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## **O**UR UNCEASING SPIRITUAL WARFARE! **A Study Into the Dark World of Satan and Evil Spirits**

### **PREFACE**

There exists among many of God's people a very unhealthy if not potentially dangerous urge to pry into the dark world of Satan and evil spirits. This book was compiled by a missionary, **Henry R. Pike**, who, for a time was thrust into this usually forbidden realm. For over 35 years he lived mostly on the fields of South Africa and Australia. The events in this book come from his personal experiences. This work is void of sensationalism that frequently accompanies discussing this subject. It is sanely written and carries warnings for those whose curiosity may kill the cat! He writes to inform and warn Christians about the spiritual warfare that **does** exist. Every pastor, missionary, teacher, and Christian in any position of leadership will profit from studying this booklet... Dr. Ted Camp, Director, Silent Word Ministries.

### **INTRODUCTION**

God is absolute truth. The Bible is the truth about the absolute truth. A sermon or scripture lesson is the truth about the truth about the absolute truth. In this mortal life we find ourselves at the later end of this divine scenario. With God's infallible word in hand we often struggle to excerpt from its pages **truth** about whatever situation that stands before us. For many of these, it is relatively simple to locate in Scripture, both the cause of the problem and the cure. With others, God, for reasons unknown to us, has chosen to keep certain things within the realm of the partially or totally unknown. As incredible as it sounds, God says this to us from the pages of His word (see Deut. 29:29, Job 11:7, 26:14, Prov. 25:2 with Isa. 45:15).

This lesson deals with one of those subjects in which Scripture tells us so much and then stops abruptly! God in loving concern hides the rest of the story. I have written here the truth about a truth. And believe me what is given about this truth is enough. A college professor objected on the grounds that "The Bible does not lay down a clear cut teaching about Satan and demon spirits" (which is dead-flat wrong). I responded to his folly by pointing out that neither does the Bible lay down a clear cut teaching concerning "Sunday School, Tuesday night visitation, choirs, youth pastors and groups, the bus ministry, faith promise mission giving" and dozens of other things practiced in Baptist Churches, as though they were the clearly defined, ancient fundamentals of the faith. We all know that if challenged about any of the above, a preacher would

point to some text in Scripture which (to him) justifies and proves what he is doing is right. However, when I dare write only a small part of the horrible things that **literally** happened to me in 50 years of God's service: instantly there is an uproar!

Why? Has this brief study touched a bad nerve in some of the brethren? Do some of the things in this paper challenge the "superior theological knowledge" of our present day armchair professors or the "deep thinkers" of the faith? Why are some so shaken by these few pages written by a poor missionary? Is it because they have **never faced a demon-possessed person** and the only way to avoid the terrible facts laid out in this lesson is to explain them away or slander me? Why do these facts rattle the mind of fellow believers who love the same Bible I do and serve the same Lord? Could it be their training has previously conditioned their minds? Has their academic excellence engendered deadly pride? Are some aiding and abetting the Devil unconsciously? Not all are of this contrary mind set.

Jude 9 is pulled from the Scripture to "prove" that Christians must never rebuke Satan. The Christian who has **never** clashed with the Devil is **not** a Christian. Did our Lord clash with him? Did missionary Paul? No person in their right mind goes about looking for the Devil and demons. (Those who do will soon find them!) In the war for lost souls heading for the flames of eternal hell, and the incessant struggle against sin and its machinations, the saint will run head-on with the multiple forces of darkness. It cannot be avoided. Untold thousands of sound books line the library shelves asserting and confirming this fact along with the Scripture. However, despite this mass of evidence, now we are hearing a tidal wave of sheer nonsense from the tongues and pens of many present day Christian leaders and teachers. Somebody has jumped the rails and those under their leadership or tutelage are the ones who will suffer for it. The context of Jude 9, instructs believers not to belie and ridicule authorities ("dignities" in verse 8), as the false prophets and **"filthy dreamers"** were doing. Next, Jude presents Michael as an apt illustration of one who did not rail on Satan, even though he had the authority and could have done so. (Daniel 9:13 and 20 are clear that Michael and other angels battle against satanic forces in the vast spiritual realm, and defeat them.) Jude 9, no more proves that Christians will not have encounters with the Devil, and may find it necessary to rebuke him with God's word, than it proves horses lay eggs. What did James mean when he wrote, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:9)? Please tell us **how** one is to resist? Paul admonished, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11).

Note: five of the six pieces of this armor are defensive while only one piece is offensive. Why do we need five against one, in our warfare with the Devil? What is the one offensive piece of equipment? It is the sword of God's word (Eph. 6:17). Did our Lord use this sword during the temptation of Matt. 4 or not? Every child of God should daily use the sword (Heb. 4:12). A bigger question, "How do we use this sword?" By quoting a few select passages in front of the seminary class or university students or from the plush pulpit of a "Bible believing church?"

In the temptation **to whom did Jesus quote God's word to?** Did He speak it out loud? (I am not talking about the Rhema cult either.) Did He literally cite it with an audible voice to the Devil? Should we ever wield the old sword in similar manner? How many of my readers will answer "no" to this latter question? Where will you place the experiences of Rev. 12:11? Only in the distant future and never presently? (At least that's one way out of it!) Just what is the "wrestling" match of Eph. 6:12? Is it something we don't do? Is it a mental state, a subconscious experience, a figment of our imagination – or is it real? Please answer these questions to your own heart. What's your score?

We are told that "no where in the Bible do God's people rebuke the Devil or his demons." (Beware of those who go about rebuking demons from false teeth, a short leg, sick canary, flat tires, every contrary church member and so forth.) The believer who is in the heat of **Our Unceasing Spiritual Warfare** will encounter those terrible occasions when it is necessary to command the Devil and his demons to "go a packing." (I have listed numerous incontrovertible events of this in the following pages of this study.) Commanding Satan and his demons is **not** a casual, flippant, every ten minute, mouth full of loud words.

Whenever such a serious thing is found necessary **it must only be done in the name and authority of the risen Christ** with the supplicant depending totally on the power of the risen Christ to accomplish that which has been requested. The professor of church history who (mis)informs his students that no where do

we find demons were rebuked and commanded to leave should take a peek at missionary Paul in Acts 16:16-18, and the counter results by unsaved religious hypocrites in Acts 19:13-20. Anyone who will look under the word “rebuke” in the back of Strong’s Concordance (page 829) will see various things were rebuked by the early Christians and these included the forces of darkness.

“But this was strictly an apostolic gift” some object. Certain things were **exclusively** apostolic gifts back in the first and early churches, but hardly everything. Take another peek as the original apostles, greatly jealous of their gifts, and Christ’s rebuke of their terrible error concerning **who** could cast out evil spirits. Read thoughtfully our Lord’s sweeping statement correcting this arrogant false belief of the twelve apostles in Luke 9:49-50.

Finally, the response that “we defeat the Devil and demons by evangelization” has great merit in it, but initial evangelization is hardly the final answer to this problem in **every** case. There are thousands who have been “evangelized” and their lives are in a bigger mess now, than before their (so called) “evangelization.” What went wrong? Sure, we may write many of them off as never being saved, but can this be so with all of them? The following pages contain **factual** illustrations which confirm that the “they’re unsaved” objection is not always true. After men have been evangelized what becomes of them if they do not put on the whole armour of God?

Note: **they** must put it on. God does not do this for them. If they do not “grow in grace” what will happen (2 Peter 3:18)? God has never **forced** any child of His to “**grow in grace.**” Could they possibly refall victims to the Devil’s devices? (I am not advocating the lie of Arminianism or the heresy of Calvinism.) It is high time that some of our “non-compromising, Bible believing, fundamentalist brethren” who enjoy basking in the sunlight of their academic prowess, and continually verbalized their personal convictions, got real with certain facts in God’s word and experimental Christian living. Satan fears no man’s academic qualifications or golden tongue, especially, if he glosses over the smallest aspect of his dirty work. And some clever glossing is being done. We dare not build doctrine on experience, however, when one’s lifetime of experience contradicts what he has believed is correct doctrine, it is then time to urgently re-examine that doctrine to ascertain if it is true. Some of it might not be.

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## **OUR UNCEASING SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

### **A NIGHT IN THE DOCTOR’S BEDROOM**

In October 1959, under the powerful preaching of the late evangelist Ed Ledford, I joyfully gave my life for missionary service in the land of Australia. At that time, I was 27 years old and had been in the ministry about seven years. Some 15 months before going to the field, I conducted a one-night service in a small town called Ider, Alabama. After the meeting the minister invited me home to spend the night. The parsonage was an old house, once occupied by the local physician, who was known as a “godless, wicked man.” As it happened I slept in the bedroom where this medical doctor had died. The light of a full moon flooded into the room through the screens covering two large windows. In the early morning hours I was violently shaken out of my sleep. Something indescribable stood by the bed, with ice-cold hands (or whatever they were) it seized my throat! I was being physically choked to death! Sinking into unconsciousness I managed to pray, “Lord Jesus, save me!” Immediately the dark entity vanished and I fell back on the bed. The next morning my neck ached with severe pain. At breakfast I cautiously questioned the pastor about the house, its former occupants and so forth. Then I related to him the experience. He

stared across the table and said, "Strange things do happen in this house." Though not understood at the time, that was my **first** violent encounter with Satan and demons.

As the months passed my family and I were excited about the foreign mission field. After raising financial support for our proposed work we moved to Pasadena, Texas, and waited final word from the Australian Embassy to depart. This came in mid-1961, and we flew to Brisbane, Australia. Often I remembered that night in the doctor's bedroom, but pushed it out of mind. It was just "one of those things," so I reasoned. At last we were on the field and could give ourselves without distraction into God's service. Little did I know what was waiting down the road.

### **THE AUSTRALIAN BARBER SHOP**

It was about 5 years later and a scorching summer morning in 1966. We were working in the Australian "outback" town of Alice Springs. I had purposely gotten up early in order to be first at the local barbershop. J. L., the barber, who was the brother to a woman in our church, was opening the door as I drove up. We chatted about things in general while he worked on my hair. As he completed the haircut I said, "Joe, do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?" To my amazement an entirely different voice spoke through his mouth! In low, almost hissing tones the reply came, "Nooooooooooooo – never speak that name again in this place." Horrified, I looked up. He stood beside the chair with a razor gripped in his hand, glaring at me. Quickly I paid J. L. and left the shop. Puzzled, I drove home asking the question "was that really a demon that spoke to me?" Indeed, a demon had spoken through the mouth of that Aussie barber. This was my **second** literal encounter with the forces of darkness.

Some weeks later, the barber's sister invited us to her house to "watch some films of her family." After a cup of tea the old 16 mm projector was switched on and the black and white films began. To my surprise, first off were pictures of Mrs. K's brother (the barber), performing as a professional magician! His were not "hand quicker than the eye" tactics. Almost every "trick" was performed by the assistance of evil spirits. The atmosphere became heavy and evil. The terror that permeated that doctor's bedroom back in America, and the barbershop, was present again. Making some excuse, I took my wife and children and returned home. In coming days I dismissed these things out of mind, telling myself, "They won't happen again."

### **ANOTHER VISITOR AT NIGHT**

We were happy in our work at Alice Springs. People were being saved and a good nucleus of converts were coming together by the Spirit of God. The area was semi-desert, sweltering hot in the summer and frequently bitter cold in winter. Pounding sand storms covering everything with red dust were a feature my wife will never forget. It was over a year since the barbershop trauma. I rarely gave it any more thought. However, what I saw on those movies did trouble me, but only infrequently. Little did I know, another visitor was coming to my bedroom.

During the unbearable summer heat we would soak a sheet, wring it out, and spread it over us at night in order to get some relief. Otherwise sleep was impossible. Air conditioners did not exist in that part of Australia for the common man. It was sometime shortly after 5 AM as I had looked at the clock, then fell to sleep. The first rays of dawn were rising. Suddenly, my throat was gripped by freezing cold hands! Looking up, there stood the most horrible figure I have ever seen. It towered over my side of the bed. And this thing was strangling me! Growling like a dog, it revealed a horrible semblance and pressed with vice grip strength around my throat. The doctor's bedroom experience flashed before me. Choking, fighting, barely able to breath, I cried out "Oh Lord Jesus, save me!" It vanished instantly! My wife was unaware of the battle. Waking her, she helped me raise up in the bed. For days, I could not move my head without piercing sharp pains.

Carefully I considered all possibilities and ruled out a nightmare, bad dream, sleeping crooked and so forth. The only option was that something from an evil spiritual world was trying to kill me. (I even considered the possibility my mind was going.) The similarity between the experience in the doctor's bedroom and the one in Alice Springs could not be a coincidence. But there was a bright spot: our first furlough was coming up and we would be going home for a while. Amid the happy thoughts of seeing

parents, family and friends these terrible things briefly faded out of conscious thought. I convinced myself they were passing things and wouldn't happen again.

### **THE NURSE IN PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**

Seven years later and halfway around the world, I sat in a pastor's study in Pretoria, South Africa. We were waiting for a nurse who "wanted help with a problem." Several other Christians were present. In walked H. V., about 27 years of age. She took a seat just in front of my chair. The pastor called on me to pray. I barely said, "Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I..." Suddenly, H. bellowed forth a piercing scream. She was lifted up from her chair, catapulted over its back and crashed onto the floor, kicking and screaming. The chair fell violently on top of her as though some invisible power had thrown it. Instantly, the room was filled with evil! The elderly Christian man, sitting to my right shouted loudly, "Go out of her, in the name of the Son of God." And that was it! The women present rushed to help H. onto the couch. She had been visibly attacked. Her white uniform twisted and hair badly disheveled, she said, "What happened?" Then after a pause she exclaimed, "God be praised, I am free." With this the young nurse burst into tears of thanks to God. Thunderstruck, what had happened to me instantly flooded my mind. Again, I had encountered demon spirits. This time it was not dark apparitions or hissing voices, but a literal physical attack on one of their captives as they were leaving her body.

These events all culminated into a ghastly introduction of the Christian's Spiritual Warfare. God was sending me into a realm of missionary service where I did **not** want to go. Worse, I had no knowledge, nor was I ever taught that such things happened. Sure, we all believe in the Devil and evil spirits, but that was about it. As an old man, I must now share these experiences, before the Lord calls me home. Young missionaries, ministers, pastors and believers in general must be warned. This article is an attempt to reach out and offer help while I can about this warfare. But such is loaded with the sorest of difficulties. On one hand we have the ultra radical charismatics, casting demons out of canaries; aching teeth while seeing a 60 feet tall Devil; on the other the "old fashioned, non-compromising (and ultra radical) fundamentalists," who dogmatically affirm that "spiritual warfare and battling with demons were an apostolic gift and not for us today." And can these men (who measure the world by themselves), ever make it tough for one whom God has led this way. They will crucify you while you live. Oh yes, before some of you "Bible believers" (reading these lines), start driving nails in me **again**, I have a question?

What will you do if in a "counseling session with a troubled soul," he or she rises upward and suspends themselves transfixed in mid-air? Or if they should fall into a trance, foaming at the mouth and curse you in voices not their own?" Perhaps you could call for one of the apostles, or your professor, Bible teacher, or pastor, who taught you that these don't really happen today? You can try! Careful though, you may face one like that nurse in Pretoria, South Africa, **or worse**.

### **THE CONFLICT OF THE AGES: WHO WILL YOU WORSHIP?**

From man's creation to the present hour a fierce conflict has raged. Two deities: One all powerful and the other just powerful, have contested for the devotion and worship of the human race. The only true and living God provided for the world His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of His finished work on the cross and resurrection from the dead, mankind now has the way opened to return to their Creator; forgiven, saved and restored to true worship and devotion. In the reality of salvation man finds the true meaning of life. After genuine Bible conversion, fellowship and communion with Almighty God is restored. But this blessedness is not without savage opposition from a dark and hostile spiritual world.

Satan is a many-sided, versatile demagogue; a skillful strategist and master of every tactic on the battlefield for human bodies and souls. He is a powerful fallen angel, who in sheer hatred of God, and His plan of salvation, seeks day and night, unceasingly, to divert man from finding forgiveness of sins and peace through the blood of Christ. The Devil craves worship from men. Even to the Lord Jesus, sorely tempted His weakened humanity, the serpent hissed, "... **all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt worship me**" (Matt. 4:4:9).

Satan longs for "man worship." He will deceive, lie, cheat, steal, murder, pervert, distort and disfigure to

obtain for himself, that which belongs only to the Almighty. During a dark time, yet to come in world history, we read of millions actually bowing at his altar in worship and devotion to the Devil, **“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him”** (Rev. 13:8). The shocking rise in every form of the occult today, is a prelude for the universal worship of Satan, on a future tomorrow. This passion for self-worship drives Satan “to and fro in the earth,” and motivates him to **“walk up and down in it”** (Job 1:7), **“seeking whom he may devour”** (1 Peter 5:8). It is indeed the “conflict of the ages,” and the cataclysmic question is, “Who will you worship?” Every mortal on this planet will worship either the true God of heaven (through the salvation of Christ), or that fallen tyrant Lucifer. Where do you fit?

### **UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF DEVIL WORSHIP**

Every second of service and worship rendered to Satan fits under one umbrella. It is called the “occult.” Beneath this shadowy term (meaning hidden or secret), the Devil offers mankind “all things” in exchange for their worship and devotion. It is his arch blow against the Almighty. Men must worship him, not God. Under the occult umbrella mankind **does** worship the Devil, bowing down before his altar with their backs turned to the God of heaven. Stripped of all its sparkle and pseudo-glamour, the occult is the worship of Lucifer, the Devil. As never before a fearful curiosity in the forbidden things of darkness looms on all sides. It is a curse of worldwide dimensions. Sadly, thousands of born-again Christians are totally unfamiliar with these spiritual realities. Like suckers waiting to be hooked many have moved under the occult umbrella, oblivious to the danger. As stated above, we have the radical extremists on one hand and the cold, calculated orthodox on the other. Satan is pleased with both groups; they do him a good job.

Beginning with ancient Israel, God forewarned against moving under the occult umbrella. In Deut. 18:10-14, the alarm was clear. These verses are **not** a part of the 613 laws of Moses. Repeatedly, He commanded Israel, concerning dabbling in the occult with, **“thou shalt not.”** But sin’s depraving effects entice men in the opposite direction; it darkens their minds, chokes rational thought and cripples the process of correct decision making. Sin, the Devil’s opium, tranquilizes, deceives and places benumbed humans into the waiting arms of Lucifer. Ever so gently he escorts them into his kingdom of darkness. Once here, they behold a dazzling new world, filled with diverse and promising attractions. Satan whispers, **“All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt worship me...”** Whatever the heart craves may be found and had: fame, wealth, power, influence, position, health, love, praise and glory – it is all there. In the light of the promises offered under this umbrella the novice sees the sky as his limit.

The occult demons promise that the human heart will be satisfied by participating in one or more of its crafts: “astrology, cartomancy, palmistry, rod of pendulum swinging, magic (including neutral, white and black), table lifting, glassy-glassy, automatic writing, oujiboards, fortune telling, tarot cards, trances, materializations, levitation, excursions of the psyche, yoga, E.S.P., eastern meditations, telekinesis, apport, spiritism and telepathy” to name a few. Victims drawn into and arrested by these and other forbidden (pseudo) arts, in the early stages, usually find it “exciting and adventurous,” but they are blind to its future end. Once under the umbrella of devil worship the first step into destruction has been taken.

### **CAPTIVES TO THE DEVIL’S DEVICES**

When a person goes through an affection, a fad or a hobby, he usually tires of it in time and moves on to something else. He is not held in the fad’s power. But with those who have entered into the supernatural experiences of the occult it is different. In time, all those who continually dabble with any occult traffic come permanently under the influence and power of something they cannot throw off at will or control. Depending upon the degree of their willing involvement with the demonic spirit world, their behavior is no longer under their own hand, but dictated by unseen forces which have gained a hold (or place) upon that person. Because of the nature of the involvement with the (false) supernatural, those who are ensnared do not know how to become free again. They gradually become Satan’s captives; bound tighter and tighter in his chains.

For example, a demonic book\* invites the gullible reader on how to conjure up “the force” (actually Satan or a demon spirit), to be possessed by him or it, and thereby acquire “new and wonderful powers.” (He has no idea of what is being called up.) The reader does so, following the formula, and thereupon is seized by the entity. If it was a demon of lust, the person soon finds themselves under its control. Likewise, when one

uses the pendulum, the ouijaboard or some other spiritistic instrument or object, **and it works**, then unseen forces have gained some level of access in the physical body. That person becomes a fresh captive to the Devil's devices.

\*Regarding the book reader's experiments mentioned above: the Holy Spirit dwells in the "inner man of the saved person, Eph. 3:16 with 2 Cor. 4: 16. The term "heart" a few times has reference to the inner man or soul, see 2 Cor. 1:22 with Gal. 4:6. Evil spirits cannot touch this piece of blood-bought property, 1 John 5:18 with Acts 20:28. The born again soul has been "sealed" by the Holy Spirit, Eph. 1:13-14, for this is His dwelling place. God's Spirit does not **live** in our fleshly bodies, rather, He and Christ, **both** live in the soul, heart or inner man which is inside the human frame, Eph. 3:17, with 1 Cor. 6:19-20. Our flesh neither contains or can produce "any good thing" Rom. 7:18. It is vile physical humanity and is bent only to evil, Jere. 17:5, Gal. 5:19-21. The wicked appetites of the flesh must be kept under constant subjection, 1 Cor. 9:27 with Rom. 8:13.

Believers are warned not to give "**place to the devil**" Eph. 4:27. They can only give Satan a place in their physical bodies, never in their souls. The claim that the Holy Spirit cannot be near evil or dwell in the presence of sin is ridiculous. He moves daily through a world filled with sin and wickedness, but He does not **live** in such. He and Christ dwell only **in** the born-again, saved soul. No demon can go where They are! Demon possession as laid down in Holy Scripture is when the Devil rules in the high place of one's soul. Evil spirits are unable to posture this claim in the born-again believer. Rather, they seek grounds and relish some hold, be it ever so small, in the filth and corruption of an undisciplined **vile** human body (see carefully Phil 3:21a). If obtained, **in some cases**, it becomes their "place" of operation. And their prisoners will live in and out of intermittent waves of sheer hell unless they are delivered (Acts 10:38). Paul seriously wondered if his Corinthian converts had "**received another spirit**" (2 Cor. 11:4).

Once the door is opened and **if** occult forces take root, the individual begins to change in behavior, feelings, standards and desires. In counseling sessions many have confessed that they experience vicious attacks of depression, melancholy, temptations of suicide, jealousy, inexplicable rages of anger, hatred and fierce resentments. Some being counseled bemoan their unexpected and alternating opposition to the Bible and the people of God. These only came to surface after their **successful** experiments in some form of the occult. Herein may be part of the answer to the dilemma of thousands of counselors and pastors. Ignorant of these things, or refusing to accept them, they plod on in great frustration with masses of troubled church members. Pastors and counselors are forever "trying to get them saved." Yet many of these burdened ones cannot be talked, pushed, shoved or threatened out of their salvation! Regardless of how frayed and whipped they are, they stand firm on their prior conversion to Christ.

What's wrong? Neither therapy, drugs, holidays, changes in environment or rededication of their lives help. Troubled souls have wept on church altars a thousand times, but continue in their dark, foreboding moods of helplessness. Could Satan have a "place" somewhere in their physical bodies? Are **some** of these (almost) hurting Christians carnal captives to the devices of Satan and evil spirits? (I am convinced some are while others are not.) However, if the problem is misdiagnosed, so is the treatment. God have mercy on ministers of the gospel who deny the fact of spiritual warfare. Because radical groups have carried it to such wild extremes hardly means it does not exist. Equally so, beware of those "deliverance experts" who are forever on a witchhunt for the Devil. If they continue hunting for him, one thing is dead sure, **he** will find them!

## **ATTEMPTED JUSTIFICATION OF THE OCCULT AND ITS END**

The "Christian" practitioners of certain occult arts fiercely debate with us that their work is different from other people who are not Christians. They dogmatically assure us that they would never step under the occult umbrella. Here are examples of their contradictions: the Satanists openly state, "**we worship and serve Satan.**" Members of so-called Spiritist Churches declare the exact opposite, claiming to worship God. The "Christian" farmer, school teacher, country woman or deacon's wife playing with "neutral or white magic," vehemently argue that their "gift" is of God. The black magician affirms, "I serve the Devil." "Christian" pendulum swingers and diviners (found often in the medical fields), and water switchers (found especially in farming areas), affirm that their gift is from God, bringing healing and good to suffering

bodies and minds. Meanwhile the country man, divining for water with a peach tree limb, will curse you for pointing out his contact with the occult world. (Many preachers practice this forbidden craft.) And so the war of words rages. The ugly truth is that, **all who dabble in and practice such arts, are in reality opening a door for the Devil to various degrees.** If these occult practices **actually work**, that is positive proof they traffic with demons. In Georgia, a church deacon fiercely attacked me in a public meeting, because he wanted to justify his “wife’s gift of removing warts,” and “healing thrush mouth” and “removing fire from burns” by curious incantations, odd movements of the hand or by quoting a verse from the book of Ezekiel. A respected elderly gentleman in a small farming community became furious when he heard me denounced “all forms of divination” on the basis of Deut. 18:10. I learned that he had come from four generations of those who practiced the forbidden art of water divination. This Baptist deacon hotly argued it was a gift from God and that he used [it] for the good of all in his community.

The demonic influence of occult control may inspire the captive to conduct and maintain lives of purity and to exhibit standards above reproach. This is Satan operating as an **“angel of light”** (2 Cor. 11:14). Other forms of the forbidden occult drive their victims into the grossest acts of immorality and debauchery, designed to destroy both body and soul. This is the Devil as “roaring lion” (1 Peter 5:8). At chosen times horrible rites, sex perversions and orgies beyond description occur among these people. Blood sacrifices of animals, fowls, and even humans are offered to Satan. The highest blasphemies of God, Christ, and the Holy Bible are standard part of these hideous rites. At the end of this road are the fires of hell for all who choose playing with the Devil. “Christians” who practice any form of the occult and it works (regardless of the reasons they give), are in fleshly bondage to some level of spiritual darkness. The physical, mental and family price they will pay for trafficking with demons is horrific. No work of the Devil, regardless of its portent to produce good can be justified. Fellowship with darkness is forbidden. Read Eph. 5:11, and note that it was written to saved people. The prophet said **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness...”** (Isa. 5:20).

## **VIOLENCE SOMETIMES ACCOMPANIES SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Some individuals (but not all), troubled by demons violently react when confronted with the Person and work of Christ. The worker must remember that it is not the individuals reacting but the powers of darkness within them. Screaming, shouting, vomiting a pink thick liquid, swooning, fainting, swearing, cursing, especially coughing, urinating, bashing the head against the floor or wall, clawing at their faces, groaning, pretending sickness; one man pounded his face on the floor until the blood streamed down. A woman with superhuman strength, roared like an African lion, at the persistent mention of the blessed name of the Lord Jesus Christ. A frail, elderly grandmother thrown into a trance on the carpet by evil spirits, actually lifted a full size grand piano from the floor with one foot! A college student at Perth, Australia, hurled a piano through a sliding glass door and into the nearby swimming pool.

A “Baptist preacher” sprang from the front pew of a Baptist Church, at Trenton, Ga. and crash landed over my chest, sending me sprawling onto the floor. Speaking in the Afrikaans language (which he did not know), I had commanded that if demons were in him, they must tell me **who** was Lord of all. With this charge things went crazy! The “preacher” had previously left the ministry and became involved in Devil worship through a wrestling club. He was gloriously delivered after a two-hour battle in which both Pastor A.C. Durham and Dr. Fred Vaught, of Fort Worth, Texas, took part.

A petite university student, at Greenville, S.C. was lifted from her chair and sent flying through the air, hitting and sliding down the wall to the carpet. In a few seconds she had clawed the thick carpet down to matting. As four adults knelt over her (one of them a medical doctor, alarmed at her head smashing against the concrete floor), a voice growled fiercely from her throat, “I am Richard.” This was her brother’s name. He was a Satanist, living at Chicago, and had put a curse on her for attending a Christian University. Sin harbored in her life had given “place” to the Devil’s curse sent from her brother living in a far away city. This little lass was wonderfully delivered and serves God today as the principal of a Christian School in Alabama.

R. D. (using italics to protect the persons) was a professional opera singer in Johannesburg, South Africa. While on the edge of being saved she returned to her top floor apartment late one evening after hearing the

claims of Christ on her life. Laying back on her bed for a night's sleep, suddenly some 25 oil paintings, attached to the concrete walls, were all, simultaneously torn from their sockets and slammed to the floor. Her favorite cat floated through the air over her head, out the window and dropped to its death below. Large pieces of furniture moved and levitated through the air. She fled to our house and begged for help. It was later discovered that her father, who was from England, was a Devil worshiper from four generations past. R. D. was finally saved. After prolonged prayer on the premises all occult activity ceased in her apartment. To this day she serves the Lord Jesus Christ.

A South African, Jewish businesswoman, G. F., sat in my study on a Sunday afternoon in 1976. She fell into a trance as we began to pray. Out of her mouth oozed a pink foam. She rapidly spoke in garbled "unknown tongues." I commanded whoever was in her to identify itself. Out came a fierce commanding voice, "My name is Satan. This is my house and I will not leave." Though she claimed to be a Christian, we could do nothing with her. Some weeks later, I phoned her "best friend" in Durban. This lady who was a Christian informed me that her Jewish friend was deeply involved in the drug traffic through her business. From this we knew that she had lied when we asked her to confess all sins before praying. She committed suicide a few months later.

Pastor P. T. phoned early one afternoon from his home at Kempton Park, near Johannesburg. A nurse had come for counseling. But once in the pastor's study she sat with her head down, staring wide-eyed at the floor. This fine South African minister could not budge her. When I arrived in his study, the nurse refused to look up at me. I got down on all fours in the floor and crawled up under her bent down head. After a long season of prayer, she sat like a stone image. Suddenly from my position on the floor, I noticed a series of scars from her wrist down to her elbow. Then I knew that she had made some type of "blood pact" with Satan. I asked, "When did you make a pact with the Devil?" Grimacing, she mumbled some incoherent words. Finally we learned the following: a "voice" had directed her to go to her father's grave and open a Bible at John 14. (The father had successfully practiced black magic most of his life.) The "voice" told her to slash her wrist in orderly lines, down to her elbow and let it bleed onto this part of Scripture. From that time on she was in bondage. After several hours Pastor T. ordered her to leave. She stood, spun on her heels and stormed defiantly from his study.

It should be remembered that not all cases of demonic activity are violent. Some lay deathly quiet, hoping not to be detected. Stronger spirits when seeing the game is up, may rage, howl, bark like dogs, make noises like cats, whine, cry, spit, hiss and so on. Some speaking out the mouths of their prisoners use such names and titles as, "death, insomnia, lying, fornication, adultery, sodomy, sleepy, prayer, liberalism, church, Bible, smoke, fire, theology, no name, debate," and hundreds of others (see Mk 5:9).

A young South African wife and mother, fell back onto a leather couch, in the pastor's study at Bethany Baptist Church, outside Pretoria, as we started to pray. One of the demons in her boasted through her mouth that he had lived hundreds of years before in an American Indian named "Big Chief Blue Beast." The demon defiantly used this name. In the terrible battle that followed, some fifty odd demons hissed their names from the snarled lips of this young woman. She was a physical wreck, sprawled over the couch, foaming at the mouth and grinding her teeth. Her legs stiffened like rods of iron as she jerked and shook violently, under the control of evil spirits. Mrs. C. was gloriously delivered from the grip of these things and burst out in a loud voice of praises to God. Everyone present in that pastor's study joined in giving thanks to God for His power. I can tell you that whole church building rang with praises to the Holy Trinity! I met this woman and her husband around two years later, in Durban, on the south coast of that country, and she still loudly blessed the Lord for His mercy on her life.

From an unconscious teen, sprawled on a church pew at Cape Town, South Africa, I heard the name "Rock music" hissed out of his mouth. He was deeply involved in the worst form of so-called rock music. It must be remembered that all evil spirits are liars like their master the Devil (John 8:44). Once the authority and infallible truth of God's Word is laid before them they will "crack" under Divine pressure. I have heard them whine and cry at the mention of the "precious blood of Christ" and His total victory over Satan's kingdom. Yet, caution is the best friend if dealing with evil spirits that will talk. One need but peruse the Four Gospels and portions of Acts to note the voices and violence often associated with their expulsion. There is nothing new about any of this. It's as old as the human race and all part of "The Unceasing

Spiritual Warfare.”❖

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#### ADDENDUM

It is imperative that all who seriously read this study carefully remember that many persons who seemingly manifest demonic tendencies may not have this terrible problem. There are genuine physical maladies that affect the regular process of mind function, bodily coordination, reflect response, such as various pressures on the human brain, head injuries, thyroid irregularities, (so-called) chemical imbalance and numerous others. It is a fact beyond dispute that some prescribed medications, narcotics and intoxicating drink, will alter human personalities and actions into such a level of estrangement and violence that the victim could be considered as reflecting demonic manifestations.

It would be a terrible sin against God and man to flippantly accredit all persons reflecting abnormal behavior as “being demon possessed.” God has warned us with this very stern injunction, “Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him” (Prov. 29:20). Flee that person who has read three or four books on this subject, then, overnight becomes an authority in dealing with Satan and demons. Below are listed several works that may be of help to those who have a valid bonafide reason for investigating this subject. Otherwise the prudent individual will leave these things be. Worse, beware of those who cleverly attempt to explain such happenings away. Those who do this are in fact assisting the work of the Devil!

1. The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare, by Ed Murphy. Read cautiously and remember that all Murphy's experiences will not be yours.
  2. Demon Possession and the Christian, by C. F. Dickason. A sane and sensible work.
  3. Christian Counseling and Occultism, by Kurt Koch. A must read for those involved in counseling. This work is professionally written and cannot be read lightly or in haste.
  4. Biblical Demonology, by M. F. Unger. Practical and easy reading that is very helpful.
  5. Uncovering the Mystery of MPD, by James Friesen. This work is a pioneering classic.
  6. Between Christ and Satan, by Kurt Koch. Like number 3 above this work deserves time and study.
- Most of these titles will be found in a larger theological library, Christian Book Store or on the internet. Always read books on this subject with great carefulness. ❖

## ***WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING?***

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**Never has there been a time such as this.  
Never since the days of Noah, have so many people been killed by water.**

**In recent months** there have been numerous earth changes and rumblings (i.e., earthquakes; volcanic eruptions; changes in the Antarctic ice pack; strange fireballs in the nighttime skies in many parts of the world; and even changes in the earth's gravitational pull). Clearly, the Asian Tsunami (and earthquakes that preceded it) on December 26 was not an isolated event and was probably not the end of the story. Beachfront property around the world may now have a serious downside.

Interestingly, a number of scientists, seismologists, vulcanologists and other respected experts on earth's changes are predicting a lot more physical earth upheaval in the months to come, including the possibility of tsunamis hitting the U. S. east and west coasts – heretofore, a possibility that was only relegated to fictional books or films like *The Day After Tomorrow*.

**David J. Meyer, in his Last Trumpet Newsletter (Feb. 2005) chronicled recent earth changes before and after the December 26 “big one”:**

On December 16, 2004, AFP News published a picture of strange lenticular clouds over the Mount Erebus Volcano in Antarctica. (1) This is near the Ross Ice Shelf that is breaking up and clogging the sea with icebergs. One piece that broke off from Antarctica is as large as the State of Rhode Island. Peculiar things are happening at both poles of our earth.

On December 19, 2004, a massive explosion occurred over Jakarta, Indonesia, as a ball of fire streaked across the sky. (2) This was one week before the great earthquake, and Indonesian scientists said there was no seismic activity at the time of the exploding fireball. The next day, December 20, 2004, there was a rash of UFO sightings over Indonesia, Red China, and Australia. Countless thousands in the Eastern Hemisphere witnessed some amazing signs in the heavens. Over 700 official reports were filed as multitudes saw flashing fireballs and a “strange shining object” speeding through the sky. Authorities were also baffled by multi-colored lights, which hovered in the sky. (3)

On December 21, 2004, the Los Angeles Times reported that Dr. John Anderson, the famous physicist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories, issued a statement that “something funny is going on with gravity.” The professor had first noticed the problem 10 years earlier but cautiously waited until now. Using some of our space probes and precise calculations, all indicators reveal that gravity is losing its pull. Dr. Anderson admitted that he just doesn't understand it. (4) This is an awesome thought! Gravity, the very force that holds the universe in place and balances our solar system and maintains the equilibrium of our earth, is rapidly weakening. I am reminded of Isaiah 13:13 which says, “Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.”

On Friday, December 24, 2004, the Associated Press published a story and an astrological chart that was presented by Thailand's government and their astrologer, Phinyo Phongchareon. This resident astrologer at the University in Bangkok predicted a year of trouble and turmoil for Thailand politically. (5) This was two days before the great earthquake and resulting tsunami hit that land.

Another major event took place on December 24, 2004, which received very little publicity. A powerful earthquake occurred 6.25 miles under the sea near Tasmania, just south of Australia. This quake, with a magnitude of 8.1, was one of the strongest ever recorded, but it did no real damage. (6) Little did people realize at the time that 48 hours later death and devastation would engulf that region of the world.

The warning signs preceding the recent great earthquake were many. At the end of November, 2004, and during the first part of December, volcanoes were swelling and shaking in New Guinea and Hawaii. Vulcanologists reported an unprecedented number of earthquakes under Hawaii's Mauna Loa Volcano. (7) Hawaii also was hit with a most unusual snowstorm. During this same time period, an earthquake killed 30 people in Indonesia, and powerful quakes also hit northern Japan and southern Italy. (8) The very next week the earthquakes continued in Algeria, Japan, and Trinidad. Powerful earth movements were felt in Alaska; northwestern California; the German-French border area; Athens, Greece; northwestern Turkey; and Sumatra and Java Islands in Indonesia. (9)

In mid-December, about one week before the recent great earthquake, the Sopotan Volcano erupted in Indonesia. At the same time, the Nyiragongo Volcano came to life in the Congo in Africa. Meanwhile,

Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido was rocked by another strong quake. Powerful earth movements were also felt in southern Japan, Taiwan, Indonesia, Morocco, Portugal, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, El Salvador, central Chile, and southern and central parts of coastal California. (10) Clearly, this world was beginning to convulse prior to a major catastrophe.

On December 26, 2004, a catastrophic event occurred that has forever changed our world. **At exactly 00:58:53 UTC (coordinated universal time) a magnitude 9 earthquake struck off the west coast of northern Sumatra, which sent devastation to 11 nations. These two numbers, 9 and 11, brought us another kind of 9-11.** A tsunami, which is a tidal wave induced by an earthquake, sent a wall of water more than 30 feet high and moving at a speed of over 500 miles per hour against the shores of 11 nations.

It is truly awesome when we realize what can happen when something as heavy as water, which weighs 8 pounds per gallon, can tower in excess of 30 feet and move as fast as a jetliner. Over 225,000 people are known to be dead, and many others are dying while I write this newsletter. We have all heard the stories of the great and widespread devastation.

It is also interesting to note that all of the animals, both small and great, in all 11 of the affected nations, had fled the area. (11) The only dead animals of any kind that were found were those that were confined. I recall reading stories of other earthquake events, such as the great San Francisco quake, where people wondered why all of the animals fled several days in advance of the event. Many people said that it was quiet, and there was an eerie feeling as there were no birds, squirrels, or any other wild animals.

Dogs, cats, and other pets that were confined were frantically trying to escape and making continual noise. Scientists have stated that animals must have evolved some kind of a sixth sense, but the truth is that the animals have not lost something that humans, to a great extent, have lost. Animals can still hear the voice of God.

In the aftermath of the destruction, there have been aftershocks, flooding, and the constant threat that disease could kill another 100,000 people. (12) In addition to all of the problems with disease, destruction, and burial of the dead, there is the rebuilding effort, the countless billions of dollars of loss, and the continued fears of another such event. **This massive quake was estimated to have the force of 500 atomic bombs** and literally rattled the earth's orbit. (13)

The large tectonic plate that moved is so big that it would reach from New York City to St. Louis, Missouri. (14) The force was so great that it caused the earth to wobble at its poles, and according to U.S. Geological Survey expert Ken Hudnut, the map of the world has changed. (15) Satellite images show that islands have been moved out of their places, coastlines have changed, and some islands have completely disappeared.

We have also learned that the large portion of earth that moved was pulled inward toward the center of its rotation, which has caused the speed of the rotation of the earth to increase. (16) The effect is similar to an ice skater spinning on the ice and then pulling her arms in to go into a fast spin. Thus, **time is going faster** as measured by the earth's rotational velocity. As much as this sounds like a novel by Jules Verne, it is truth and is really happening. Furthermore, we were warned by the Scripture that this would happen.

Never has there been a time such as this. Never since the days of Noah, have so many people been killed by water. Never have there been so many strange manifestations and fearful sights. Consider the following series of events that occurred in December 2004: On December 4, 2004, a fireball over New England flashed and exploded. On the 6th, fireballs produced rumbling sounds and explosions over Australia.

On the 12th, a ball of fire fell from the sky over Washington, D.C. On the 13th, a massive fireball was seen over Red China, turning night into day. On the 16th, a massive fireball fell into the Salt Lake in Utah. On the 19th, there were many sightings of fireballs over Indonesia. On the 21st, a previously unknown asteroid, now named 2004 YDS flew past the earth under our satellites. (17)

In this new year of 2005, the strange events continue. On January 5, unexplained bright flashes of light

streaked across the night skies of Wisconsin, and this was witnessed by hundreds of people. On January 7, hundreds of residents of Juneau, Alaska, saw a fiery ball crossing through their sky. On January 12, a huge fiery ball over India raced to the earth and crashed. (18)

It has now been over three weeks since the massive quake in the Indian Ocean, and there have been 30 aftershocks as our earth continues to wobble on its axis. (19) The Australia National University has also reported that their instruments indicate that the earth is giving off massive reverberations and is literally ringing like a bell. (20) It is one strange thing after another. In Antarctica, grass is beginning to grow. (21) In New Zealand, icebergs are moving into territorial waters. (22) For the first time in the history of the world, snow has fallen over the United Arab Emirates. (23)

In the November, 2004 issue of this newsletter, I warned of a tidal wave that could hit the entire eastern seaboard of the United States. This is because there is a volcano in the Canary Islands, and when it quakes and erupts scientists calculate that it will send a wall of water 90 feet high and move at a speed of 500 miles per hour and smash into our coastal cities. Now that such an event has happened in the Eastern Hemisphere, can any thinking person say, "It can't happen here"? Scientists are already warning that it is only a matter of time until the western flank of the Cumbre Vieja Volcano collapses and brings, forth this unthinkable event. (24)

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**[End of David J. Meyer quote]**

It is interesting to contemplate what these events mean. Could there be a Biblical/spiritual significance to all this? Could an angry God, whose patience with evil men might be running a bit thin, be starting to shake things up? As **Luke 21:25-26** says: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and on the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth the distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on earth; for the power of heaven shall be shaken."

**Revelation 16:18-20** says: "And there were voices, and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were on the earth...and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." Jesus talked in **Matthew 24** about a time before His return where (vs. 7) "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in divers places. All

these are the beginning of sorrows.”

Is there any Biblical significance to these recent earth upheavals? I don't know, but it is worth considering and pondering. In the meantime, in times of upheaval, **Psalm 46:1-3** says: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling...” The Bible promises that for the followers of Jesus, no matter what the circumstances, we do not have to fear – the Lord is our refuge. And that is the bottom line!❖

*“In this day of gathering storms, as moral deterioration of political power spreads its growing infection, it is essential that every spiritual force be mobilized to defend and preserve the religious (Christian) base upon which this nation was founded, for it has been that base which has been the motivating impulse to our moral and national growth. History fails to record a single precedent in which nations, subject to moral decay, have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual reawakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration to ultimate national disaster.” –General Douglas McArthur*

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# The 10 most unreported stories in 2004

## Operation Spike

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Around the close of each year, most news organizations present their retrospective replays of what they consider to have been the top news stories in the previous 12 months.

However, the editors of WorldNetDaily always have found it more newsworthy to publish a compilation of the most important **unreported or underreported news events** of the year – to bring forth perhaps for one last time major news stories that were undeservedly “spiked” by the establishment press.

WND Editor and CEO Joseph Farah has sponsored “Operation Spike” every year since 1988, and since he founded WorldNetDaily in May 1997 he has continued the annual tradition. For the last few years, WND has invited its readers to join in and submit what they considered the most underreported stories of the previous year in the site's Operation Spike forum.

Here, with our readers' help, are WorldNetDaily editors' picks for the 10 most underreported stories of the past year.

**1. America's vulnerability to nuclear terrorism.** The United States faces an "inevitable" al-Qaida attack with weapons of mass destruction, according to Yossef Bodansky, the former director of the U. S. Congressional Task Force on Terrorism, yet the federal government has not prepared detailed civilian contingency plans that could serve as a deterrent against such an attack. In 2004, reports surfaced that Osama bin Laden's terrorist network bought tactical nuclear weapons from Ukraine in 1998. And WorldNetDaily first broke the story of al-Qaida's purchase of suitcase nukes Oct. 3, 2002. Paul Williams, an FBI consultant on international terrorism said then that bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network purchased 20 suitcase nuclear weapons from former KGB agents in 1998 for \$30 million. Williams reported al-Qaida also has obtained chemical weapons from North Korea and Iraq. While Iran continues to deny its nuclear program is for anything other than peaceful purposes, Tehran has bought massive amounts of beryllium, a metal vital to the process of initiating the chain reactions needed to create a nuclear weapon. U. S. military sources told WorldNetDaily Iran's secret uranium enrichment site, revealed by an Iranian opposition group, is housed below a luxury development complex in which civilians live. Iran obtained weapons-grade uranium and the specific design for a nuclear bomb from an exiled Pakistani nuclear scientist.

**2. Sandy Berger's pilfering of classified documents in an apparent attempt to sanitize President Clinton's legacy.** The criminal investigation of the former national security adviser – accused of pocketing highly classified terrorism documents prior to the Sept. 11 Commission hearings – virtually disappeared from the media after it first was reported in July. In October, after many months of silence, a Justice spokesman told WND a criminal investigation was ongoing, but he would not provide details about its nature or timing. The after-action review of the millennium celebration taken by Berger conflicts with his testimony before the 9-11 commission, prompting some Republicans to charge he stole the documents to protect the Clinton administration. [Lion of Judah: Berger pleaded guilty on April 1 to sneaking classified documents out of the National Archives then cutting up some of them with scissors. He was charged with a misdemeanor that carried a maximum sentence of a year in prison and up to a \$100,000 fine, but under a plea agreement, he will be fined only \$10,000 dollars and lose his security clearance for three years.]

**3. The U. S. border as a conduit for terrorists.** President Bush continued to press for a guest-worker program for aliens from Mexico, which critics blasted as an amnesty plan for illegals. As WorldNetDaily reported, the president is facing a revolt against his proposal from members of his own party, who are looking to tighten security at the nation's border. In Central America, criminal gangsters, revolutionaries and Islamic terrorists are joining forces in an effort to overthrow governments of U. S. neighbors and smuggle operatives into and out of the U. S., according to senior police and intelligence sources. In early 2004, Pentagon officials confirmed human smuggling rings in Latin America were attempting to sneak al-Qaida operatives into the U. S., information first reported in Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin more than a year ago. Recently, the government of Mexico raised eyebrows with word that it published a new guide offering advice on how to cross the border into the U.S. illegally.

**4. The validity of the Swiftboat vets' charges against Sen. John Kerry.** The more than 250 veterans who challenged the Democratic presidential candidate's version of his war record and subsequent anti-war activities were shut out of the mainstream media until Internet sites such as WorldNetDaily and talk radio made it impossible for them to be ignored. Then mainstream media repeated the assertion by Kerry supporters that the claims against the senator were debunked, without providing evidence. Those who offered evidence contended the military's records supported Kerry's version of events, without mentioning the swiftboat vets' assertion that it was Kerry himself who wrote the "official record" in many instances, in after-action reports. The campaign was forced to backtrack on Kerry's long-held assertion that he was in Cambodia illegally on Christmas Eve in 1968. Kerry had claimed his swiftboat was ordered to Cambodia by President Nixon while the president denied to the world that any U. S. military forces were engaged in the country. The event was "seared, seared" into his memory, Kerry said on many occasions, including from the Senate floor. It was an experience that helped him conclude the war was immoral and worthy of protest. But Nixon did not become president until Jan. 20, 1969, and none of Kerry's former crew members, including those who campaigned for him, backed his story.

**5. America's out-of-control judiciary.** Ruling on cases brought largely by the American Civil Liberties Union, many judges across the nation continued to reshape America according to an activist agenda, not the U.S. Constitution. A few of 2004's many examples:

- Represented by the ACLU, parents sued a suburban Atlanta school district over a two-sentence sticker added to public school science textbooks, and a federal district court judge ruled the label breaches the First Amendment's Establishment Clause even though it says nothing about religion. The sticker reads, "This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered."

- Under threat of a lawsuit by the ACLU, Los Angeles County removed a small Christian cross from its official seal. A federal judge later dismissed a lawsuit challenging the county over its decision.

- A federal judge in San Diego ruled the Boy Scouts of America must leave an aquatics center in which they invested millions of dollars because the Scouts are "an admittedly religious, albeit nonsectarian and discriminatory organization" and thus violate the constitutional "separation of church and state" by holding a public-private partnership with San Diego. Other groups use the island and the park, such as the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Festival.

- The U.S. Supreme Court allowed Connecticut to exclude the Scouts from a state charitable program because of the Scouts' policy barring avowed homosexuals from leadership.

- In Wisconsin, a federal judge barred a city's attempt to save a Ten Commandments monument by selling it and the land it sits on to the original donor. The judge said the "sale itself demonstrated a preference for the religious message of the monument," violating First Amendment's ban on establishment of a religion.

**6. Uncontrolled immigration.** Illegal immigration into the U. S. has accelerated in the last year, since President Bush proposed a temporary worker program critics call a limited amnesty that would allow millions to remain in the U. S. legally. Just three weeks after the president's announcement of the plan, U. S. Border Patrol officials reported a 15 percent increase in the use of fraudulent documents at the world's busiest land border crossing. More than half of those caught using phony documents say the president's offer of de facto amnesty motivated them to attempt to sneak into the United States, the report added. In the coming year, another 3 million illegal aliens will enter the country, walking or driving across the border with impunity while new security procedures guard airports from illegal entry. Among them are a growing number of people categorized as "other than Mexicans," including many from nations with populations hostile to the United States – Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran and Iraq. As WorldNetDaily has reported, a number of Americans say Bush's plan is giving them physical symptoms of anxiety, and some are even contemplating leaving the U. S. out of a sense of betrayal. Arizona voters' approval of a referendum clamping down on illegal aliens is bolstering a grass-roots effort that may result in similar measures across the nation. [Lion of Judah: More than 1,000 volunteers from across the country have signed up to participate in the MinuteMan Project, a month-long trial run civilian border patrol that began recently against the objections of the federal government and immigrant rights advocates. The 20-mile stretch of border they're canvassing is in southeastern Arizona and is perhaps the most traveled crossing for illegal immigrants. It is part of a 261-mile sector where, on an average day, federal agents say 2,300 people are caught trying to cross. Although not all illegals who enter the U. S. and evade apprehension stay permanently, the increasing trend is for men to first enter illegally and later bring their families across illegally. Based on information, it is reasonable to believe that there are 20 million or more illegal aliens in the United States. This amounts to more than 6% of our current U. S. population (293 million in 2004). In other words, nearly 1 out of every 14 persons in the United States might well be an illegal alien (compiled from various news and wire reports)]

**7. The Philadelphia 5.** A group of 11 Christians was "preaching God's Word" to a crowd of people attending the Philadelphia "OutFest" event and displaying banners with biblical messages when they were arrested after a confrontation with a group called the Pink Angels, described by protesters as "a militant

mob of homosexuals.” The Christians spent a night in jail, eight charges were filed, including criminal conspiracy, but none of the Pink Angels was cited or arrested. After a preliminary hearing in December, Judge William Austin Meehan ordered four of the Christians to stand trial on three felony and five misdemeanor charges. If convicted, they faced a maximum of 47 years in prison. Also, one female teenage protester faced charges in the juvenile justice system. A videotape of the OutFest protest apparently showed no criminal activity being committed. Earlier this month, a judge in Philadelphia dismissed all criminal charges, stating the United States is “one of the very few countries that protects unpopular speech.”

**8. The U. N. oil-for-food scandal.** In one of the largest corruption eruptions in world history, Saddam Hussein embezzled at least \$21.3 billion from the United Nation’s Oil-for-Food program between 1997 and 2003, and very possibly channeled untold stolen riches into the hands of terrorists, including al-Qaida. While the world would never have known about the super-scam had U. S. soldiers not retrieved documents Saddam didn’t have time to destroy before his hasty retreat from Baghdad, the responsibility for the disastrous program falls directly at the doorstep of U. N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. As WorldNetDaily reported, a U.S. congressional committee revealed money taken by Saddam from the U. N. oil-for-food program was used as reward payments to families of Palestinian suicide bombers. The U. N. Security Council launched the program in 1996 supposedly so Iraq could raise funds for food, medicine and other humanitarian goods in spite of sanctions against the Saddam regime. Iraq sold more than \$67 billion worth of oil before the program was ended by the U. S. invasion last year. Although Oil-for-Food is one of the biggest financial scandals in world history, so far it seems not to have made much of a dent on the organization that perpetrated it, the United Nations.

**9. Genocide in Darfur.** The United States is calling the rape, pillaging and slaughter of blacks in western Sudan by the Islamist Khartoum regime and its Arab militia allies “genocide.” It marked the first time in history that a state which is party to the Genocide Convention has formally charged another state while the genocide is still in progress. As WorldNetDaily reported, some analysts have asserted Khartoum’s obstruction of humanitarian aid offers clear and unambiguous evidence of an intent to destroy African tribal groups in the region. The All Africa Conference of Churches, a continent-wide group, has warned that Darfur resembles Rwanda 10 years ago when up to a million people were slaughtered as the world looked on. The conflict between mainly black rebels in Western Sudan and government-backed Arab militiamen has led to the deaths of tens of thousands and about 1.2 million refugees. Separately, Sudan’s Islamist regime in the Arab and Muslim north declared a jihad on the mostly Christian and animist south in 1989. Since 1983, an estimated 2 million people have died from war and related famine. About 5 million have become refugees. But analysts say the Darfur slaughter essentially is part of the Khartoum regime’s effort to Arabize and Islamize the entire country. The Darfur situation is more complex, because the African tribes involved are Muslims. Nevertheless, they are not Arab Muslims, and they reject the Khartoum regime’s imposition of its brand of radical Islam.

**10. Saddam links with al-Qaida.** Richard Clarke, the former U. S. government counterterrorism official, insisted Saddam Hussein had no connection to al-Qaida, but in 1999 he defended President Clinton’s attack on a Sudanese pharmaceutical plant by revealing the U. S. was “sure” it manufactured chemical warfare materials produced by Iraqi experts in cooperation with Osama bin Laden. A former member of Saddam’s secret police corroborated the connection in an interview, saying he worked for a man who was Saddam’s envoy to al-Qaida. Abdul Rahman al-Shamari confirmed he was involved in assisting Ansar al Islam, an al-Qaida affiliate responsible for attacks against Kurdish and Western targets in northern Iraq. Besides weapons, al-Shamari said, Saddam’s secret police, the Mukhabarat, helped the al-Qaida-affiliated terror group financially “every month or two months.”❖

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# Is Relief Just A Swallow Away?

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Today, I received a flyer in the mail to attend a seminar on depression. The clinical disorder the psychotherapists will confront is dysthymia. (Sounds like Greek to me. Woe it is Greek!) The Greek word dysthymia means “bad state of mind” or “ill humor.” I wonder if they would think my sense of humor is sick. I quote the Harvard Medical Health Letter, “Dysthymia is a serious disorder!” They’re kidding right? Somehow this just doesn’t seem serious enough to call for a seminar. I am persuaded that Philippians 2:5 would put this serious disorder in order. **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”**

Another topic at this seminar to be discussed is the connection between depression and heart disease. Is it possible some of the drugs being prescribed to treat depression may be causing other problematic conditions? Drugs do NOT answer all matters. In many cases they can create more problems than they do solutions.

**“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians  
5:17**

The most commonly abused drug among Americans continues to be alcohol. However, there has been a tremendous growth in prescription painkillers and other medications that can be addictive. By 2020, 4.4 million Americans age 50 and older will have drug and alcohol problems, estimated by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration. It will be a miracle if even more people do not become addicted than projected with so much overprescribing of drugs. I have made many calls in believers’ homes and sitting in the center of the kitchen table are bottles of prescription painkillers and SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors). The mentality being that if a doctor prescribed these drugs they’re okay. Many harmful drugs are being promoted as nothing more than super-aspirin and unsuspecting Christians are buying into this nonsense. Eighty-four million worldwide patients of Vioxx, who only wanted relief from their arthritis pain, now have increased their risk of heart disease. Imagine that! What went wrong? Americans are relying on the Federal Drug Administration to be their drug safety net. How wise is that? A recent clinical trial showed an almost fourfold increase in heart attack risk with high doses of Vioxx. FDA veteran David Graham says, “We estimate 100,000 people had heart attacks due to Vioxx, with 30,000 to 40,000 dying.” Talk about a major problem!

Do you remember the old commercial that sang out, “Plop-plop-fizz-fizz, Oh what a relief it is?” Well, since that commercial has aired, an explosion of TV and magazine advertisements want to give millions of people the same precept regarding potent SSRI prescription drugs. The companies who make these drugs want us to SWALLOW (no pun intended) that there is no difference popping a Prozac, an anti-depressant drug, than an Alka-Seltzer into your mouth. This is one of those situations where, if you believe that bunk-dung-bologna, “I have a bridge I want to sell you.” Just take a pill, relief is on the way, and all your problems will be solved!! Hogwash, my friend, they may be only just beginning!

Anyone who watches TV or reads magazines may become convinced that there are tons of disorders in the world which require an arsenal of antidepressant drugs to cure them. For instance we have ADD, AD/HD, Anxiety disorders, Social disorders, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Social Phobias, and the list increases daily. This article is not going to debate whether these disorders truly exist or not. If you have read PFW for any length of time you know our position on these so-called disorders. We have been a “barking dog” in this arena. You may be responding, “But Victoria, my primary-care physician/psychiatrist never suggested any other method for help than medications.” If you are a born again believer your primary-care physician is the Lord Jesus. **“I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.”** Psalm 91:2

I subscribe to the Harvard Mental Health Letter, Psycho Therapy Networker, and Counselor, magazines for addiction professionals. Why? The reason should be obvious, I write for a women’s magazine. Every day more women take drugs than men. We also have numerous women who have come for our “Timeout Ministry” and had a purse full (did you hear me – I said a purse full!) of prescription medications. My view

on this arsenal of drugs is that they are “weapons of mass destruction.” These drugs are attacking, snaring, and destroying many a faithful Christian. I am convinced that these addictive painkillers and SSRI drugs will tear down our society if the Lord tarries.

For instance, Ritalin is an SSRI drug given to children who are diagnosed with AD/HD. Nadine Lambert is a research psychologist in the department of education Psychology program, at the University of California at Berkley since 1973. She has done a straightforward prevalence study to determine the relative number of handicapped and/or hyperactive children in the San Francisco Bay area. From the mid-1970’s to 1990 she regularly published scientific articles describing an ambitious research project that anticipated following these children to adulthood. Then, in 1998, this dignified, middle-aged professor of educational psychology suddenly became the center of an academic firestorm. At the prestigious Conference on AD/HD she announced the results of a study suggesting that use of Ritalin, one of the most routinely prescribed drugs for children in America, might contribute to later drug abuse. Her study of nearly 400 children with AD/HD showed that by the time children treated with Ritalin reached their mid-twenties, they had double the rates of cocaine abuse and cigarette smoking as adults who hadn’t taken Ritalin during childhood. How is the generation to come being affected? Do you realize these drugs can ruin the next generation?

**“Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.”  
Proverbs 14:1**

### **Warning...Mom’s**

Currently, 1 in 10 eleven-year-old boy is on some kind of drug for AD/HD. This blows my mind. No other country addresses the behavior and school performance of children with such strong emphasis on psychiatric diagnosis and drug treatment. Did you know studies in NORMAL adult volunteers taking one oral dose of Ritalin show very early signs of addiction when given a second dose of the drug several weeks later? If you want to read more on this subject get a copy of Psychotherapy Networker January/February 2005. Read “Ritalin and the Growing Influence of Big Pharma,” by Lawrence Diller. This article is an eye opener. Ritalin is a very powerful agent, classified by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as a Schedule II drug, the strictest category of potentially abusable drugs that doctors are legally allowed to prescribe.

Ritalin is a stimulant that’s similar in molecular structure to “speed” (amphetamine), “crank” (methamphetamine), and crack cocaine – all drugs with devastating addictive potential.

**Why in the world are doctors prescribing this drug for our children?** This is appalling. **Why in the world are we giving this drug to our children?** Our children are precious and we need to protect them.

AD/HD symptoms are inattention, distractibility, impulsivity, and hyperactivity. Nowadays, we are living in a veritable tower of babble where doctor’s terms need to be decoded. It’s a good thing I have my handy dandy Dick Tracy decoder ring to crack this high-tech mumbojumbo. So, Tracy decipher, what do the AD/HD symptoms boil down to? Let me translate using everyday common language. Years ago the authentic term for AD/HD was, “He’s all boy,” inattention was “day dreaming,” distractibility was, “noisy or busybody,” impulsivity was “restless, can’t sit still, or maybe no self control,” and hyper active was, “He has ants in his pants.”

When my boys were growing up they were extremely energetic, full of life, and yes, a handful to raise. If there was such a thing as AD/HD, I’m sure they would have been diagnosed with it. I dug up an old report card from one of my children and under the teacher’s comments it said, “Must stop talking, hasn’t adjusted properly, talks too much, doesn’t stay in his seat, laughs, and giggles to attract attention.” This was on my son’s, now my Pastor’s, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade report card. It is remarkable what took place next, all without the aid of Ritalin, in the fourth quarter the teacher’s comments said, “Improving, response is very good.” How did he change? Duh!! We used the wisdom of God’s Word, and the old time corporal punishment method.

Did you know there is NO definitive test for AD/HD? There is no blood test, brain scan, or even a standardized psychological assessment that can unequivocally determine whether a particular child is or isn’t affected. Mercy me! This so-called disease is judged by outward appearance instead of factual judgment. Scary! **“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”** John 7:24

The purpose of this article is twofold: to forewarn you about the dangers of addictive drugs and also to encourage you to try natural, non-drug methods to help with health issues.

### **Rules for Daily Life**

- Prayer is essential to spiritual health; put Him first, begin the day with the Saviour.
- Read a portion of His Word.
- Meditate on God's Word and converse with Him in your mind.
- Conclude the day with the Lord.

In place of drugs, substitute natural solutions:

- Diet of healthy foods in place of fast foods.
- Use homeopathic remedies such as herbs and nutrients.

Depression: Exercise aerobically, work on breathing, walk, use humor for therapy, cheer somebody else up, invite someone for dinner or coffee, sing, praise, and count your blessings.

Psychotherapy Networker, November/December 2003, suggests these solutions:

Panic Attacks: Anti-anxiety drugs don't cure panic disorder and at best they prevent the fight or flight feelings. However, learning to breathe away the physical arousal and control thoughts of going crazy or out of control can permanently eliminate panic without taking drugs.

GAD (Generalized Anxiety Disorder): People with GAD need to change their lifestyle and benefit enormously from therapy to learn relaxation and thought stopping techniques. But even with creative and persistently applied cognitive-behavioral therapy, it may take clients months to stop worrying. It helps if they are told that the lifestyle of worry takes years to develop, so it takes time to eliminate it too.

Social Phobia/Social Anxiety: Social phobia is the experience of shyness. Children with social phobia can usually adapt and develop successful interpersonal relationships with parenting that encourages interaction. Too often, these clients receive anti-anxiety medications to use when they feel anxious. They may also be prescribed an SSRI or SNRI (serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor). These clients never learn to overcome their anxiety through their own efforts and, consequently, they don't gain the confidence and competence that comes with an ability to regulate themselves.

AD/HD: Read PFW article "Family Therapy Networker" in July/August 2003

I spoke at a ladies' conference a while back on this very subject. The stares and the glares I got from the audience were telling! (I'm convinced if the host church had been selling tomatoes they would have doubled their offering. Smile!) When we broke for lunch I sat with a group of ladies who were having a great time until I invited myself to join them. Once I joined them the conversation became noticeably subdued. Uh-oh, by this reaction I knew I walked into a hornet's nest. Sure enough, the third degree started right after my first bite of salad.

**Question:** "Why not use Ritalin when it has worked wonders for children and their parents? Ritalin actually calms an AD/HD child down and improves his ability to focus."

**Answer:** "Did you know that Ritalin and other stimulants improve anybody's ability to focus and pay attention to boring and difficult tasks?" Just like how steroids enhance anybody's body. But at what cost? Studies from the National Institute of Mental Health in the 1970's proved that low-dose stimulants have the same effect on all children, and adults as well, whether or not they've been diagnosed with AD/HD. Because the drug works so well, they conclude that the child must have AD/HD. But given Ritalin's universal effects on all children, if we use this logic it would mean that all children have AD/HD!

There wasn't a lot of rebuttal to my answer. However, the woman was clearly upset with me, which was **NOT** my goal. It is **NOT** my goal to upset you either, or pull the carpet out from underneath you. As I observe more and more Christians becoming enthralled with and relying upon SSRIs I feel the urgency to

sound the alarm. These drugs are not necessarily all they claim to be. It is of critical importance not to be ignorant about what you're putting into your body or your child's body. Do your homework and get the facts, this is a wise thing to do!❖

## TIMES OF THE GENTILES

**Teen Killers Can't Be Executed** -- A divided U. S. Supreme Court ruled ... that convicted killers who were younger than 18 at the time of their crimes cannot be executed, in part because there is a "national consensus" among states that such executions are wrong. By a 5-4 vote, the justices said the 8th Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment bans the execution of juvenile offenders. The decision ... invalidates laws in 20 states. It lifts the death sentences of 70 juvenile offenders nationwide.... [This] decision reversed a 1989 ruling in which the court allowed executions of killers who committed their crimes at age 16 or 17... The U. S. has been virtually alone in the world in sanctioning a juvenile death penalty, and [this] case drew attention from international human rights groups such as Amnesty International, which praised the ruling. **Justice Anthony Kennedy** noted that "the stark reality is that the United States is the only country in the world" that sanctioned executions for juvenile crimes. That drew an angry response from **Justice Antonin Scalia**, who said in his written opinion, "**The court's argument – that American law should confirm to the laws of the rest of the world – ought to be rejected out of hand.**" [[www.swordofthelord.com](http://www.swordofthelord.com) and [various wire services](http://www.wire.com)]

### QUOTES:

●According to the new interpretation of the Bill of Rights approved by five Supreme Court justices, if an al Qaeda terrorist who was 17-years-and 364-days old detonated a dirty bomb in a U. S. city, murdering hundreds of thousands of Americans, no state could execute him. That is because executing any killer under 18 – no matter how cold-blooded his crime – would violate America's "evolving standards of decency" and thus is prohibited by the 8th Amendment, which bars "cruel and unusual punishment." Forget the governors and legislatures of 50 states. Forget voters. And forget that for 214 years no Supreme Court ever claimed that the 8th Amendment barred the execution of cold-blooded killers who happen to be less than 18 years of age. The five-person, **un-elected** tribunal that now runs our Republic has spoken. Most alarmingly, these tribunes are not claiming to have discovered something in the Constitution that went unnoticed for two centuries. They are claiming the Constitution itself has changed in the last 16 years – not because state legislatures ratified an amendment, but because some justices have changed their personal perceptions of what the Constitution ought to mean. –Terence P. Jeffrey in Five Justices Shred Constitution to Protect Cold-Blooded Killers [[www.HumanEventsOnline.com](http://www.HumanEventsOnline.com)]

●Do you think a majority of Americans would have supported the death penalty for Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, after they stalked through the halls of Columbine High murdering classmates? What about D. C. sniper Lee Boyd Malvo? He was 17 years old when he participated in a shooting spree that left 10 people dead. Are these the whimsical acts of a minor? Or are they calculated acts of brutality deserving the full extension of criminal punishment? I think a majority of Americans would find it acceptable to punish these juveniles to the full extent of the law. –Armstrong Williams in Judicial Tyranny [[www.armstrongwilliams.com](http://www.armstrongwilliams.com)]

*Because He Lives.....*

*We, Too, Shall Live*

**In this restless world of struggle,  
it is very hard to find**

Answers to the questions  
that daily come to mind—  
We cannot see the future;  
what's beyond is still unknown  
For the secret of God's kingdom  
still belongs to Him alone  
But He granted us salvation  
when His Son was crucified  
For life became immortal  
because our Saviour died.  
Life is not a transient thing—  
It is change but never loss  
For Christ purchased our salvation  
When He died upon the Cross.

*Helen Steiner Rice*