew 12:43-45 - "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth [it] empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." So if you are going to address a real demon problem, you MUST address the "Rights Issue."
DOING "DELIVERANCE"
WP:IWStWiRNMWIF:
James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." ICSwWP:
Impulse Control Solved with Will Power
Will Power is Most Powerful when the Will is fully Submitted to S:GRPO, Gen1:1.
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BCFoG: Simple as "he looked at me like he knew everything I had ever done wrong." If you can be made to feel Guilty, be very wary of anything that may be a real demonic encounter. Be Completely Free of Guilty
AR : - Presume "Deeded Real Estate" and look for areas of
Unforgiveness. Then either do Forgiveness AND Self-Forgiveness, or Lead Someone Through It.
Address Rights
ADRE: Intentional Calling on Spirits.
Alternative Deeded Real Estate
Solution: JLIG,R&SF:
Just Let It Go, Repent and Self Forgiveness
P&F:IP/CP:
Prayer and Fasting: Intercessory Prayer/Combat Prayer A ffirm your away rights as a Christian be "alconged by confession" and "prayered with
Affirm your own rights as a Christian - be "cleansed by confession" and "prepared with repentance" and make sure you have the faith to deal with the encounter without fear. Cleanse the body, too, and spend the time you do not spend eating praying over the situation. Matthew 17:21 - "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Mark 9:29 - "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." If you do not already know how to do this kind of prayer, this is not a topic to be covered in one sermon. Pray in Groups.
WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER TRUE SUPERNATURAL POWERS?
CtC: Refer the matter to someone with knowledge and experience.
"Call the Cops"
Dangers of Amateur Play: Four Pastors onsite at a ritual place. "Poking the Dragon a Little."

Making the problem worse (1+7!). Falling into a trap. Damage to Your Faith.

Do not pick a fight you do not know you can win!

Arrogance in this area is phenomenally dangerous!