

THE DARK SIDE!!



Here are the True Facts about
Fallen Lucifer and his Cohorts

• **Evil spirits, in the beginning created sinless, were equal in nature, power, and glory with the holy beings that are now God's messengers. But fallen through sin, they are leagued together for the dishonor of God and the destruction of men.**

• **United with Satan in his rebellion, and with him cast out from heaven, they have, through all succeeding ages, co-operated with him in his warfare against the divine authority.**

• **We are told in Scripture of their confederacy and government, of their various orders, of their intelligence and subtlety, and of their malicious designs against the peace and happiness of men.**



Old Testament history presents occasional mention of their existence and agency; but it was during the time when Christ was upon the earth that evil spirits manifested their power in the most striking manner.

Satan raged like a chained lion when Jesus came to earth to dispute his claims.

Christ had come to enter upon the plan devised for man's redemption, and Satan determined to assert his right to control the world. **He had succeeded in establishing idolatry in every part of the earth** except the land of Palestine. To the only land that had not fully yielded to the tempter's sway, Christ came to shed upon the people the light of heaven.



Jesus' purpose was to show man what God was really like- and expose the lies of Satan.

Here two rival powers claimed supremacy. Jesus was stretching out His arms of love, inviting all who would to find pardon and peace in Him. **The hosts of darkness saw that they did not possess unlimited control, and they understood that if Christ's mission should be successful, their rule was soon to end.** Satan raged like a chained lion and defiantly exhibited his power over the bodies as well as the souls of men.



"Two men possessed with devils rushed fiercely toward Jesus."



"The entire vessel rolled headlong down a steep precipice and was drowned in the sea."

The fact that men have been **possessed with demons**, is clearly stated in the New Testament. The persons thus afflicted were not merely suffering with disease from natural causes. Christ had perfect understanding of that with which He was dealing, and He recognized the **direct presence and agency of evil spirits**.



No doubt there was a time when this man never dreamed he would end up--
POSSESSED BY DEMONS!

A striking example of their number, power, and malignity, and also of the power and mercy of Christ, is given in the Scripture account of the healing of the demoniacs at Gadara. Those wretched maniacs, spurning all restraint, writhing, foaming, raging, were filling the air with their cries, doing violence to themselves, and endangering all who should approach them.



Their bleeding and disfigured bodies and distracted minds presented a spectacle well-pleasing to the prince of darkness.

One of the demons controlling the sufferers declared, "My name is Legion; for we are many." [1 MARK 5:9.] In the Roman army a legion consisted of from three to five thousand men. **Satan's hosts also are marshalled in companies**, and the single company to which these demons belonged numbered no less than a legion.

At the command of Jesus, the evil spirits departed from their victims, leaving them calmly sitting at the Saviour's feet, subdued, intelligent, and gentle.



Those possessed with devils are usually represented as being in a condition of great suffering; yet there were exceptions to this rule. **For the sake of obtaining supernatural power, some welcomed the Satanic influence.** These of course had no conflict with the demons. Of this class were those who possessed the spirit of divination,--Simon Magus, Elymas the sorcerer, and the damsel who followed Paul and Silas at Philippi.

**Wizards and Sorcerers;
Mediums and psychics;
may not appear like the
demoniac, HOWEVER:
they are as truly under
the domination of evil
spirits!**



None are in greater danger from the influence of evil spirits than are those who, notwithstanding the direct and ample testimony of the Scriptures, deny the existence and agency of the devil and his angels. So long as we are ignorant of their wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom.

This is why, as we approach the close of time, when Satan is to work with greatest power to deceive and destroy, he spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist. It is his policy to conceal himself and his manner of working.



There is nothing that the great deceiver fears so much as that we shall become acquainted with his devices. The better to disguise his real character and purposes, he has caused himself to be so represented as to excite no stronger emotion than ridicule or contempt. He is well pleased to be painted as a ludicrous or loathsome object, misshapen, half animal and half human.

He is pleased to hear his name used in sport and mockery by those who think themselves intelligent and well-informed





Satan is the inventor of the idea: 'Play both ends against the middle!' Always remember that SATAN uses two faces--He has the shining ANGEL of LIGHT side and the POWERS OF DARKNESS side. Some are attracted to one and some to the other. RARELY IF EVER do these deceived ones catch on that BOTH sides are the same power!'



**He pretends to have
one side fight the other;
But it's all the same to
him-**

**- no matter which side
you think you are on—
he still has you
captive!!!**

It is because he has masked himself with consummate skill that the question is so widely asked: "Does such a being really exist?" It is an evidence of his success that theories giving the lie to the plainest testimony of the Scriptures are so generally received in the religious world.

And it is because Satan can most readily control the minds of those who are unconscious of his influence, that the word of God gives us so many examples of his malignant work, unveiling before us his secret forces, and thus placing us on our guard against his assaults.

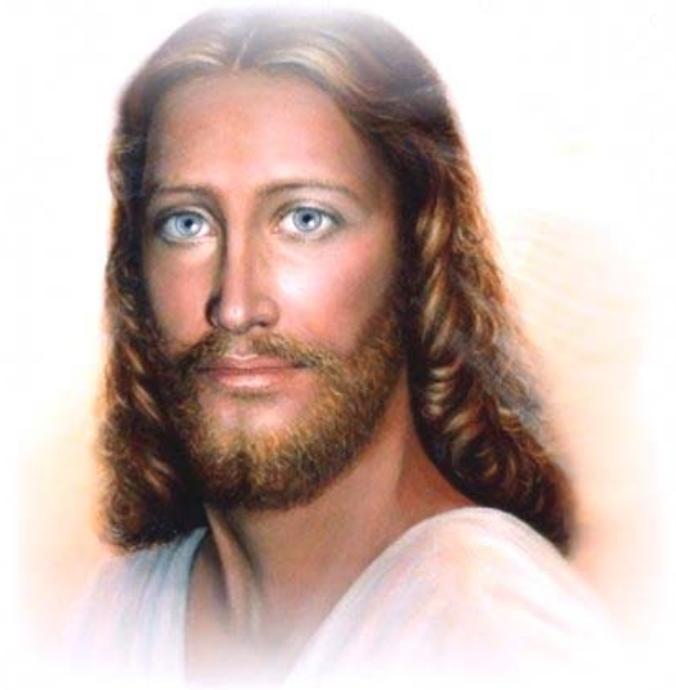


Skilfully he plays his games for the souls of men. Persons who look with disgust and contempt on one class of his work, ready go for another and feel secure.

People will scoff at the idea that their favourite occult pastime is 'of the devil'!

They mock and ridicule those who seek to warn them of the dangers of Astrology, fantasy stories, witchcraft, nature worship and so on.

One of his subtle tricks is to work through false science and philosophy thus capturing the 'intellectual class'!



The blonde, blue eyed 'cosmic-christ' has many worshippers today!

Never before has Satan and his hosts put into use so many different and often even opposite schemes to deceive the unwary.. . It seems he is bringing out every trap he has ever used - polishing them and re-using them all at once!



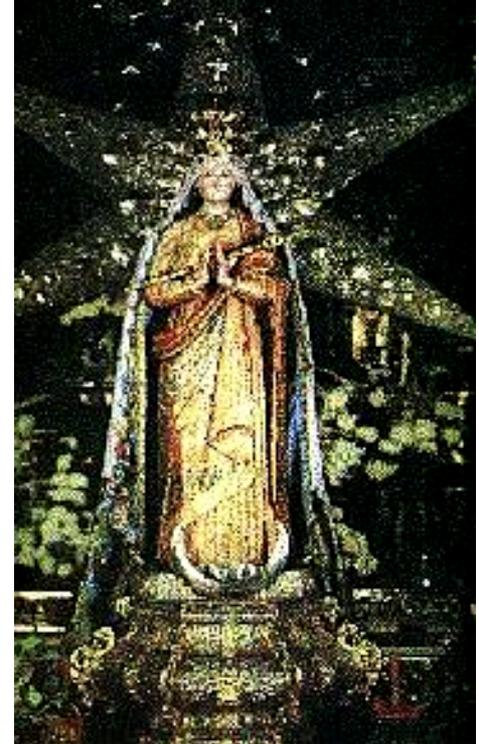


**And yet he hides from all but a few his
real self and even those are lied to.**

**Pagans think he is the 'power of nature'
Many are sure he is the hidden powers
of man's mind. UFO buffs are sure he is
a visitor from other galaxies.**

To the pious he appears as Mary or the saints. To the idolatrous he appears as the gods they worship.

To the power hungry he is 'The Force'! (the 'good' side of course!)



The power and malice of Satan and his host might justly alarm us were it not that we may find shelter and deliverance in the superior power of our Redeemer.



We carefully secure our houses with bolts and locks to protect our property and our lives from evil men; but we seldom think of the evil angels who are constantly seeking access to us, and against whose attacks we have, in our own strength, no method of defence.

If permitted, they can distract our minds, disorder and torment our bodies, destroy our possessions and our lives. Their only delight is in misery and destruction. Fearful is the condition of those who resist the divine claims and yield to Satan's temptations, until God gives them up to the control of evil spirits.

But those who follow Christ are ever safe under His watchcare.

Angels that excel in strength are sent from heaven to protect them. The wicked one cannot break through the guard which God has stationed about His people.



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