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SPIRITUAL WARFARE 1 of 3

Demon: AES _____

An "Evil Spirit"

Many people believe that Demons inspire virtually every bad thing anyone does. Some claim demonic strongholds from generations ago or Demonic forces behind such things as Shopping, Smoking, Drinking, Money Problems...

Are Demons Real? OC _____ **How Do We Know? TBSTE:** _____

Of Course! The Bible Says They Exist

BUT Many People GTtMC: _____

Give Them Too Much Credit!

According to Many Theologies, DFa≥GOD! _____

Demonic Forces are Equal to or More Powerful Than GOD!

How do we know that's what they believe? TSS! _____

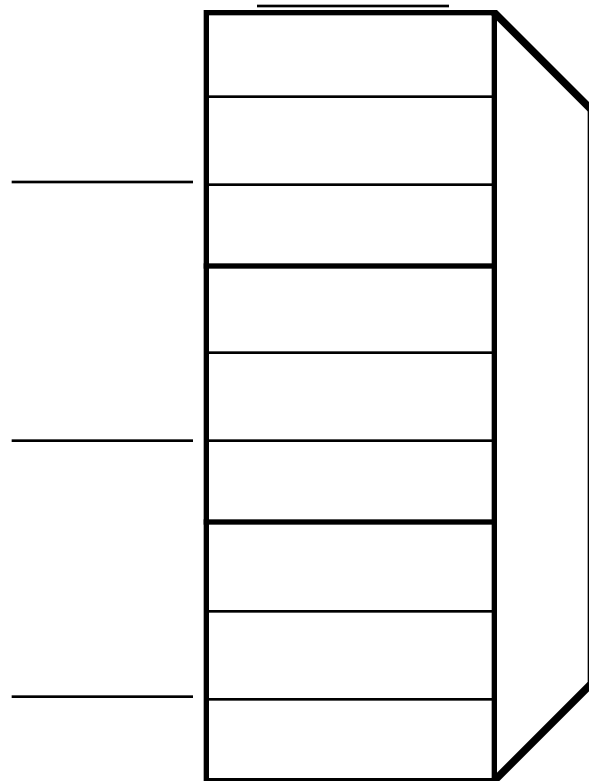
They say so!

They just do not realize they are saying so. *"Of course Pastor divorce rates are equal to nonChristian divorce rates! That's spiritual warfare!"* If that's true, the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Pastors, them following actual Biblical Principles, and the intimacy of their relationship with Christ is TOTALLY thwarted by demons!

It is a throwback to the TFI _____ **that GEOiS:** _____

Totally FALSE Idea, God's Equal Opposite is Satan!

Our Architecture of Man Model:



Sin: MtB: _____

Sin: Missing the Bullseye

"Evil" Spirit: AStMtB: _____

A Spirit that Misses the Bullseye

Spirit: RPO: _____

Religion, Principle, Others

So, with this understanding, we get the idea that an "Evil Spirit" can be:

WGC: _____

Wrong God Concept

WRB: _____

Wrong Religious Beliefs

WP: _____

Wrong Principles

WGBBo: _____

Wrong Global Beliefs of Others

This can render some more "supernatural" principles and books far more useful. If we simply insert our understanding into their use of "demon" or "the enemy" it illuminates a great deal - and helps us understand why prayer does not seem to work in a great many cases.

Agathos Principle: YDYP: _____

You Do Your Part

ASSUME that an "Evil Spirit" problem is a
HSP: _____

Human Spirit Problem

Spirit Level: God, Religion, Principles, Others

If the Problem is Spritual Warfare, then the Solution is Prayer. **Simple Test: P:** _____
"I pray that if this is an actual demon, that it be quieted by the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ. If it is something I need to deal with myself, Lord, let it remain."
If you pray the Simple Test Prayer and the issue does not temporarily evaporate, it is safe to assume the problem is not a disembodied evil spiritual consciousness, but, rather, a problem in

YOS(GRPO): _____
Your Own Spirit (God, Religion, Principles, Others)

Definition of a Problem: SYCS: _____
Something You Can Solve
If there is NO Solution it is: _____ it's a _____
Not a Problem, Fact of Life

DtPtStP: _____
Define the Problem to Solve the Problem

What's Wrong with Assuming Spiritual Warfare? Let's look...

Fact: Pastor Marriages are Worse than Lay Person Marriages and WAY worse than Secular Marriages, and they end at the same rate as both!

Chosen Definition of the Problem: Spiritual Warfare.

Easiest Way to Have a Good Marriage: Avoid becoming a Christian. Avoid Christian leadership.

Way to Win Spiritual Warfare: Warfare Prayer/Deliverance. Intimacy with God. Righteousness.

Who does that better as a group than Clergy? If Clergy cannot win the Spiritual War, what chance to the rest of us stand? If they have all these resources for this war - why are they not winning?

Logical Result: Avoid Christianity. If one enters Chrstianity, minimize involvement because it results in spiritual attack. Minimize spiritual growth because it results in spiritual attack.

OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE...

Fact Pastor Marriages are Worse...

Chosen Definition of the Problem: They are doing something wrong and need to change.

Easiest Way to Have a Good Marriage: Insight: Find Out What Really Works. Application: Do it.

Growth: Become the person that normally and naturally does the things that really work.

Way to Stop Doing Something Wrong and Change: Keep gaining Insight, Application and Growth.

Logical Result: Keep gaining Insight, Application and Growth.

Does Spiritual Warfare Exist? OC _____ - the Bible says it does.
Of Course!

The Screwtape Perspective. (*The Screwtape Letters*, a book by C.S.Lewis) See it from Satan's Side...
Pastor's Marriages are messed up. Satan knows they are messed up because they have misunderstood God's Word, have set up goals and expectations that cannot possibly be achieved the way they are trying to do it. They have a total Process -Result Disconnect. Satan's problem is that the solutions to will cause the Pastor's and, by extension, ALL God's People to learn, grow, become better and more powerful Christians, be better Pastors, better Leaders, and they will all keep growing, getting stronger!
BUT... IF Satan can convince them that the "real problem" is "Spiritual Warfare" - then he can accomplish a great many things all at once.

1. The Church gives Satan so much credit that the presence of demons can totally thwart the Holy Spirit, and Satan is the ruler of the demons, and if the demons can fight God to a standstill...
2. The Church affirms that the result of "doing it right" (what they think is God's Way) is to face opposition by demonic forces so powerful that the Church can be stopped dead in its tracks.
3. The Church interprets the very failure of their principles as "proof" that they are doing it "God's way" because that's why "they came under attack" - and actually do MORE of the wrong thing.
4. The Church will become worse Christians - because they are out of harmony with God's ACTUAL Way and God's ACTUAL design - and they will defend the wrong way as God's Way!
5. Satan keeps his enemy ineffective in their lives, their work, and in their relationships.
6. Pastors will Teach and Leaders will Lead the wrong way, and the Church will MISunderstand God, MISunderstand God's Way, and teach that "doing it God's way" means demons will oppose you.
7. If someone DOES try to do it the wrong way, believing it is "God's Way" - they will make the exact same mistakes and compound the problem - so Satan wins in more families!
8. Outside Observers will see that "God's Way" does not work - and Satan gets to keep his people.
9. The Next Generation will be more cynical, and many will reject God - and Satan gets a generation!
10. Satan gets them fixated on praying against him - when HE IS NOT DOING ANYTHING!

*In Principle Problems, the "Spiritual Warfare Assumption" works for the Devil.
Here's a question... WHO is "Doing the Devil's Work?"*