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### Intercession in the Spirit of Love



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*“He replied: Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.” (Lk. 21:8).*

Many in Church today are also sitting in this same fallen condition and have left the foundations of the Gospel, Jesus being Savior and very God in the Flesh. **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not,”** (Jn. 1:1-5). KJV

Paul refers to his own intercessory prayers and seeks for a similar service on his own behalf from those to whom he writes. Intercession is based upon the tendency of the heart filled by love and deep sympathetic sense of relations to others. Apostle Paul’s examples:

- (Rom. 1:9); The Spirit’s interceding
- (Rom.8:27); Paul’s prayer for his race,
- (Rom.10:1); request for prayers
- (Rom.15:30); help that he found from the prayer of his friends
- (2 Cor. 1:11); Prayer for the Corinthian church
- (2 Cor. 13:7); (Eph. 1:16-23; 3:14- 21); (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 1:3-11,19; Col. 1:3,9; 4:3; 1 Thess. 1:2; 5:23,25; 2 Thess. 1:2); all men and for kings and those in authority
- (1 Tim. 2:1-2); prayer for Timothy
- (2 Tim. 1:3); Philemon verse 4; offered for the sick by the elders of the church (Jam. 5:14-18); also, (Heb. 13:18-21; 1 Jn. 5: 14 ff).<sup>1</sup>

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Intercession perfected in Christ's Office and in the Church. This review prepares us for the development of a specific office of intercession, perfectly realized in Christ. Moses acting with the people asking for him to represent them before God shows the leader of Israel intercedes with God for his nation; howbeit natural that this remarkable example of intercessory prayer should be followed by other leaders.

The gradually developed system of religious worship should furnish the conception of the priest, and especially the high priest, as the intercessor for those who came to the sacrifice. This was the meaning of the great Day of Atonement, after offering for himself. Henceforth, the high priest offered the sacrifice for the whole people. This official act, however, does not do away with the intercessory character of prayer as offered by men.

Intercession runs through the entire history of Israel but is found much more clearly in Christian life and in the practice of the Christian assembly itself. Christ's intercessory prayer is our highest example and pattern of this form of prayer. Jesus' intercessions for His disciples and for His crucifiers are recorded and the sacred record rises to the highest pinnacle in the prayer of, (Jn. 17).

In this prayer the following characteristics are to be found:<sup>2</sup>

- The prayer is based upon the intimate relation of Jesus to the Father.
- This prayer follows the complete fulfillment of duty.
- Not the mere expression of desire, even for others but is the crown of effort on their behalf.
- Jesus has revealed God to His disciples and given to them God's words; therefore He prays for them, (Jn. 17:6-7-9).

Intercession recognizes the Divine, unbroken relation to the object of the prayer: "I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep," etc. (verse 11 the ultimate end of the prayer is salvation from the evil of the world (verse 15). The extensive meaning of the prayer and its chief objects- unity with God, and the presence with Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and divine love. The prayer is a model for all intercessory prayer.<sup>3</sup>

**"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand,"** Eph. 6:12-13.

I have witnessed in my evangelism around the world, many ministers and pastors' wives and children that were being tormented with many physical and mental oppressions by the powers of darkness. Only a compassion for their work and love of Jesus has kept them at their

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post. Fellow believers, this ought not to be so. These workers need a hedge built up around them; prayer warriors who will stand in the gap and plant a hedge of protection by daily prayer for them.

Small and large churches sit in cities that are bewitched by the scintillation of sin. Meanwhile, the world continues to lie under enslaved powers of Satan while that Jesus Christ has already paid a price for its release. He has given his saints the delegated authority to win the spiritual battle over Satan's kingdom. The Word of God gives the church, small or large, the delegated authority also. **"And they that shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and Thou shalt be called, THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH, THE RESTORER OF PATHS TO DWELL IN,"** Isaiah 58:12.

The Church has not been successful in using the supernatural tools that was left by His finished victory. We are seeing an end-time phenomenon within the Church. Paul says in Second Timothy 4:1-5, **"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."** Remember, that Paul was talking to a preacher!

The word "endure" is the Greek word *anechomai*, which means "to put up with," to bear with," or "to tolerate." The word "sound" is the Greek word *Hugiaino*, which refers to something that is "healthy." Really, a better translation would be, "for the time will come when they will no longer tolerate healthy Doctrine." The modern Church is crippled because it is, in many cases, ignorant of the reality of the existence of Satan. Nevertheless, the Bible is not silent concerning the living creature and power of the Devil.

### **ELITIST FAITH AND HERESY**

"No matter how we view Gnosticism, it is always an elitist faith. . . . There are certain groups of Christians that fall into the category of 'elitism' notwithstanding their affiliations. They use the same catch phrases: 'Come out of your man-made systems', 'denominational walls are breaking down', and 'Christians need to be "delivered" from "Spirits of Religion" and "sound doctrine."' The guilty groups are primarily among the Charismatic's . . . the common denominator is the 'elitist' concept. This [heresy] is set out as follows: <sup>4</sup>

### **THE THIRD WAVE ~ ENTRANCE INTO THE GLOBAL NEW AGE**

The expression **Third Wave** was coined by Christian [theologian C. Peter Wagner](#) around [1980](#) to describe what followers believe to be the recent historical work of the [Holy Spirit](#). It is part of a larger movement known as the [Neocharismatic](#) movement. The "Third

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<sup>4</sup> <http://herescope.blogspot.com/2005/12/gnostic-army.html>

Wave" involves those [Christians](#) who have received [Pentecostal-like experiences](#), (Kundalini impersonating Holy Spirit), however Third Wavers usually claim no close association with either the Pentecostal or [Charismatic movements](#). **The Faith Movement, the Third Wave, Peter Wagner's group, NAR and "God is forming an overcoming company within the body of Christ called, among other names, 'The Manchild Company,' . . . The Manchild Company is the true church. Those that are the real Christians are the Overcomers . . . and are becoming more and more perfected so that they will be able to drive Satan from the world. This must be done before Jesus can return. They believe that the church is not ready for the coming of the Lord. They are not looking for His imminent coming. They believe that Christ must come TO His Church before He comes FOR His Church."**

"All do not necessarily use this terminology, but the premises are the same. The language is becoming increasingly militant as the 'Army of God,' 'Gideon's Army' or 'Joel's Army' takes shape. A common thread is that they are expecting a 'New Order': 'In all revolutions there are noisy and dangerous times as the OLD ORDER is replaced by the new . . . after the dust settles, we can proceed to build the beautiful kingdom that the Lord has purposed from the foundations of the World,' says Vinson Synan, one of the leaders of AD 2000 (*Fullness*, Jan.-Feb. 1990, p. 24)."<sup>5</sup>

It has agenda that is well hidden behind Christian sounding words and phrases to quell the fears of suspicions and discerning sheep. It is a dark agenda that has been planned for eternity and implemented with military precision. A plan to open you up to hidden wisdom, mystical experiences and spirit guides in preparation for the coming "paradigm shift." It is a plan to raise up a New Breed who will discard the old and arise to violently lay hold of the New Order Kingdom in which the church will rule and reign over the earth. It sounds good doesn't it? I mean it sounds plausible, why, it even sounds Christian. However, this teaching, thinly veiled in Christian terms, is identical in every way to what the occultists, Gnostics, New Agers and esoteric religions teach. However, just as we wrap a nasty pill in bacon to feed a dog his medicine, this teaching has been wrapped in something particularly tasty to make it easier to swallow.<sup>6</sup>

### **The Truth:**

Unto the church at Ephesus the Apostle John wrote, ***"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou has tried them that say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars."*** (Rev. 2:2).

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<sup>5</sup> To read the whole book *Strange Fire* go to one of these links:  
<http://www.velocity.net/~edju/gnostic1.htm>  
<http://www.discernment-ministries.org/StrangeFire.pdf>  
<http://www.discernment-ministries.org/StrangeFire1.htm>

<sup>6</sup> <sup>6</sup> <http://www.deceptionbytes.com/DarkAgenda>

## NEW AGE RELIGION

The apocalyptic One World Government – Religious - totalitarian monstrosity of the future is soon to step upon the world's stage to play out the final tragedy of the extinction of personal and religious freedom; a new world where people will be rigidly controlled by big brother. The coming world demagogue must appeal to the spiritual wishes of the masses, so he gives his own universal religion; a Harlot Church called the Mystery of Babylon complete with its false prophet and false god.

## CHAOTIC DECEIVING SPIRITS

Idolatry and Witchcraft works in your mind but it will capture and imprison your spirit. The New Age Movement is to the highest degree of duplicitous and scathing philosophy at work in religion today. It is interlaced not only in witchcraft, idolatry and Satanism but it is attacking all Christian denominations. The New Age belief system is deeply rooted in Eastern religious mysticism and the paranormal. Followers are led to awaken their **God consciousness** by using powerful occult techniques such as, **Transcendental Meditation, Yoga, Hypnosis, visualization, psychic phenomenon, New Thought Consciousness, divination, mind control**, etc.

Today there is a special onslaught of (Chaotic) deceiving spirits upon the Church of Christ, the fulfillment of the prophecy which the Holy Spirit expressly made known to the Church through the Apostle Paul, that a great deceptive onslaught would take place in the latter Times. Since the utterance of the prophecy, more than two thousand years have passed by but the special manifestation of evil spirits in the deception of believer's today points unmistakably to the fact that we are at the close of the age. ***“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”*** (1 Jn. 4:3).

The most popular apostasy in Christendom today is the teaching that God has revealed Himself in many different ways to different cultures. Therefore, all religions worship the same god, but just use different names.

From this viewpoint, they say, the Allah of Islam is the same as the Yahweh of **Judaism** and both are the same as the Krishna of Hinduism. Of course, the New Age teachers conclude is that Jesus Christ is just another god.

The natural conclusion that is drawn from this apostate idea is that there are many different paths to God, Jesus being only one of them. This has led liberal leaders of groups like The National Council of Churches in the United States and the World Council of Churches to condemn Christian missionary activity as "arrogant" and "anti-cultural."<sup>i</sup>

The Bible teaches that these apostate Christian leaders are eventually going to succeed, at least temporarily. Their triumph will occur when the Antichrist forms his one world religion:<sup>ii</sup>

***“And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed,”***  
(Rev 13:12). KJV

## CHURCH MUST RETURN TO ACTION OF JESUS

Ps 33:12, --**“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”** KJV

God’s chosen people are those who respond to His call. Survivors are active and respond to His Word. When you have to depend on Jesus that’s when you will know the power God.

Gerald Celente, was in his hotel room when the February 17, 2010 great earth quake that happened in Chile. He immediately reacted and rushed out of the hotel into the streets. Later, he discovered that he was the only one that survived. Why did they all die? Some picked up the phone to ask the front desk what to do while others did nothing. They waited for someone to come and save them; however, no one came.

Mr. Celente’s action can be compared to many modern Christian churches in America. All hell is breaking out in our country and also in our churches. The most important thing people find to do at the issues of their lives is get their nails done or go to a sports event, watch Television, attend mind controlling movies, attend playtime, better homes and garden churches, churches filled with enchanting Kundilini demons and entertaining preachers who no longer preach the Word of God. Worldly materialism and sin is encouraged while living holy and sanctified is discouraged. America will die by the power of the silly pastors and the inactive congregations who hide their sinful, tormented lives and support this evil.

You know it’s appalling; you know it’s destructive, but you just live day to day. Well partner, your days are coming to an end. God’s judgment begins in the house of the Lord. Satan has taken parts of the Christian Church into captivity; he has blinded the eyes of many of its leaders and people; has brought pagan, witchcraft powers into the churches. They are burning strange fire at the altars of God.

Get out of the churches selling you an easy life, promises to build your material wealth which in fact is leading you to the highway of death. I urge you to take same action that Celente did, get up and leave; move, leave the death buildings ensnaring your souls for hell; repent and run to the arms of Jesus. Jesus is always there with His arms open to receive you. He’s always closer than your breath. Speak and bind the beguiling devils, the devils of slumber and awaken to the power of Jesus.

2 Thess 2:2-4 –**“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”** KJV

Jesus is calling His people to prayer.

- ✓ Look at you family, all lost? Pray!
- ✓ Look at your church... unhappy with what you see? Pray!
- ✓ Look at your job.... unhappy? Pray.
- ✓ Look at your neighborhood... unhappy? Pray!

- ✓ **Look at your nation... unhappy? Pray.**
- ✓ **Look, look, look... you can find many things to pray about... Just pray, pray, pray and copy David.**

**“I give myself unto prayer,”** Psalm 109: 4.

David would not defend himself; he always subjected himself to the living God. Even when King Saul came to kill him, David would not touch a man that “was anointed by God.” The king was in a sin state and had turned from God, but David would not kill him. David knew the principle that Jehovah is the judge. If you try to handle the problem, nothing will happen for you.

David did not cry once and then reverted into silence. David continued his holy angry outburst, continuing till he brought down the blessings of God. Prayer is a daily partnership with our God. We must give ourselves to prayer; be immersed in prayer without ceasing and then we will witness His mighty turning our ship in the right direction.

We do it! Will Jesus respond to you? What you have to overcome is to trust Jesus; you build your faith up in Jesus and His Word. You must have confidence in Jesus so that you can overcome your feelings and the doubts in your mind.

Rom 12:21 – **“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”** KJV

Matt 7:7-11 – **“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”** KJV

He will answer!

Our God is sovereign, if you want to doubt, and then doubt your doubts. Our God is able to do above all that we can think about. Phil. 2:11, --**“And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”** KJV

Heavenly Father.

I praise You for this wonderful privilege of sitting in Your throne room with Jesus Christ as my mediator. Your presence is strength for my soul. “Lord Jesus, You have been exalted by God and given a Name which is above every name; that at Your name every knee should bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. You are the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords; the kingdoms of this world will become Your throne, and You shall reign forever and ever,” See Philippians 2-9-11; 2 Timothy. 6:15; Revelation 11:15.<sup>58</sup>

I give You glory that You loved the world so that You sent Your Son Jesus Christ in mercy for humankind that I will not perish. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah who came in the flesh to destroy the works of Satan. He died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I confess all my sins and repent every evil sin that I have ever committed and claim forgiveness and cleansing according to I John 1:9. I believe that Jesus' blood cleanses me now from all sin.

Thank You Lord Jesus for redeeming me, cleansing me, justifying me and sanctifying me with Your blood. Lord open my spiritual eyes and sharpen my spiritual ears to hear what the Spirit of Truth is saying to me. Be stow upon me strength to tarry with You for praying Your heart for myself and others during our intercession time.

I invoke Your favor this day upon our families; cause us to call upon Thy name and stir up myself to take hold of Thee. Isaiah. 64:7. "O to my heart bring back the springtime. Take away the cold, the darkness of sin. O refill me now Sweet Holy Spirit, till I am young and tender again!"

Father, as a believer, I conduct spiritual warfare on my own behalf. I boldly attack the powers of darkness that oppress and hinder freedom and progress in my spiritual life. I bind the principalities, powers, the rulers of darkness of this and spiritual wickedness in high places and claim **"it is finished"** of Calvary upon the unseen hosts of Satan. Thank You Lord, for the discernment of spirits so that I will be able to bind their activity in my home so that I can bind and war against them.

Father,

I thank You for my husband and children. A Christian mother next to Christ is the highest person in the life of her children. I thank You for giving me the anointing to pray for them. Teach me to train my children the Scriptures that my children will know You and serve You as Timothy did. Help me to properly discipline them and teach them How to pray that you will keep my children's heart tender. I accept our children as a heritage of You Lord. Thank You for blessing them and teaching them. I believe that Your divine protection is over their lives. I thank You for the gifts and talents that You will give them.

Lord I willingly submit to my husband as head of this household. I thank You Jesus that You as his Head You will guide his life. Lord keep Your peace upon him and lead him to be wise with his decisions and leadership. I praise You for the Word and ask you to stir his hunger for you and your Word. Thank You for giving my husband the wisdom and ability to provide for us in every area of our lives.

According Matthew 18:18, I take authority over the strongman binding his power and constrain every evil spirit that would try to attack myself and my family, body soul and spirit. I bind all the spirits that were inherited through the family line because of "iniquities of the fathers" Exodus 20:15, and received through spoken curses in witchcraft. Lord I loose my family and all its members from all the powers of the enemy so God's will to be established. I ask You Lord to send warring angels to watch over them. Send to them Godly teachers to guide

their lives. Show us as parents, how to raise them in the admonition of the Lord. Bring to them good Christian friends and lead them into being strong Christians with love for Jesus Christ.

Father, help my husband to assume his responsibility to establish and maintain a strong, spiritual Godly family. Teach him to become bold in spiritual warfare in an aggressive manner. It is absolutely essential if our family is to function within Your Will.

I claim every unbeliever, backslidden Christian in my family to be saved according to Your Word, Acts 2:38, 39. I pray for my mother, father, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and every living relative. Lord, I bind the powers over their lives that keep them from You. Let them have no pleasure in their sin lives and send the Holy Spirit to them to convict and convince them of their sins and to reveal Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, dispatch warring angels over their lives to war against the evil spirits that have them bound. Send workers in their fields to tell them the good news that Jesus Christ came to save them. Then Lord, bestow upon them the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Father, I ask that You send special angels to protect Exodus 8:22, 23 hide and put a hedge around Job 1:10; Hosea 2:6, all of your children who are in the ministry. I cut Satan, his demons and curses loose from them, my family and friends. I command you, Satan, and your curses to loose me and my family, and all the things you have stolen from us (happy marriages, finances, jobs). I command you, Satan that you will stop your maneuvers to stop robbing us of our blessings and blocking God's perfect will for our lives.

I command you to loose lands, animals, our money, the finances of people who owe us money, and everything you have ever stolen, so that through the blessings of Abraham may come upon us. I ask you Lord to send Your angels to bring these things back to us.

I praise You Father that I can trust Your Word and that by praying in agreement with Your Word; I know that You will hear my petitions.

Lord God, keep me yielded to You as a Christian and dedicated prayer warrior. Father I pray for Your backslidden Church and believe you to deliver my pastor, family and friends from the infiltrating demons that has bound the blinded leadership. I believe that you are able to reach them and cry out for their souls. Deliver them from blinding idolatry, emotional Christianity, and living for the flesh. Holy Ghost I ask that you will go and convict them of their sins and open their eyes to the deity of Jesus Christ. Draw them into Your Kingdom.

Thank You Father, in Jesus' name, Amen.

## Outline

### Demon ~ Demonic ~ Demonology ~ Deliverance

1. DEMON (Gk. *daimon*, and its derivative daimonion).
  - a. Used once in the New Testament (Acts 17:18, NIV, "*foreign gods*");
  - b. NASB, "*deities*," see marg.) for deity, but usually referring to the ministers of the devil (Luke 4:35; 9:1,42; John 10:21; etc.);
    - i. Inferior spirit beings, Satan's angels who "**did not keep their own domain**," Jude 6; Matthews 25:41; Revelation 12:7,9.
  - c. Satan is called the "ruler of the demons" (Matthews 9:34; 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; Gk. archonti ton daimonion).
    - i. Demons are said to enter into the body of a person to vex him with diseases (Matthews 9:33; 17:18; Luke 4:35,41; 8:30,32-33; etc.), and a person was believed to be possessed by a demon when he suffered by some exceptionally severe disease, 4:33; 8:27 or acted and spoke as though mad (Matthews 11:18; Luke 7:33; John 7:20; etc.).
  - d. According to a Jewish opinion that passed over to the Christians, demons are the gods of the Gentiles and the authors of idolatry.
    - i. Paul, teaching that the gods of the Gentiles are a fiction, 1 Corinthians 8:10-13, makes the beings answering to the heathen conceptions of the gods to be demons, to whom he says they really sacrifice, 10: 20; in, 1 Timothy. 4:1 deceitful lies are attributed to demons.
    - ii. They are represented as "*kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day*" Jude 6; cf., 2 Peter. 2:4. <sup>55</sup>
2. (*dem'-mon*), (*de-mo'-ni-ak*), (*de-mon-ol'-o-ji*) (daimonion, earlier form daimon = pneuma akatharton, poneron, "demon," "unclean or evil spirit," incorrectly rendered "devil" in the King James Version):
  - a. Definition.-- The word daimon or daimonion seems originally to have had two closely related meanings; a deity, and a spirit, superhuman but not supernatural.
    - i. In the former sense the term occurs in the Septuagint translation of, Deuteronomy 32:17; Psalms 106:37; Acts 17:18.
    - ii. The second of these meanings, which involves a general reference to vaguely conceived personal beings akin to men and yet belonging to the unseen realm, leads to the application of the term to the peculiar and restricted class of beings designated "demons" in the New Testament.
  - b. The Origin of Biblical Demonology. -- An interesting scheme of development has been suggested (by Baudissin and others) in which Biblical demonism is brought through polytheism into connection with primitive animism.

- c. The Evolutionary Theory: A simple criticism of this theory, which is now the ascendant, will serve fittingly to introduce what should be said specifically concerning Biblical demonology.
    - i. Animism, which is one branch of that general primitive view of things which are designated as spiritism, is the theory that all Nature is alive (see Ladd, *Philippians Rel.*, I, 89 f) and that all natural processes are due to the operation of living wills.
    - ii. Polytheism is supposed to be the outcome of animism.
  - d. The vaguely conceived spirits of the earlier conception are advanced to the position of deities with names, fixed characters and specific functions, organized into a pantheon.
    - i. Biblical demonology is supposed to be due to the solvent of monotheism upon contemporary polytheism.
  - e. The Hebrews were brought into contact with surrounding nations, especially during the Persian, Babylonian and Greek periods, and monotheism made room for heathenism by reducing its deities to the dimension of demons.
    - i. They are not denied all objective reality, but are denied the dignity and prerogatives of deity.
3. Objections to the Theory:
- a. The objections to this ingenious theory are too many and too serious to be overcome.
    - i. The genetic connection between animism and polytheism is not clear. In fact, the specific religious character of animism is altogether problematical.
    - ii. It belongs to the category of primitive philosophy rather than of religion.
  - b. It is difficult to trace the process by which spirits unnamed and with characteristics of the vaguest become deities-- especially is it difficult to understand how certain spirits only are advanced to the standing of deities.
    - i. More serious still, polytheism and animism have coexisted without close combination or real assimilation.
    - ii. (see Sayce, *Babylonia and Assyria*, 232; Rogers, *Religion of Babylonia and Assyria*, 75 f) for a long course of history.
    - iii. It looks as if animism and polytheism had a different *raison d'etre*, origin and development.
      - (1) It is, at least, unsafe to construct a theory on the basis of so insecure a connection.

- (2) The interpretation of heathen deities as demons by no means indicates that polytheism is the source of Biblical demonology.
    - iv. On general principles, it seems far more likely that the category of demons was already familiar.
  - c. That connection with polytheism brought about an extension of its application.
    - i. A glance at the Old Testament will show how comparatively slight and unimportant has been the bearing of heathen polytheism upon Biblical thought.
    - ii. The demonology of the Old Testament is confined to the following passages.
      - (1) Leviticus 16:21-22; 17:7; Isaiah 13:21; 34:13; Deuteronomy 32:17; Palms 106:37.
      - (2) (elsewhere commented upon; see COMMUNION WITH DEMONS).
      - (3) Gesenius well says of, Leviticus 16:21 that it is "*vexed with the numerous conjectures of interpreters.*"
      - (4) If the prevalent modern view is accepted, we find in it an actual meeting-point of popular superstition and the religion of Yahweh (see AZAZEL).
    - iii. According to Driver (Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, I, 207), this item in the Levitical ritual "was intended as a symbolical declaration that the land.
    - iv. The people are now purged from guilt, their sins being handed over to the evil spirit to whom they are held to belong, and whose home is in the desolate wilderness remote from human habitations (verse 22, into a land cut off)."
4. A more striking instance could scarcely be sought of the way in which the religion of Yahweh kept the popular spiritism at a safe distance. Leviticus 17:7.<sup>56</sup>
- a. The two passages-- Isaiah 13:20-21; 34:13-14-- are poetical and really imply nothing as to the writer's own belief.
    - i. Creatures both seen and unseen supposed to inhabit places deserted of man are used, as any poet might use them, to furnish the details for a vivid word-picture of uninhabited solitude.
    - ii. There is no direct evidence that the narrative of the Fall, Genesis 3:1-19 has any connection with demonology.<sup>57</sup>
    - iii. The suggestion of Whitehouse that the mention of satyrs and night-monsters of current mythology with such creatures as jackals, etc.,

- implies "that demons were held to reside more or less in all these animal denizens of the ruined solitude" is clearly fanciful.
- iv. It is almost startling to find that all that can possibly be affirmed of demonology in the Old Testament is confined to a small group of passages which are either legal or poetical and which all furnish examples of the inhibiting power of high religious conceptions upon the minds of a naturally superstitious and imaginative people.
    - b. Even if we add all the passages in which a real existence seems to be granted to heathen deities (e.g., Number 21:29; Isaiah 19:1, etc.)
    - c. Interpret them in the extreme sense, we are still compelled to affirm that evidence is lacking to prove the influence of polytheism in the formation of the Biblical doctrine of demons.
      - i. This theory breaks down in another still more vital particular. The demonology of the Bible is not of kin either with primitive animism or popular Sere demonism.

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Son of God, promises, Prophet, Preeminence of Jesus Christ, Jesus is Superior, The Atonement, Judgment of Hell, Redemption, Doctrine of Sin, Salvation, Justification, Regeneration, Adoption, Sanctification, Perfection, Christology, Incarnation, Honor, Worship, Faith, Love, Obedience , eternity, fallen angels, Superiority of Jesus Christ , Christ is superior angels, High Priest , angels, Virgin Birth, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension, Angelic worship, Sovereignty, righteousness, Angelic War, Creator of all worlds, Millennium, Christology, Origin of Sin, Christ Alone Sinless, Christ's Deity, Man's Salvation, Savior, Heavenly Places , Doctrines, Jesus Christ's Offices, Jesus Christ's Work, Christ's Nature , Salvation, **Conversion, Repentance, Great Price, Redeemed, Curse, Purged With Blood, Preaching of the Cross, Faith, Blessings, Imprint of God, Eternity,**

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56. (See COMMUNION WITH DEMONS) refers to participation in the rites of heathen worship.

57. (see Hastings, *Dictionary of the Bible* (five volumes), I, 590

Note).