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Demons and Unclean.

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FROM ALL SCRIPTURES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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Since this study is contrary to much of traditional teaching concerning demons and to many people's concept of demons, it is my hope that those who hold fast to a particular way of thinking will be mentally open enough to set it aside for a short moment and consider a different perspective and then upon reaching the end of this study make their own decision or perhaps be motivated to search it out even more for themselves.

THERE ARE MANY SO CALLED GODS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH

The apostle Paul stated that there are many so-called gods in heaven and on earth (1 Cor. 8:5). Immediately after making this statement Paul says, nevertheless not everyone possesses this knowledge. Meaning the knowledge that there are many gods, neither do they understand how and why (1 Cor. 8:7). Pagans believed in various gods, commonly referred to as, "the god" or "gods," or called "evil spirits" or "demons." In the imagination of the mind a strong belief can create a false, but very real image of "the god" people believe in, but these spiritual gods only exist in the mind of those who believe in them.

They are an entity of the mind created in the imagination through a false belief in them. The stronger the belief the stronger the spiritual power the imaginary god will have over the person. The false image in the mind will affect a person's emotions and feelings accordingly, if they believe the god to be on their side, they will have good emotions, but if they believe the god is against them, they will feel emotions of fear. This is because the human nervous system cannot tell the difference between a real image of the mind and a false one. The imaginary, but real images of the mind creates a real entity that affects the emotions and feelings through the human nervous system. These feelings convince those that believe in

false gods that their own personal god exists, but in reality the god they are putting their faith in does not actually exist, the god is an entity created by a false belief of the mind, but for the person believing in the god it is a very real entity. The Bible teaches that there is only one real God and creator of all that exists and God Himself said, "My name is, I AM who I AM, the LORD, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, this is my name forever, and I am to be remembered throughout all generations" (Exodus 3:13-15). Every other god is an illusion of the mind created by a strong belief in them.

THE MEANING OF DEMONS

The English word demon and demons are not found in the entire King James Version of the Bible, in the New Testament of the KJV the translators have unfortunately translated both (diabolos) and (daimion) as devil or devils which gives a completely wrong understanding of the Greek words diabolos (devil) and daimion (demon) and has over the years led to a misunderstanding of the difference between devils and demons. Most modern Bible versions have translated Demons (daimion) and Devils (diabolos) correctly. The word demons (daimion) was believed to be an inferior deity or god and primarily relates to sickness whereas devils (diabolos) means a false accuser or slander and primarily relates to people's behavior and not sickness.

JESUS GIVES POWER TO THE TWELVE DISCIPLES TO HEAL

- **Matthew 10:1:** And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits (akathartos), to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew says Jesus gave the twelve power to cast out unclean spirits whereas Mark when he tells the same story says Jesus gave the twelve power to cast out demons, clearly showing that unclean spirits and demons are used interchangeably and carry the same idea (see also Mark 3:14-15) (Luke 9:1) (below).

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DEMONS AND UNCLEAN SPIRITS ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY

Jesus, gives the twelve power to cast out unclean spirits, in many verses the words unclean (akathartos) and demons (daimions) are used interchangeably. In this context unclean spirits carries the same meaning as demons and relates to mental illness, physical disorders and sicknesses the people didn't understand. The people of Jesus generation believed a person who was a leper, blind, deaf or had any kind of physical deformity was unclean and had evil gods within their body causing the blindness and deafness etc., this is why they were referred to as having unclean spirits or demons.

Jesus generation knew nothing of mental illnesses, or sickness, virus's and diseases caused by bacteria and germs so they simply reasoned that anyone who had an illness they did not understand must have evil gods living inside their bodies causing the blindness, deafness or disorder etc. There was no need for Jesus to try to explain the cause of every illness rather he simply spoke according to what the people believed and healed every kind of sickness by his spoken word. Once the people saw that the power of Jesus was greater than the weak and useless gods and demons, they mistakenly believed in there was no need for them to continue to hold onto their false and mistaken belief in multitudes of evil gods living inside the human body.

CAST AND OUT

The words (*cast*) and (*out*) come from the same Hebrew word (ekballo) and carry the same meaning. They carry the idea of a command that causes a thing to be deprived of its power and influence with the implication of one force overcoming an opposite force. This is why (*cast*) and (*out*) are perfect expressions for healing any illness that has power over the sick person because once they are healed that controlling power especially of a mental illness that causes fits and seizures, loses its influence, control and power over that person.

JESUS GIVES THE TWELVE POWER TO CAST OUT DEMONS

Mark 3:14-15: And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, ¹⁵ And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils (daimon).

Mark says Jesus gave the twelve power to cast out devils (should be demons) whereas Matthew when he tells the same story says Jesus gave the twelve power to cast out unclean spirits, clearly showing that unclean spirits and demons are used interchangeably and carry the same idea (see Mark 3:14-15) (below).

DEMONS AND THE KING JAMES BIBLE

The King James Bible has translated devils (diabolos) wrongly as the Greek word is daimon and not diabolos. It should read cast out demons (daimons) most modern Bible version have corrected this. The Jews believed demons to be an evil deity or god with great power, but lesser than the supreme Almighty God. In the opinion (and the key word is opinion) of the Jews evil gods called demons had entered into the bodies of those who had diseases such as paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, etc. The Jews believed the demons so held possession of the sick person not only to afflict them with

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ills, but also to dethrone the reason and take its place themselves. They believed the possessed were forced to express the mind and consciousness of the evil gods called demons dwelling in them and the only cure was thought by the Jews to require the expulsion of the demons so Jesus spoke accordingly (see also Matthew 10:1) (above) and (Luke 9:1) (below).

UNCLEAN SPIRITS ARE THE SAME AS DEMONS

- **Mark 6:7-13:** And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean (akathartos) spirits ---- NOW GO TO VERSE TWELVE --- ¹² And they went out, and preached that men should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*.

Mark says Jesus gave the twelve power over unclean spirits and then later he says the twelve cast out many devils, this should read they cast out many demons as the original Greek word is daimon which means demon and not diabolos which means devil. These verses clearly show that unclean spirits and demons often carry the same meaning.

A WOMAN'S YOUNG DAUGHTER HAD AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT

- **Mark 7:25-30:** For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit (akathartos), heard of him, and came and fell at his feet --- NOW GO TO VERSE TWENTY-NINE ---- ²⁹ And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil (daimon) is gone out of thy daughter. ³⁰ And when she was come to her house, she found the devil (daimon) gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

The devil (diabolos) is gone out of thy daughter is wrongly translated in the King James Bible as the original Greek word is daimon (meaning demon) and not diabolos (meaning devil). It should read the demon is gone out of thy daughter most modern translations have corrected this. These verses clearly show that the use of the words unclean spirit and demon are interchangeable terms and often seen as the same entity which the Jews believed to be evil gods living inside a person's body and causing all sorts of disorders, in this story a young child is said to have one of these unclean evil gods living inside of her. It is interesting to note that this is a little girl who has a mother that cares for her, the young girl would not be evil or morally bankrupt and yet the Jews believed she had and unclean spirit and evil gods dwelling in her body. This little girl's sickness is not caused by an unclean spirit or evil gods called demon living insider her body, but some kind of illness, sickness, illness or disease that the people of Jesus generation did not understand.

A MAN IN A SYNAGOGUE WITH AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT

- **Luke 4:33-36:** And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean (akathartos) devil (daimon), and cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. ³⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil (daimon) had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. ³⁶ And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word *is* this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

The words, "A spirit of an unclean devil" (diabolos) is wrongly translated in the King James Bible as the original Greek word is daimon (meaning demon) and not diabolos (meaning devil) most modern translations have corrected this. The verse should read, "When the spirit of an unclean demon cried out." Jesus firstly refers to the man as having a spirit of an unclean demon (v33) then refers to it as a demon (v35) then the crowds call it an unclean spirit (v36) clearly showing us that demons and unclean spirits carry the same thought. The people of Jesus generation believed leprosy blindness, deafness, paralysis and any physical disorder or disease they did not understand was caused by evil gods called demons and unclean spirits inhabiting the human body and deforming it or taking control of it.

JESUS GIVES POWER TO THE TWELVE APOSTLES OVER DEMONS

- **Luke 9:1:** Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils (daimon), and to cure diseases.

The words, "He gave them power and authority over all devils" (diabolos) is wrongly translated in the King James Bible as the original Greek word is daimon (meaning demon) and not diabolos (meaning devil) most modern translations have corrected this. The verse should read, "He gave them power and authority over all demons." When Matthew records this same event, he says Jesus gave them power against unclean spirits and when Luke and Mark write of it they say Jesus gave them power to cast out demons (Matt. 10:1) (Mark 3:14-15) clearly showing us that demons and unclean spirits carry the same idea. The word demon is almost always used in relation to sickness because the Jews believed demons to be evil inferior deities or gods with great power, but lesser than the supreme Almighty God. They believed that these evil gods entered into the human body and caused all sorts of sickness especially those they did not understand including blindness, deafness and leprosy. See also (Matt. 10:1) (Mark 3:14-15) (above).

A SPIRIT TAKES A MAN'S CHILD AND IT TEARS HIM

- **Luke 9:37-42:** And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him. ³⁸ And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. ³⁹ And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. ⁴⁰ And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. ⁴¹ And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither. ⁴² And as he was yet a coming, the devil (daimon) threw him down, and tare *him*. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit (akathartos), and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

The devil (diabolos) threw him down is wrongly translated in the King James Bible as the original Greek word is daimon (meaning demon) and not diabolos (meaning devil) most modern translations have corrected this. The verse should read the demon threw him down. Notice the demon is firstly called a spirit (v39), then a demon (v42) then an unclean spirit (v42) clearly showing us that the people of Jesus generation believed every sickness they did not understand was caused by unclean spirits or evil gods called demons. It is helpful to note that the boy was not always having a seizure it came and went and that the boys' father cared about his son, the boy would not be evil or morally bankrupt as we think of demons today, he was simply suffering with an illness the people of his generation did not understand most likely epilepsy or something similar.

In most cases these types of illnesses can be controlled by chemical drugs today which are manufactured by secular medical scientists and given to the patient by secular medical doctors which for those who hold to the traditional concept of demons raises the following three questions:

1. Are the drugs subduing the evil spiritual gods living inside the sick person?
2. Are the drugs killing the demons living inside the sick person?
3. Are the drugs creating such fear in the demons that they flee the instant they see the tablet descending down the sick person's throat?

JESUS DID NOT COME TO TEACH MEDICINE

Just because people believe something does not mean it is true, if the Bible were being written today it would contain words like virus's, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity and seizures etc., which are all called demons in the New Testament, but these evil gods called demons are also credited in the New Testament for entering a human body and causing blindness, deafness, loss of speech paralysis and any other sickness the people did not understand. Jesus did not try to explain the scientific or medical causes of all these sicknesses, he did not need to as he was the ultimate doctor. Jesus did not need hospitals and scalpels to heal people so there was no need to give them a university degree on medicine, he just spoke according to what the people believed and they were instantly healed by his word.

Once the people saw the awesome, breathtaking and miraculous healing power of God flowing through Christ it was not only clear that he was who he claimed to be, but also that the God he proclaimed was the one true God. Jesus by his miraculous healing power showed that it was foolish to follow the weak and powerless gods they believed in. Jesus ministry wasn't to raise doctors, but to reveal God; he did this by showing all who came to him the majestic and awe-inspiring healing power of his God.

JESUS GIVES THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES POWER OVER DEMONS

- **Luke 10:17:** And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils (daimon) are subject unto us through thy name.

Lord, even the devils (diabolos) are subject unto us is wrongly translated in the King James Bible as the original Greek word is daimon (meaning demon) and not diabolos (meaning devil) most modern translations have corrected this. The verse should read, "Lord, even the demons are subject unto us."

THE MEDICAL CLASSROOM OF JESUS

Jesus rather than setting up schools or sitting on the mountain side or on the shores of the seaside in a boat teaching the crowds the causes of illnesses of the mind; diseases caused by bacteria and germs; physical disorders of the body and any other sickness the people did not understand instead showed the people that he was from God by demonstration of power in healing all of these sickness by his spoken word or a touch of his hand. Jesus is now giving this same power to these seventy disciples.

How fantastic was it for Jesus twelve apostles to be sitting in the medical classroom of Christ, never having to study every bone of the body, no theory, no sitting in classrooms year after year and no surgery, just a touch from the teachers hand and they had all the power they needed to heal every manner of sickness and disease.

BABYLON IS FALLEN AND BECOME THE HABITATION OF DEVILS

- **Revelation 18:1-2:** And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. ² And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils(daimon), and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean (akathartos) and hateful bird.

Become the habitation of devils (diabolos) is wrongly translated in the King James Bible as the original Greek word is daimon (meaning demon) and not diabolos (meaning devil) most modern translations have corrected this.

The verse should read, "Become the habitation of demons."

DEMONS, EVIL THOUGHTS, COVETING, WICKEDNESS, ENVY AND PRIDE.

Jesus tells his disciples that evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, pride, foolishness all arise from within the human body and out of the heart of mankind. (Matt. 15:19-23) (Mark 7:21-23). Babylon is a symbol of the world system of finance, trade and politics, in John's vision the world is pictured as being the dwelling place for demons and unclean spirits. In this context the demons and unclean spirits simply refer to every thought and action that arises out of the human heart that is contrary to the two greatest commandments which are: -

1. Love God with all your heart, might and soul.
2. Love your neighbour as yourself.

If this vision of John's was being written today it would most likely say, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become the habitation of distorted and twisted thinking its economy was built on credit and debt, money and profit was more valued than human life and it is full of unsound people who lost sight of what was important to the well-being of humanity. The world was out of control it has gone mad its people are filled with destructive thoughts and have become morally corrupt and violent toward one another.

DEMONS, DEVILS AND SICKNESS

Just because people believe something does not mean it is true if the Bible were being written today it would contain words like bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia epilepsy, melancholy, insanity and seizures etc., these are all called demons in the New Testament added to these paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech are also referred to as being a result of demons. Generally it appears that when people had an illness that did not control the person, it is referred to as a sickness, but when a sickness (mental illness) controlled a person to do things they do not want to do (have fits etc.,) they are referred to as having demons or an unclean spirit. Sickness commonly related to illnesses the people understood, while demons primarily relate to severe illnesses and diseases, either bodily or mentally the people did not understand. Illness, such as schizophrenia paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, etc., and seizures are called demons in the New Testament.

BIBLICALLY THE WORD DEMON

Refers to any force in a human that controls a person to do things they cannot control themselves, things that affects their behavior and mental well-being, voices or words in the mind and severe diseases, either bodily or mentally, (such as schizophrenia paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, etc. and seizures, added to these the word demon can also refer to those who make speeches that entice people against the things of God and God Himself all of these are commonly called demons in the New Testament. The Bible does not present a picture of one super evil god (slightly less in power than God) being in control of hundreds of millions of lesser evil gods. This is a modern-day misunderstanding of the language of the Bible. Demons are not evil people as Hollywood portrays demon possessed people in their movies.

People in the Bible that had demons were morally good people and, in some cases, only children who were sadly afflicted with especially severe diseases, either bodily or mentally such as paralysis, blindness, deafness and loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy and insanity, etc. In the opinion of the Jews demons had entered their bodies, and so held possession of them as not only to afflict them with ills, but also to dethrone the reason and take its place themselves. The people of Jesus age believed the possessed were driven to express the mind and consciousness of the demons dwelling in them; and their cure was thought to require the expulsion of the demon.

UNDERSTANDING OF DEMONS

Demons can be seen as a controlling power or force in people that is destructive to their well-being, science says, anorexia and such like are mental problems and not physical, doctors call anorexia a destructive mental power or force whereas the Bible calls it, demons meaning, something that is destructive to a human's well-being. It is not the Bible that is wrong, but the modern day understanding of the terminology and language of the Bible.

Modern generations have been influenced by a wrong understanding of the language used during the time of Jesus and the apostles. The primary understanding of demons for today's generations comes from Hollywood and not New Testament or spiritual thinking because of this to think of someone having a demon is highly offensive since it implies, they are grossly evil in mind, character and purpose.

A WOMAN AND HER DAUGHTER

A Greek Syrophenician mother asked Jesus to cast forth the demon (daimion) (meaning an inferior deity or god) out of her daughter. Jesus said the demon is gone out of her daughter and when she went to her house, she found her daughter healed. Clearly the mother loved her young daughter and was deeply concerned for her well-being. The child would not be evil or morally bankrupt, this was not an inferior evil god or deity possessing the child as the Jews believed but a mental disorder or disease that they did not understand (Mark 7:23-30).

A MAN AND HIS CHILD

A father concerned for the well-being of his son tells Jesus that a spirit takes his child, and the son cries out during the fit or seizure and the boy suffers bodily harm. This is a man's only son who he clearly loved and deeply cared about. This young boy would not be evil or morally bankrupt, the spirit, is not an evil god possessing the child as the Jews believed, but a mental disorder or disease that they did not understand (Luke 9:37-41).

A LUNATIC MAN

A lunatic man came to Jesus and asked him to have mercy on his son telling Jesus that his son is lunatic, and often has very bad fits that sometimes seriously harming the boy (Matt. 17:14-18). The Jews believed evil inferior gods caused mental disorders and the Greeks believed the moon could cause bodily seizures or fits. Today we know the moon does not cause illness, but understand that the child had epilepsy or a similar disease and was having a fit, the Greeks and the Jews knew nothing of epilepsy or the like so they simply referred to illnesses they did not understand as being the result of being possessed by inferior evil gods. The Jews wrong understanding of demons was the same as the Greeks wrong belief about the moon.

A BEAUTIFUL STORY OF COURAGE AND COMPASSION

During the time of Jesus and the apostles anything the people did not understand they believed to be caused by inferior evil demonic gods they called demons. Even today (2005) in some areas of Tibet blind people, are still believed to be possessed with demons. In 2005 a very compassionate and courageous English blind girl about twenty-five years old pioneered schools for the blind in Tibet because she cared for the blind in that country and was angered at the way they were treated. Her schools would take the blind in and show them love, kindness and care in contrast to the rejection they experienced by much of Tibetan society, because of their belief that blindness was a result of demon possession. Just because people believe a thing to be true does not mean that it is true.

JESUS AND HEALING MIRACLES

For Jesus to heal the people they did not need to understand what caused virus's, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, seizures, blindness, deafness, loss of speech and paralysis all called demons and unclean spirits in the New Testament. Jesus primary reason for healing was to show that his power was greater than any false god the people believed in, proving that he was the Son of God and sent from God. The people seeing that Jesus power was greater should have

forsaken their false gods and turned to the Lord. If they did their false belief in evil gods called demons would be forsaken and consequently the evil gods held in their minds by belief and imagination would cease to exist.

A FINAL NOTE

Perhaps everything regarding demons is not quite as black and white as I have explained, even the best doctors and scientist in the world today still don't fully understand the cause of many of these illness, but one thing that is very clear and is black and white is that those in the Bible who were said to be possessed by demons were not evil wicked people in fact some were innocent children and others humbly fell at the Lords feet and wanted to follow him added to this God through the Lord Jesus Christ showed them great compassion and great mercy.

For further information see the title:

- Demons in, Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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