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The
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The Prince of the Power of the Air.

- **Ephesians 2:1-3:** You were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which You once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind.

Following the course of this world carries the following three ideas:

1. One corrupt age follows another.
2. All the world conforms to the customs and ways of the world at large.
3. People of the secular world are largely influenced by the collective mind and thinking of the world, in contrast to being influenced by the mind of God.
4. The populations of the world devoid of God, live to satisfy the passions, desires, and cravings of the lower nature (i.e., self, ego, pride, lust, and greed etc), summed up in the words, the flesh.

Paul's statement, "You were dead in trespasses and sins," means all of mankind is separated from God and condemned to eternal death (i.e., total annihilation and utter extinction), because not one of us can stand before God's Holy Law and boast that we have perfectly kept it, nor can we attain to the perfect Holiness of God, and the Bible says:

- All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

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This means we are already judged, sentenced, and condemned to eternal death, because of our trespasses and sins.

The Good News of the Bible also states:

- God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16).
- Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. (Rom. 10:4).
- Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom. 10:13).

The prince of the power of the air is a power that supersedes all powers: though all may clearly see the destructive effects of this power (wars, rape, murder theft etc.), not all understand the source of it. This is because it is a power that has not only deeply penetrated us all, but blinds us to recognising its subtle and deceptive workings. This power has been by far the most powerful force in the world throughout every historic age and continues to be the most powerful force today in this present age. It may be a surprise too many that this power does not refer to an enormously powerful evil god named Satan nor does it refer to many hundreds of millions of evil entities flying about in the air called devils as some believe. Rather this power that by far supersedes all other powers refers to a power that dwells within us. It was the cause of Adam and Eve's fall, and the cause of mankind's fall ever since. It is the power of self-will, ego and pride these three are the unseen spiritual destructive muscle in the world, and are always in rebellion to God. All three have some level of universal influence over the mind of every individual and over the collective mind of the world, especially of people of all nations who deny God.

The erroneous concept of the prince of the power of the air and its origin: today some Christian churches teach that the title, 'the prince of the power of the air,' refers to an enormously powerful spiritual and evil creature named Satan, who not only has almost as much power as God, but who also controls hundreds of millions of invisible spiritual evil entities called devils who have their residence in the air, and serve Satan's every command flying about in the air throughout all nations like an inhuman malicious and hostile spirit creature whose sole purpose is to serve their evil master Satan, and take control of the human mind to destroy not only the person whose mind they control, but eventually destroy the entire human race. This theory that Satan, a powerful evil god has at his command a spiritual army of hundreds of millions of invisible spiritual evil-creatures called devils was originally birthed from religious pagan belief.

Later; because of the influence of this pagan idea, and a misunderstanding of Bible language the concept was reinforced, and perpetuated by ancient religious thinking and in our modern era enormously strengthened in the mind of not only the secular world, but also the mind of much of the religious world by Hollywood blockbuster horror movies, and religious teaching in many churches, but the theory is a gross misunderstanding of the language of the Bible.

Prince: from Strong's Concordance can mean, first in rank, power or political authority, the chief ruler or magistrate. But in the context of the title, "the prince of the power of the air," it carries the idea of reigning and ruling over mankind. It is a title that refers to the spirit of rebellion toward God that is in those who deny God, the Bible refers to them as, the sons of disobedience which we today would refer to as, people acting from, self-will in contrast to people acting from, God's will.

The title, "the spirit of rebellion and disobedience," can also apply to:

- The ungodly influence, authority and power worldly governments have upon the world.
- The ungodly influence the collective mind and consciousness has upon the populations of the world.
- The ungodly influence the world's thinking, and the ungodly ways have upon the world.
- The ungodly influence, the declining morals and behaviour of the world.

The title, 'the prince of the power of the air,' carries within it the idea that the people of this world are dominated and guided by mankind's self-will, disobedience, and unbelief in contrast to being guided by God and His laws, statutes, and ways. It refers to that unseen influence hidden in the heart of mankind (self-will, rebellion, and disobedience to God) guiding, the course of this secular world (2 Cor. 4:4), in contrast to God and His will guiding the governments, authorities and rulers of it. The prince of the power of the air is that collective universal and world-wide influence of mankind's self-will and willing rebellion and disobedience against God.

This collective influence of mankind's denial of God and the world's rebellion and disobedience to Him pervade the air and unconsciously affects our minds and thinking as unconsciously as the vital air we breathe. This ever-pervading influence appeals to our fallen nature and to self, ego, pride, lust, and greed etc., which is why it finds very little resistance and hindrance, and can easily take hold of the mind of the secular world and become the dominant power influencing, controlling,

and guiding those who deny God and His will. This is the reason this influence is summed up in the title, 'the prince of the power of the air.' In this world, at this present time, we live in an atmosphere poisoned and impregnated with the deadly elements of self-will, ego, pride, lust and greed, especially for power. There is no other power on this planet more deadly than the collective powers of the air (i.e., the influence of mankind's self-will, rebellion, and disobedience toward God), which Paul beautifully sums up in the title, 'the prince of the power of the air,' but a mighty purification of the air will be brought about by Christ's glorious return, for self-will, rebellion and disobedience toward God will be bound.

NOTE: the word devil (a very appropriate word) in the Bible embraces within its meaning the sum-total of all the wickedness and rebellion toward God that dwell in the human heart, and influence the individual mind, and the collective mind of the world away from God and against His will.

For further information concerning the devil, see the titles:

- Devil.
- Demons.

In, Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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