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## HOW

# DEMONS

are plunging the world  
into

# WAR!

**M**YSTERIOUS, invisible, powerful forces are now at work producing profound changes in individual lives, in business, in religion, in governments.

Millions are victims, in various ways, of these strange unseen powers.

In a manner very few realize, these supernatural powers of hell are plunging the world into WAR!

Those who rule nations and control vast armed forces are being guided under the spell of this unrecognized influence of the spirit world.

This is no superstition. It is not imaginary. It is only too REAL!

### TWO INCIDENTS OF 1914

In a message broadcasted over the Oregon Net-Work last June 27th, later reproduced in a printed sermon, we told our listeners and readers of two amazing incidents, set forth in a book in the writer's possession, which are repeated here.

Incident one: In the late summer of 1914, an American missionary was attending a heathen dance in the interior of Tibet. Suddenly a witch-doctor, worked up into great excitement under the influence of the evil spirit in control, rushed over to this missionary. Again and again he thrust at the American with a long sharp knife, but without any intent of harm, exclaiming, "That is what your people are doing to each other now. Our big gods are all gone over to Europe."

Several weeks later, when the missionary reached the China coast, he heard the news of the outbreak of the war in Europe---and then he understood!

**A**MAZING EVENTS that occurred in the Fall of 1914---and now are again occurring---revealed!

What do spiritist mediums and fortune-tellers know? The mysteries of the spirit world revealed by the BIBLE! Here is the plain truth!

The other incident: In 1911 an English Brigadier-General met, at a dinner in Cairo, Egypt, an Indian initiate who said to him: "In the first week of August, 1914, a terrible struggle will break out in Europe." They met again in Cairo in December, 1919, and the Indian remarked, "What did I tell you, General?" The fact was well known in occult circles in India and Tibet in 1911."

But can there really be anything to spiritism, or is it all fake? The BIBLE is a revelation, from God, of things man does not know and could not otherwise find out. Let us see what it reveals.

### WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT IT

The Bible tells us a great deal about the devil, called Satan, and about demons. Perhaps in some future article we shall go into the subject of the devil, answering the questions, what is he? where did he come from, and how did he get his power? But space prevents covering that subject in this article, except superficially in connection with the subject of demonism.

Nowhere does the Bible call man a spirit. The Bible teaches, contrary to

popular belief, that man is MORTAL, and that he is FLESH---composed of matter, not of spirit. Notice such texts as Gen. 2:7; 3:19; John 3:6, etc.

But God is a SPIRIT (John 4:4). And the Bible speaks repeatedly of angels, and it reveals to us that angels are spirits, (Psalm 104:4; Heb. 1:13-14).

Also the Word of God reveals to us a third of the angels of heaven followed Satan in his rebellion against God, and that they therefore have become fallen angels, or DEMONS---altho in the King James translation of the Bible, the word "devils" is commonly used.

#### WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF DEMONS?

In the 12th chapter of Revelation is pictured a great red dragon (verse 3), which is explained to be a symbol for Satan the devil in verse 9 and Rev. 20:2.

The 4th verse shews a third of the angels of heaven followed Satan in his rebellion. (Stars are symbols of angels,--- see Rev. 1:20).

The 7th verse describes a war in heaven between Satan and the archangel Michael (comp. Jude 9). And in this war Satan had angels fighting on his side. Read on, in your Bible, thru verse 9. The angels who followed Satan were cast out with him.

Now notice the 6th verse of Jude: "The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

Again it is written in II Peter 2:4: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (Greek, "tartarus,"---meaning "darkness of the material universe") and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

And then again, Jesus spoke of the time when He shall say to the wicked, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Mat. 25:41).

So the Scriptures plainly teach that angels are SPIRIT beings, that many of them sinned, and have followed Satan; and now are being reserved in the darkness of the material world unto the day of judgment.

#### WHAT POWER DO DEMONS POSSESS?

Now remember, demons are SPIRIT beings. Men are MATERIAL beings. Therefore demons, as well as angels, are INVISIBLE to material human eyes, unless specially manifested.

Yet these demons have power over people! Notice, for example an experience of the time of Christ:

"And when Jesus was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit." (Mark 5:2). Men are not spirits, nor are people ever called "spirits" in the Bible.

This "unclean spirit" was not the man, nor any part of him. Read on:

Jesus said unto him, "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." (verse 8).

"And He asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion, for we are many. . . And all the devils besought him, saying, send us into the swine, . . . and the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine." (v. 9-13).

The text shows there were TWO THOUSAND DEMONS inside of this one man. These demons had been angels, but had sinned. They were separate, individual spirit beings who had entered inside this man. There are beyond doubt millions and millions of demons. They are SPIRITS, and therefore not mortal---they do not die. And mark this--- all the demons that existed in Christ's time STILL EXIST TODAY!

Many heathens worship the devil and demons. They look upon them as gods! The demons, remember, have POWER, and they have KNOWLEDGE. They have existed thousands of years.

Yes, demons have POWER to influence people. But let us understand what that power is!

Listen carefully! The devil and all his demons have no power arbitrarily to force you or me, or any person, against his own will, to do their bidding! They do have power to put thoughts, suggestions, impressions, into the human mind. But God has made you and me free moral agents. God will not force any person to yield to HIM. Neither does the devil or any demon have power to FORCE any man to yield to the thoughts or suggestions they are able to place in the mind. But we must not believe every thought or suggestion or impulse is of God.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but TRY the spirits, whether they be of God." (I John 4:1). DO NOT ACT ON IMPULSE! Retain a sound mind. There is no need to fear demons, but our every thought and impulse should be TESTED by THE WORD OF GOD. If it is not according to the Bible, it is false!!

#### WAS MUSSOLINI REARED BY A WITCH?

But note, now, how DEMONS are plunging the world into WAR!

In Revelation 17 is a description of a "BEAST", which nearly all Bible students---including Roman Catholic---admit is a symbol of THE ROMAN EMPIRE. It shows that in these very last years that Empire is to be REBORN! And it is a fact now known by all that Mussolini is accomplishing that very thing today! The "beast", then, stands for this Roman government, or for MUSSOLINI, individually, as its head.

His title, "Il Duce," is derived from the Latin word "duco," meaning "DEMON." Mussolini was, it is said, tutored by an old witch when he was a young man.

He himself wrote the preface for a book relating his life's history, written by a woman named Sarfitti. In chapter 9, this book says: There "was a mysterious

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## EDITORIAL

Do you realize what kind of times we  
are now living in? NEVER were there such  
times!

Never were prophecies being so rap-  
idly fulfilled! The Roman Empire emerg-  
ing from its "bottomless pit." The crash  
of Gentile governments! World-wide un-  
employment and labor strife! World-wide  
drought fulfilling Joel 1. War, and the  
certainty of WORLD WAR! Civilization  
totters on the brink!

Never was there a time when Christ-  
ians so needed to keep in an intimate con-  
tact with God! Never a time when we stood  
in such need of FAITH to stand up thru the  
terrible tests we now know lie ahead!

And yet NEVER a time of such univer-  
sal lukewarmness and spiritual lethargy!  
NEVER a time of so little FAITH! Never a  
time when it seemed so hard to PRAY! WHY?

This is the time described in Rev.  
12:12: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth  
and the sea! for the devil is come down  
unto you, having great wrath, because he  
knoweth that he hath but a short time."

There is a DEVIL loose! And he has  
a myriad demons serving him! Invisible  
spirit beings, having great power! Even  
the very air seems permeated with a spir-  
it of spiritual slumber and drowsiness!  
Brother turns against brother. Churches  
get into wrangling, strife, and division!  
With the mouth they profess the love of  
God, but with their actions they deny it!

The devil has many snares and de-  
lusions. He will influence people to re-  
ject the truth of God entirely, if he  
can. Failing in that, he endeavors to  
throw the children of God clear over to  
the opposite extreme, leading them either  
into fanaticism, or to accept a COMPROMISE  
BETTER for God's true genuine. The Bible is  
the sword of the Spirit, which is our only  
defense! And, failing to swing people  
clear PAST the truth, Satan then places  
in their minds impressions of condemnation,  
designed to cause discouragement  
and cause them to give up.

But "there is therefore now NO CON-  
DEMNATION to them which are IN Christ Je-  
sus, who walk not after the flesh, but  
after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1). If you

perhaps stumbled along the way in your  
Christian walk, do not let it discourage  
you. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Take it bold-  
ly to the throne of grace, and find complete  
forgiveness. If you have wronged any person,  
make it right as far as possible. What you  
cannot right, God will. Repent and get it  
under grace---do not feel condemned.

Study Ephesians 6:10-18. Be STRONG, in  
the Lord. We are wrestling against wicked  
spirits in high places. We need the WHOLE  
armor of God in order to stand. STUDY your  
Bible more. RESIST the devil. Resist all  
evil thoughts---put them out of your mind,  
by occupying your mind with POSITIVE and  
with SPIRITUAL things. Set your affections  
and thoughts on the things above.

And, most important of all, even if at  
first it requires POWER OF WILL, force your  
self to PRAY as you never did before.

There is no need to fear the Devil, IF  
we put on this whole armor of God. But,  
otherwise, you are certain to lose out  
completely in these trying times.

Now DEMONS are plunging the world  
into W A R !!

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old woman known as 'la vecchia Giovanna' .  
.... Benito was in constant attendance of  
old Giovanna.....She passed for a witch  
throughout the whole district....she taught  
Benito of her magic lore. Even today Mus-  
solini has strange things to say .... and  
he is adept in interpreting dreams and om-  
ens and in telling fortunes by cards. ...  
He will add ...'some instinct warns me, and  
I am obliged to follow it.'

It is said Mussolini never makes an  
important decision without first consulting  
spiritist mediums. And the Bible shows  
that this spiritism is of the devil---de-  
monism!

And now notice the only text in all  
the Bible mentioning the word "ARMAGEDDON!"  
"And I saw three unclean spirits (de-  
mons) like frogs come out of the mouth of  
the dragon (the devil, see Rev. 12:9), and  
out of the mouth of the beast, (Ruler from  
ROME---Mussolini!), and out of the mouth  
of the false prophet (great religious ruler  
closely associated with the "beast."), for  
they are the spirits of devils, working  
miracles, which go forth unto the kings of  
the earth and of the whole world, to gather  
them to the battle of the great day of God  
Almighty. ... And they (Am. Rev. version,)  
gathered them together into a place called  
in the Hebrew tongue, ARMAGEDDON!" (Rev. 16  
13-16).

Here in plain language, the Bible tell  
us that at this time the DEMONS---spirits  
of DEVILS---are going forth to INFLUENCE  
the minds of world rulers, stirring up  
world war!

Stop and think! WHY should Hitler,  
Mussolini, Stalin, the rulers of Japan,  
wish to plunge the world into war? WHY?  
You cannot answer. They do not know. They  
are VICTIMS to impulses and suggestions.  
God helps us to pray! We need His protection