

DEVILS
and
DEMONS
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GHOSTS
OH MY!

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One of the most popular T.V. shows today is called The Walking Dead. I have seen brief scenes of this ridiculous show but have not concluded the meaning behind the concept.

It seems as though a bunch of dead people, who are not really dead, but they look more than dead, are attacking the living.

Actually, if you think about it, some of those who are living are really dead mentally, and we can imagine those who are dead wanting to kill those who are living. After all, it is many of the living who are responsible for a lot of the dead anyway.

Nevertheless, there is no such thing as the walking dead. Dead is dead!! That means not alive to you mental giants.

Why this show is popular baffles me.

Then there are Ghost Hunters. This group of people with their special infrared cameras and sound equipment enter a so-called haunted house looking for ghosts.

If you pay close attention, you will realize, the only thing they discover is their paranoia and a vivid imagination.

Then of course, National Geographic and the History Channel combine to attempt to prove that ancient aliens from outer space have, or are, invading planet earth, and are responsible for most of the unexplained events throughout history.

They are also the reason for the U.F.O. phenomena.

Then, to add to all of that, we have the zombies, Dracula, werewolf's, living mummies, and politicians. Oops, sorry, that is my personal paranoia.

I wonder if all of this is designed to create fear, joy, or maybe just money.

In case you have never noticed, no one has ever provided a clear explanation or photograph of a flying saucer, (UFO) or a ghost. It is always something of a mist or unclear photo.

The fact is, it is the living we must fear, and not the mystical, so called, ghost, or alien from outer space, or Dracula, or any other man-made paranoia.

The Bible and The Dead

Genesis 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Genesis 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

Genesis 5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

You get the picture. Men are born, they live, and they die.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

Nowhere does the Bible teach that men roam the earth after they are dead. The only thing waiting for the dead is judgment.

The Old Testament saints died and were buried. Some were embalmed and some were not. They were just plain dead.

Ghosts and Spirits

A Biblical Analysis

In Luke chapter sixteen is the record of three men who died. (Luke 16:19-31). The rich man went to the torment side of Hades. He desired to warn his brothers of this terrible place, yet he could not leave.

Abraham and Lazarus would not leave even if they could because they were in a perfect, peaceful, place and had no desire to leave.

No! Dead men do not roam the earth haunting and taunting humanity.

GHOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The word ghost is used fourteen times in the Old Testament.

It is translated from a Hebrew word *gava*, and it means, *to breathe out; to be dead; perish; die; expire*.

....” And he (or she) gave up the ghost and died.”

It literally means to breathe out the last breath of life.

Twice, the Hebrew word *nephesh*, is translated ‘ghost,’ and it means, *animal life; a breathing creature; vitality....*

Nowhere in the Old Testament does the word ghost mean a so-called spirit being. It is always in reference to a person dying.

GHOST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

In the English New Testament, the word ‘ghost’ is used in reference to the Holy Spirit. (Scofield rightly has it translated Holy Spirit). The word ghost is a mistranslation.

The original Greek word is *pneuma*, and it means, *breath; a current of air; breeze.*

The word Ghost is used in reference to the Holy Spirit 90 times in the New Testament, and is translated from the word *pneuma*.

In Matthew 27:50 when Christ died on the cross it states, “*he yielded up his ghost*”.

The word ghost in this verse is translated from the word *pneuma*. (spirit)

John uses the same Greek word as Matthew in John 19:30.

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit, and, having said this, he gave up the ghost.

In this verse the word spirit is translated from the word *pneuma*. The word ghost in this verse, and in Mark 15:37 is translated from the Greek word *ekpneo*.

The Greek words *ekpneo* and *ekpsucho* are used five times in the New Testament to denote death.

These two Greek words have the same meaning as the Hebrew word *gava*. Like most Greek words, these two words are made up of two words.

Ekpneo – used in Mark 15:37,39 and Luke 23:46 is translated from the Greek word *ekpneo* = *ek*= out *pneo*= to breathe; expire

Therefore, the Greek word *ekpneo* means to breathe out. (the breath of life)

Ekpsucho – used in Acts 5:5,10 and Acts 12:23 is translated from the Greek word *ekpsucho*= *ek*= out *psucho* = soul

Therefore, the Greek *ekpsucho* means out soul.

All of this may seem irrelevant to some. However, we have gone to all of this trouble to show that the word ghost literally means to die. It does not mean a so called, spirit being.

God created mankind a trinity. We are body, soul, and spirit. (1 Thess. 5:23)

In Luke 24, after Christ rose from the grave, He appeared to His disciples and others. They were frightened at first, then He said...

Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

THE TRINITY

According to the Bible we are created with a body, soul, and spirit. The body is what

makes us visible, just like Jesus Christ the Lord makes the Father and the Holy Spirit visible.

When we die, and breathe out our last breath of life the body is dead and the soul and the spirit go to their eternal destination, waiting for their new body, which is called the resurrection.

The word ghost should be translated from words meaning to breathe out.

None of this is important until we realize the Holy Spirit should always be associated with giving life; not death.

John 6:63a It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.....

The word quickeneth means ‘give life.’ It is really an injustice to the Holy Spirit of God to associate Him with the word ghost which is also used to denote death.

But hey!! That’s just me.

SPIRITS AND ANGELS

Do people see things they imagine are,
what we call, ghosts? Yes!!

In Matthew 14:26 and Mark 6:49 when the
apostles saw Christ walking on the water
they were frightened because they thought
they were seeing a ‘spirit.’

The word spirit is translated from a Greek
word *phantama*, which means, *to make
apparent; specter. (spectre)*

It is where we get the English word
phantom.

In order to be apparent, it must be visible in
some way.

NOTE: This book is not written to support
the idea or thoughts of secular humanism.
We believe the Bible has all authority and
the final word on any subject.

We believe phantoms and strange
appearances, and unexplained visions, and
etc., are real. (but not to all)

DEFINITION OF WORDS

ANGEL O.T. (sing.) *malak* = *to dispatch; messenger*; The same word in Daniel 3:28 and 6:22 is *malak* in the Chaldean language.

ANGELS O.T. (plur.) Same as above except Psalm 8:5 where the word is *Elohiym* = *plural of deity; mighty*

The word angels in the Old Testament always refers to the angels of God.

ANGEL N.T. (sing.) *aggelos* = *bring ridings; messenger*

ANGELS N.T. (plur.) same as above

The same word is used for the angels of Satan. (Matthew 25:41) Except for Luke 20:36 where the word is *isagellos* = *like an angel; angelic*

SPIRIT O.T. *ruwach* = *wind; breath; mind*
This word is used in reference to the Spirit of God and the spirit of man.

Except where the word spirit is translated from the Hebrew word *owb* = *prattle; mumble; (a hollow sound) ventriloquism; (as from a jar)* This word refers to *familiar spirits*. Or, fortune tellers. (ref. Leviticus

20:27 1 Samuel 28:7,8 1 Chronicles 10:13
2 Chronicles 33:6 Isaiah 29:4)

EVIL SPIRIT O.T. Simply means attitude,
or way of thinking.

SPIRIT Of MAN O.T. *Neshamah = wind;
vital breath; divine inspiration; intellect.*
Used twice. (Job 26:4 Proverbs 20:37)

SPIRIT N.T. *pneuma = wind; breath;*
The Holy Spirit of God, and the spirit of
humanity, are like the wind; invisible but
made manifest.

The spirit is the third part of the trinity of
man. Just as the Holy Spirit is the third part
of the trinity of God. (the Father, the Son,
the Holy Spirit see the book In God's Image
from this ministry)

The spirit of humanity is the seat, or center,
of their intelligence. That is why, when a
person trust's Christ as their Savior, they are
indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and have special
knowledge and understanding the lost world
does not have. (ref. Exodus 31:1-11 1
Corinthians 2:1-16) Therefore, when God

sent an evil spirit, (example Judges 9:23) it was an evil attitude.

SOUL O. T. *neohesh* = *a breathing creature; vitality*

SOULS (plur.) same as above except Isaiah 57:16 where the word is *neshamah*= *wind; vital breath; divine inspiration; intellect.*

SOUL N.T. *psuche*= *the breath of life;*
The soul, which is where we get the English word psyche, simply means the seat, or center, of our emotions, desires, emotional appetite, and is also part of the trinity of man.

None of the words described have anything to do with what humanity calls ghosts. However, as we stated before, we believe people do see strange things.

Devil; Devilish = Greek *Diabolos* = *an accuser; a slanderer; to accuse; to malign.*

Diabolos is one of the names of Satan. It is where the English word Devil is derived.

Demon = Greek *Daimon* = *among pagan Greeks it signifies an inferior deity; In the N.T. it signifies an evil spirit.*

The word devil is often used for demon in the New Testament and is a mistranslation.

There is only one devil, and that is Satan.

We believe in demons because the Bible mentions them and their activities many times.

We do not believe in ‘ghosts’ as the word is used to describe appearances of the dead. However, we do believe in the word ghost as it is used to describe death, as expiration of the last breath, and the soul.

Two Kinds Of Angels

Matthew 8:28 And when he was come to the other side of the country of the Gadarenes, there met him two possessed with devils, (demons) coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no man might pass by the way.

This is one of the many accounts of demons in the Bible. In Mark chapter five

we have the same account. When Christ asked the demon his name he replied, “ *My name is legion, for we are many.* ” (Mark 5:1-14 Luke 8:26-34)

A Roman legion was a band, or, company of soldiers numbering between 4,200 and 6,000 men.

Throughout the New Testament Christ and His disciples encountered many people possessed with demons.

History Of Demons

Satan and the angels are created beings. When God created the heavens and the earth, (Genesis 1:1) the sons of God, who were angels, shouted for joy. (Job 38:7)

Then, when Lucifer, (Satan) rebelled against God, (Isaiah 14:12-17 Ezekiel 28:11-19) he, and one third of the angels were cast out of heaven. (Revelation 12:3,4)

The History of Satan's Angels

Demons

*Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld
Satan as lightening fall from heaven.*

When this event took place, the earth
became dark and void. (Genesis 1:2a)

Then, the Spirit of God moved, and the earth was brought back into it's habitable state, (Genesis 1:2b) and God recreated all things and created man. (Genesis 1:3 – 2:25)

From the original creation until the present, Satan and his angels roam about the first and second heavens harassing humanity. However, they are not allowed in the third heaven, which is the realm of God. (2 Corinthians 12:1-4)

Christ said the lake of fire, which is the final abode of all the lost, was created for Satan and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)

This is a brief synopsis of the history of demons, who are the angels that fell from heaven with Satan.

In the Old Testament the fallen angels, who were cast out of the third heaven with Satan, were called the sons of God. Along with Satan, they had to give account of themselves to God. (Job 1:6-12 2:1-7)

The goal of Satan and these fallen angels is to turn humanity against God. Actually, they are doing a good job. Every statement God made in the Bible is contradicted by them.

ANGELS MANIFEST

As we have already stated, the word angel means messenger. Therefore, the angels who remained faithful to God, are messengers of God.

The angels who followed Satan, are messengers of Satan.

The angels of God are able to appear in human form. They appeared to Abraham in Genesis chapter 18 and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis chapter nineteen.

They were sent to Daniel with God's message. (Daniel 8:15-19 9:21,22)

The angel appeared to Joseph in Matthew 1:20-24, and to Zacharias in Luke 1:11, and Mary in Luke 1:26.

These angels always appeared visible with a message from God.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

This booklet is not a Biblical exposition on angels. Our goal is to explain why many see things that are really unexplainable.

The Bible records that the angels of God may be seen in human form. In the verse just quoted, it is clear that the angels have visited 'some,' but those people were not aware they were angels.

This is really a test from God to see if His people are faithful with the gospel.

The Bible, to my knowledge, does not record the fallen angels, the demons, with the ability to take on human form.

Think about it; the antichrist mentality, and the evil in this world, is bad enough without the fallen angels walking about in human form.

But wait!! They do!!

Satan has a message to. It is contrary to the Word of God. If the angels of God

become manifest with a message, so do the fallen angels of Satan.

Satan enticed Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit in the garden. His words to Eve were, “Yea hath God said.” (Genesis 3:1-4 2 Corinthians 11:3 1 Timothy 2:13-15)

Then, as man began to populate the earth, the sons of God, fallen angels, indwelt humanity. Today we call it demon possession.

Genesis chapter six is the record of the sons of God, the fallen angels, indwelling humanity. They become visible in human form. If one of Satan’s angels is living inside a person, what kind of an attitude do you think that person would have?

Genesis 6:5 And God 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. (also vs. 11 and 12)

Remember, if God sends His angels with a message and a mission, Satan also sends his angels with a message and a mission.

The message of Satan and his angels is always a contradiction and contrary to the Word of God. (“Yea hath God said?” Genesis 3:1)

Finally, God brought the flood and destroyed all of humanity except eight people in the ark.

Those angels who took possession of human bodies in Genesis 6 are now chained in a bottomless pit, and reserved unto judgment. (2 Peter 2:4 Jude 6)

God’s warning in the Old Testament is to avoid fortune tellers and soothsayers. (ref. Leviticus 19:31 20:6,27 Deuteronomy 18:9-12 and many more)

Leviticus 20:27 A man also or a woman who hath a familiar spirit, or who is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.

The word familiar means to mumble, prattle (a hollow sound) ventriloquism.

It is nothing more than a manifestation of a lying, deceitful demon.

The warning is the same today. Avoid witches, wizards, and fortune tellers. Everything a demon does and makes people believe is contrary to the Word of God.

Personally, I do believe people see things that might seem like a spirit of some kind.

However, it is never a clear picture. It is always vague, and is never photographed. It is the same with a so called alien from another planet. There is never a photograph, just a drawing of what the person thinks they saw, or really saw.

A True Story ... A man went to see a minister because he kept seeing aliens just outside his front gate. They seemed sinister, and he was becoming frightened. The minister told him the next time they appeared invoke the name of Jesus Christ.

The next time these ‘things’ appeared he said, “In the name of Jesus Christ declare yourself.” They immediately disappeared and never returned.

People do see things, either imagined or real. It is not always paranoia.

The Koran ... Muhammad often retreated to a cave for solitude and reflection.

On one of his ventures he encountered what he considered a jinn. (demon)

When he informed his wife about these encounters, she assured him it might be an angel from Allah. (God)

Eventually, Muhammad excepted the fact that it might be an angel from God with a message. Muhammad claimed the angel was Gabriel, and that He was giving this new revelation to Muhammad.

However, this new revelation was completely contrary to the Word of God, the Bible. It contradicted the account of Gabriel given in the New Testament. Therefore, it could not have been Gabriel, and it could not have been a message from God.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

If the message is not from God, where is it from? Do fortune tellers, witches, soothsayers, and the like, have a message from God?

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that, in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. (demons)

Doctrine literally means teaching, or message. If it does not agree with the Bible, it is a lie from Satan and his angels.

Satan and his angels have seduced humanity from the beginning. Eve was deceived by Satan. The flood was a result of demons possessing people. If a religion does not agree with the Bible, where does it come from.

Isaiah 8:19,20 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar

*spirits, and unto wizards that peep and
mutter: should not a people seek unto their
God? Should they seek for the living to the
dead?*

*To the law and to the testimony; if they
speak not according to this word, it is
because there is no light in them.*

If it is not according to the law and the
testimony; the Bible, the Word of God, there
is no light in them.

Ghosts are not real. Fortune tellers have the
message of demons. Pastors with a false
message are Well!

Satan, the angels, and men and women are
given a free will.

That is, the right to accept or reject any
message.

Summary

There is a battle for the souls of mankind.
If the message contradicts the Bible, the
Word of God, it must be a false message,
and a lie from Satan and his fallen angels.

Remember: Satan is called... *"the prince of this world."* (John 12:31 14:30 16:11)

"The prince of the power of the air." (Eph. 2:2)

"The prince of the demons." (Matthew 9:34 12:24 Mark 2:22,23 Luke 11:15)

The word prince means ruler. He, and his angels, seduce, manipulate, and even possess, or indwell, humanity.

They would like people to believe in ghosts, space aliens, zombies, and anything that is contrary to the Bible, which is the truth.

DEMONS AND RELIGION:

THE TRUTH ... The Bible is God's Word and Jesus Christ is God made manifest. Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. Anyone who believes that message has forgiveness of sin and eternal life. When we die, our soul and spirit go to their eternal destination waiting for their new resurrected body. No part of the trinity of humanity roams the earth after death.

THE LIE ... Rejects all of the above and believes almost everything else, including ghosts, talking to the departed, space aliens, and politicians. Oops! Sorry, there goes my paranoia again. The lie is founded on the four little words uttered by Satan in the garden. “*Yea hath God said?*” (Genesis 3:1)

DEMONS AND POLITICS:

Ancient rulers and governments were ruled by Satan and his demons.

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They were antichrist in their belief and ideology, mixing their politics with false gods, worshipping the sun, moon, stars, and every sort of animal life.

Nothing has changed in all these years. Political leaders reject God and the Bible and promote the lie.

Why! Because Satan has always wanted to rule as god, and he uses men and women to achieve his goal.

DEMONS AND SECULAR HUMANISM

Secularism .. The doctrine that all morality should be based solely on regard to the well-being of mankind in the present life, to the exclusion of all consideration drawn from belief in God or in a future state.

Humanism .. Any system of thought or action which is concerned with merely human interests: (including belief in the mere humanity of Christ)

That is the basic definition of secular humanism.

Secular humanism believes Christ was a mere human, and not God manifest in the flesh. Jesus Christ the Lord was God and man whether people accept it or not.

Basically, secular humanism rejects the Bible, God's moral law, a future life, a resurrection, and Jesus Christ.

News and Entertainment

There is no real news in the present environment. There is very little real entertainment. Everything is politically motivated. The movie industry is focused

on a doom and gloom storyline which is made up of extreme fairy tale phenomena.

John 3:16 For 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 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

The Bible states that all men are sinners and need forgiveness of sin, (Romans 3:10,23) and the result of unforgiven sin is eternal death and separation from God. (Romans 6:23a Revelation 20:11-15)

When we die and leave this world, we leave our physical bodies behind. Our soul and spirit go to our eternal destination waiting for a future resurrection. (which the secular humanist denies)

If we believe Christ paid for our sin with His death, burial, and resurrection, we go to be with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:5-8)

If we do not believe the gospel of Christ, we enter into eternal separation from God waiting for a resurrection unto eternal death.

Ghosts, space aliens, spooks, the walking dead, zombies, and etc. should be reserved for the paranoid, and those who reject the Bible, and the God who gave us His word.

To those who believe in ghosts and the paranormal, all we can say is.....

Boooooooooooooo.....

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