



The Bizarre: Workings in the Spiritual Realm - Seminar #3

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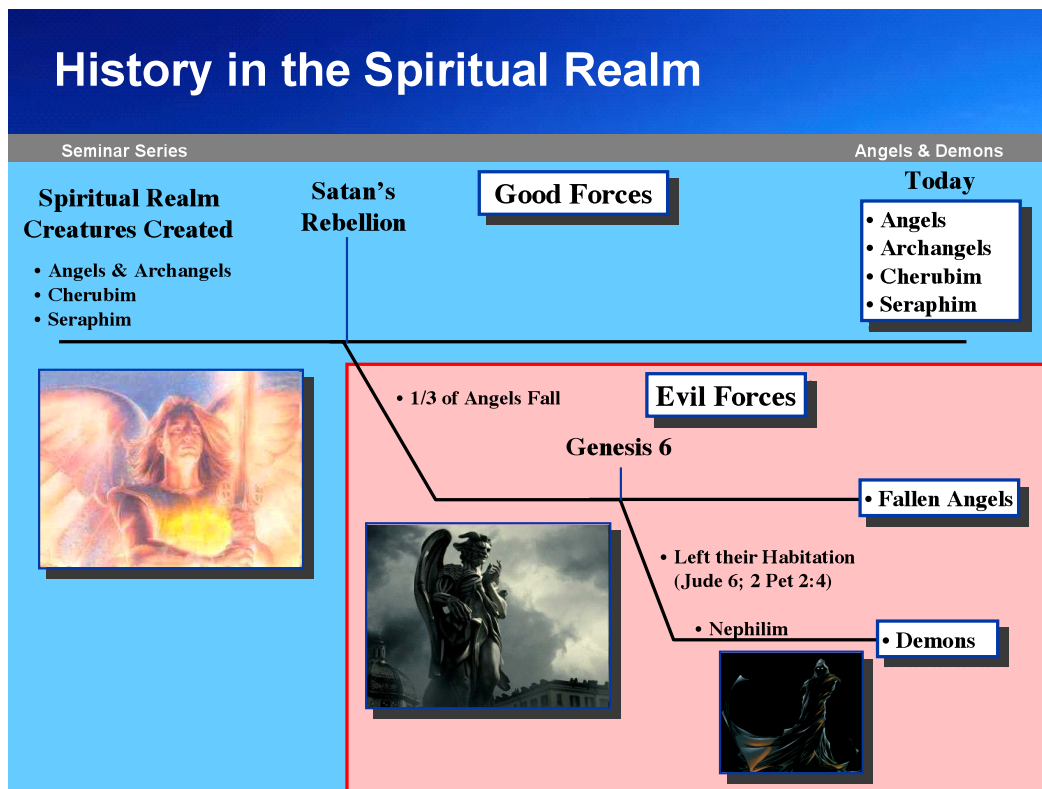
- He is the Henry Semat Professor of Theoretical Physics at the Graduate Center of City University of New York
- Pioneer and leader in the advanced emerging theories of physics including Super String Theory and M Theory: Physics of Higher Dimensions
- Author of physics book "Hyperspace"

Hyperspace Enables

- Higher dimensional properties of the universe
- Ability to appear and disappear
- Poke your hand through the "fabric of space"
- Time travel
- "Crack in Space-Time" (dimensions were once united)

All of which is observed in Scripture

- Scripture: Describes the universe as having "higher dimensions"
- Modern Physics (String-Theory & M-Theory) are based on the fact that there are higher dimensions to the universe (suggest 10 or more)
- It is proposed here that the spiritual realm is in (one of the) higher dimensions
 - Provides a context for understanding many Biblical stories
 - Fully consistent with scripture (no identified contradictions)
 - Further illuminates our understanding of many Biblical events



What's Going on the Spiritual Realm?

How Prevalent is Demonic Activity

- Scripture
 - Of Jesus' 29 healings, 5 were stated as demon possession
 - "Demon" appears 60 times
 - "Demon Possession" 13 times
- African thought vs. that of Western Culture
 - Third world Africans believe strongly in demons and the supernatural
 - It is actually the logical thought
 - However, Africans have a difficult time understanding the physical
 - Much of American culture denies the existence of the supernatural
 - We want to relate everything to the physical
- Examples of what goes on in Fiji
 - Every village has its own identified demon
 - Intense spiritual activity
 - The leaders have great power (to curse and protect)
 - People have great fear of the demons

What are the Evil Forces Attempting to DO?

- Endeavor to separate the believer from Christ
- "Unclean Spirits" suggests they lead men into immorality
- They oppose God's children in their spiritual progress
- They sometimes possess human beings and animals
- Can cause physical and mental disorders
- They cooperate with Satan to accomplish his purposes
- They disseminate false doctrine
- They oppose the good angels in their work
- They are sometimes used by God to carry out His purposes

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NAS)

Destruction of Fortresses

- Fortresses are spiritual

- Two kinds of Fortresses: Within and Without

Fortresses Without

- False ideologies and ideals
- False philosophy & false religion
- Concepts and ideas opposed to the truth

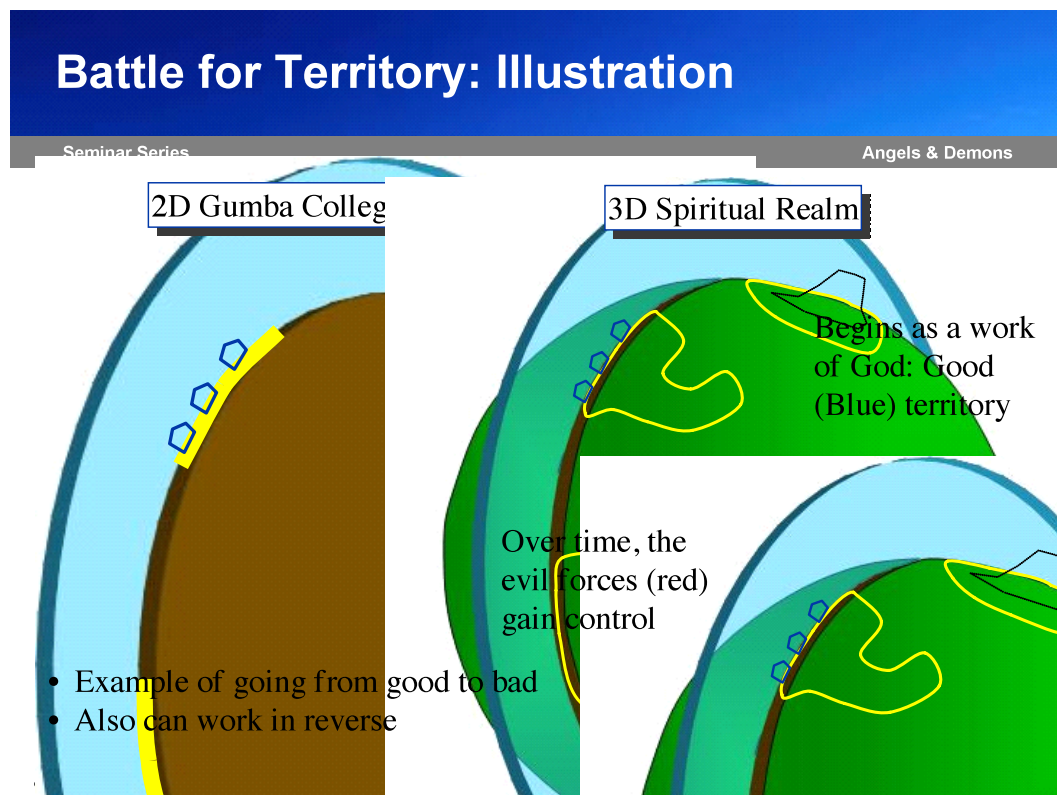
Satan and Demonic Strategy: Angel of Light

- 2 Cor 11: 13-15: “For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.” (emphasis author)
- Worship of idols is the worship of demons (1 Cor 10:19-20)
- The territories (dominions) of false thinking are the strongholds of the enemy
 - Colleges, places of false religion...everywhere lies are sold as truth
 - Also includes political philosophies and governments

Deception is a key strategy of the Devil

Example of Spiritual Warfare #1

- Harvard (founded 1636), Yale and Princeton
 - Founded for the purpose educating colonists primarily in the scriptures, the foundation of truth
 - “Students who are systematically trained to a comprehension of the fact that all sure knowledge is spiritual, and that the so-called knowledge of material existence and material laws is only a subordinate ... and are in little danger of forgetting that there is a Providence greater than human providence, and a Wisdom greater than human wisdom, as well as a Power greater than human power...” *
- Today, these schools are the training ground for virtually every false philosophy, false religion and false thinking
- How did they get this way? They lost the spiritual battle!



Biblical Examples of Spiritual Failure over Time

- Nation of Israel
 - Failed after Joshua
 - Failed after Solomon
 - Repeatedly failed during the time of the kings
 - Judaism was failing during the time of Christ
- Christian Church
 - In less than 40 years of its founding, 5 of the 7 churches noted by Christ in Revelation 2 & 3 had serious issues

Example #2: False Ideology

- Evolutionary Biologists Stephen J. Gould: Quoted Psalm 8 then noted - “Darwin removed this keystone of comfort more than a century ago, but many people still believe they can not navigate the vale of tears without such a crutch.”
- Today it is commonly asserted that:
 - Initial life spontaneously formed from some “primeval biotic soup”
 - That all species of animals evolved slowly over time over millions of years
 - Fossil record reveals this slow evolutionary transformation
- All of these statements are known lies within the secular scientific community!

Fortresses Within

- Battle of the Mind
- This is where the war is won or lost

Satan and Demonic Strategy: Temptation

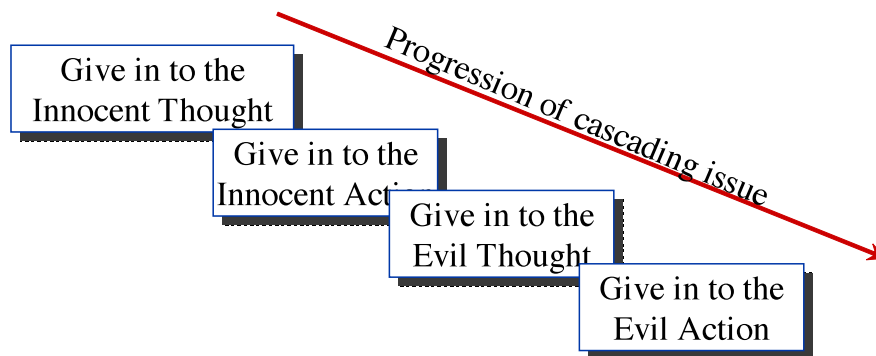
- How do they tempt
- Biblical Examples:
 - Jesus in the wilderness (Matt 4:1; Mark 1:13; Luke 4:2)
 - Half truths, quotes the bible out of context, appeals to needs
 - Adam and Eve (Gen 3:4-5)
 - Hollow promises
 - Jesus' model prayer:
 - "Lead us not into temptation" (Matt 6:13; Luke 11:4)
 - They tempt us, but we are wholly responsible for our actions
- Strategy is deception (half truth)
- Evil forces appeal to our fleshly nature
 - Pride, lust, greed, covetousness...

Consequence of Listening to Evil Spirits

Seminar Series

Angels & Demons

- Discuss the progression of control of mind and the slide from temptation to sin to criminal acts



No one goes from no relationship to infidelity in a short step: it is a long un-noticed slide

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Taking Every Thought Captive

- Strategy #1
 - Worrying: Phil 4:6-7
 - *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*
 - This process does not fail
 - Worry is a lack of faith
- Strategy #2
 - Don't dwell on bad, wrong or evil things

- Sutliff’s Strategy: always have something to mentally work on or meditate on

“Spooky”: Occult, Sorcery, Psychics and Witchcraft

Divination and Psychics

- Divination : Seeking to foretell the future or future events or what is happening around you:
 - Reading tea leaves, horoscopes, astrology, psychics, palm reading, bio-rhythm...

Sorcery

- Sorcery: use of power gained from the assistance or control of evil spirits, especially for divining
 - In the New Testament the Greek word is *pharmakeia* from which we get the word pharmacy:
 - Use of mind altering drugs
 - Significant issue in today’s society
 - Necromancy

Witchcraft

- Witchcraft
 - Completely avoid anything to do with witchcraft and the occult
 - Cast spells, tarot cards, Ouija board
- What is often sold as innocent or things for fun are really “entry points” which invite serious trouble
 - Looks innocent and fun but in reality, it is a door to an open sepulture

Mentalists and Hypnotists

- Can this really work?

Consulting the Dead: Séances

- Saul seeks advice
- 1 Sam 28:3-24

Remote Viewing

- US Military and the CIA ran a program for over 10 years investigating “Remote Viewing” for the collection of classified data from foreign sources
- Had positive results but unreliable

New Age Channelers

- Alice Bailey: Occultist and New Age Matriarch
 - Spirit guide called Djwhal Khul (DJ)
- Helen Schuchman: Transcribed “*A Course in Miracles*”
 - Dictated by her spirit guide identified as “Jesus”
- David Spangler: author of many New Age books
 - Has channeled transmissions from spirit guide “John”
- Bernie Segal: Author and leader of New Age Spirituality
 - Uses spirit guide named “George”
- Barbara Marx Hubbard: transcribed her book “*Revelation: A Message of Hope for a New Millennium*”
 - From her spirit guide called “Christ”

What Are Our Weapons

for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful

- Weapons – plural
- What are our weapons?

Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-20

sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests

What to Do? How?

- We have two key weapons

- Sword of the Spirit: Bible - the Word of God
 - Know the word, use it when solving problems
- Prayer - our heavy artillery
 - Pray in all situations

What Prayer Can Do

- PRAYER has*:
 - Subdued kingdoms
 - Brought in righteousness
 - Obtained promises
 - Stopped the mouths of lions
 - Quenched the violence of fire
 - Turned to flight armies
 - Ended famines and drought
 - Saved hundreds of thousands from destruction (Nineveh)
 - Provided wisdom, guidance and protection
 - Fed 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes
 - Healed the broken
 - Freed the prisoner
 - Raised the dead

Effective Prayer

- James 4:2-3
 - *"You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*
- Two key issues
 - Don't have what we need because we don't ask
 - We are frustrated that we don't get what we want because we ask for our own selfish desires
- Objective: Align our prayers with what God wants (John 14:13-14; 1 John 5:14)

Maturity in Prayer

Prayer Situations

- Prayers of praise and worship
 - Incense that fills the very Throne Room of God with pleasing aroma (Rev 5:8)
- Constant communication
 - Help me in this immediate situation; give me wisdom
- Approaching the King
 - Dealing with issues

What to Do in the Presence of Evil

- If it is a place that you do not need to be in
 - Flee
- If it is a place you are needed in
 - Pray for protection
 - Trust in the Lord

Summary

- Warning: Avoid those things linked with demons and evil
- Understand: recognize that the spiritual is behind what we see (we are in spiritual warfare)
 - Society and culture
 - Personal
- Encouragement: Prayer is an important key to a successful spiritual life