

Fallen Angels

Architects of This Present Darkness

Introduction

This is a dark subject: first, some disclaimers

There is a lot of Good that goes on every day that we do and that we do not hear about in the news (news is very negatively biased)

God is doing much to prevent evil behind the scenes

Human consciences

The law and its deterrence and enforcement

Love and kindness

Isaiah 59:19

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD *shall* lift up a standard against him.

The flood: crime, violence, war, immorality, abuse, offense, anxiety, depression, apathy

The standard against him: not a flag of surrender: but prayer, preaching, truth, the Word of God

Example: recent Roe vs. Wade reversal by Supreme Court after 50 years of prayer, petitioning

Purpose of the series: to recognize that:

We humans are not exclusively responsible for evil

Satan, not Adam or Eve, initiated and brought evil into this world

Our personal evil thoughts and deeds are most often imposed and suggested to us by evil supernatural beings (*and don't originate with us*)

Our challenge is not to condemn ourselves—it is to resist and overcome temptations

The righteous anger and indignation we often feel about injustice should be directed at these evil beings, and not at people

Our job is to love people—family, friends, even enemies—not hate or criticize them

Our prayers to God for oppressed and oppressive people are frequently more effective if directed toward the evil beings influencing them (*particularly when our prayers are not being answered*)

Trained intercessors and deliverance ministers can spiritually war against these evil forces

Indeed, we have more authority over these evil beings and their wills than we do over human actions and wills

After more than six thousand years of attempts at communication with evil spirits, there has been no authentic advance in knowledge. From whatever standpoint the subject be considered—whether wizardry, witchcrafts, divination fortunetelling, consulting with familiar spirits—the gain has been altogether on the side of evil spirits. Men and women have yielded themselves freely and fully losing health, mind, morality and their immortal souls.

John A. MacMillan

We humans are sinners

By nature – due to the fall of man in the Garden

(Just watch toddlers at play)

By choice and decisions daily

We, unfortunately, contribute to the evil on the earth

How? By falling to temptations to do evil

And by using the good things in life and creation that God gave us inappropriately

The "path" to evil:

Supernatural evil creatures offer us humans things in the material world inappropriately or in excess

Guns / drugs / your neighbor's wife / your neighbor's donkey / the third piece of pie

Our battle is not really with people – not with other sinners, or even with ourselves

Eph. 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Col. 1:16

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Eph. 1:20-22

...which (God) worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all *things* under His feet,

These verses teach that there are earth-based, visible authorities (thrones, dominions) – natural kings, dictators, prime ministers, presidents, mayors, community leaders

And there are heaven-based, invisible authorities (principalities, powers) – supernatural beings behind those earthly authorities

We need to look behind the veil—like in the movie the Wizard of Oz—to find out who is running the evil show - to see who is really pushing the buttons

"I'm a good person. Unfortunately, I must admit that I am a terrible wizard. The two do not work well together."

The Wizard of OZ

Satan is the opposite of the Wizard of Oz: he is a bad person (being), but a very effective wizard.

Why bother learning this?

For the sake of truth

We are commissioned to save sinners, not despise them

People can be redeemed and can join "our side"

Even atheists, criminals, gays, transgenders, Democrats

As Christians we are not to revile them, criticize them, slander them

We are to love them

Jesus always saw beyond the fault to the need and to the possible redemption

The woman caught in adultery

The Samaritan woman at the well who had had many husbands

Nathaniel the skeptic

Zacchaeus the tax collector for the Romans

Nicodemus the Pharisee

What is behind the veil, behind the evil in man—are evil supernatural beings

Eph. 2:1-3

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you used to walk when you conformed to the ways of this world and of the *ruler of the power of the air, the spirit who is now at work in the sons of disobedience*. All of us also lived among them at one time, fulfilling the cravings of our flesh and indulging its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature children of wrath.

These "rulers of the power of the air" are our true enemies

These are unredeemable beings; doomed for eternity for their wickedness (*Enoch story*)

They are behind the rulers and leaders of communities and nations in this present world System

Examples: Satan and the coming antichrist

Satan and his forces have been behind Nero, Stalin, Hitler, Putin

There are evil beings, *named* principalities behind them

Nero – Jupiter? Mars?

Stalin, Putin – Slavic god of war – Grom Perun

Hitler – the Thule Society (*an gnostic, antisemitic occult organization*)

We can learn to identify and sense these beings

To avoid, overcome, not succumb to, flee from them, stand against them

To pray against and deliver other people from these

This can be quite helpful

Let's be judicious in our criticism of other yet-not-saved humans, however evil they speak and act

And learn to pray against and recognize the evil supernatural spirits behind them;

Tempting and tormenting us personally

Tempting and tormenting our friends and families

Corrupting our culture, our communities, our nations

Causing people to question God's Word—the one hope for the world

Causing people to doubt that God is the Creator of the world

There are indeed supernatural created beings that:

- Introduced evil in the Garden of Eden
- Taught ancient man evil in the form of occult worship, magic, unnatural sexuality
- Encourage evil today
- Make evil even more evil than "natural" human evil
 - "Unnatural sin"
- Foster in us addiction to things of the world

They abide in the "heavens" – the second heaven -- in the "air"
 In a fifth dimension
 They formerly had access to God in the third heaven (maybe still?)

Eph. 2:1-2

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

II Cor. 12:2-4

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

Normally angelic beings, good or bad, can't be perceived with our physical five senses
 We can discern and sense them with our spiritual senses (the sense "organs" of our human spirit)
 They operate in a dimension outside of our spirits, but can influence or "enter" our souls
 They rarely "manifest" and as to be perceived with our physical senses

The Holy Spirit also acts in our four dimensions as well as the fifth dimension

Similarly discerned (*with spiritual senses*)

Actually omni-presently present in the human spirit of believers

The big difference between the Holy Spirit and all other spirits (good angels and bad)

Is that the Holy Spirit was not created; He existed before the universe; co-created the universe with God and Jesus; co-existing and equal to God the Father and Jesus in the Trinity

Angels and humans are created beings

Stuck in time

In temporary "bodies"

Types of Heavenly Beings

Good supernatural beings:

Angels (*messengers, guardian*)

Archangels (*princes, principalities, powers*)

Seraphim and cherubim (heavenly creatures)

Evil supernatural beings:

Satan

Watchers

Fallen angels over the nations

Evil principalities and powers

Demons

This study: on the Fallen Angels who are the Architects of This Present Darkness

I. Satan: the Accuser of the Brethren

II. The Watchers and the Nephilim: Likely the Source of Demons

III. The Fallen Angels after the Tower of Babel: Rulers Behind the Leaders of the Nations

IV. How Evil Forces Corrupt Cultures

V. How Evil Forces Have Questioned the Word of God

VI. How Evil Forces Have Challenged God's Role in Creation by Highly Speculative, Unfounded, and Mathematically Discredited Science

VII. How We in the Church Can Overcome These Evil Beings and This Present Darkness

Hopefully when we conclude what the Word of God says on these matters, we will be able to:

Identify and overcome evil that come from evil supernatural beings outside of us - and not blame self for everything

Resolve to successfully obey the Lord as His disciples more consistently

Endure trials

Resist temptations

Avoid unnecessary shame and grief

Identify and not be deceived by the evil influences on our families, communities and culture from principalities, powers, thrones and dominions

Confidently defend the Bible, the Word of God, and the role of God, the creator, the pre-existent being who is over all so-called gods, in creation

Contribute more to the good with family, friends, church, community