

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Angels, Demons, Quantum Physics, and Your Brain

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Why This Program?

Over my career, the question of demon involvement in mental illness has come up repeatedly.

There is confusion on this question across the landscape of Christianity.

Many ideas taught in Christianity are mythical, mystical, and harmful.

Goals

Demythify and demystify

God is the God of reality—to present an evidence-based, reality-based, and rational approach to this topic that empowers, heals, and reduces fear.

Overview

- Part I:** Nature of humanity; the human brain, quantum mechanics, and our spirit
- Part II:** Spiritual warfare, angels, and demons
- Part III:** Myths within Christianity

Part 1

Nature of Humanity

the human brain, quantum mechanics, and our spirit

Humans Have Three Parts

“And the LORD God formed man of the **dust of the ground [body]**, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life [spirit]**; and man became a living **soul [mind/individuality]**” (Genesis 2:7 KJV).

The “breath of life” is not oxygen and nitrogen but the animating energy, the spark of life, that gives life and comes from God, the only source of life.

To Be Operational, Must Have All Three

Body

Soma

Hardware

Soul

Psyche

Software, Mind, Individuality

Spirit

Pneuma

Energy, Breath of Life

Difference Between Buddha and Jesus

Buddha

Life energy/individuality are merged and are disembodied at death; they transcend time and space and reemerge in new forms through time on their own—reincarnation.

Jesus

Life energy (spirit/*pneuma*) originates in God and is distinct from individuality (soul/*psyche*); at death, the life energy (spirit/*pneuma*) returns to God (Eccl. 12:7); individuality (soul/*psyche*) is safe with Christ in heaven and resurrected by God (hardware, software, and energy) at the Second Coming (1 Thess. 4:13–18).

Humans Were Created to Be Image Bearers of God

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in **our image.**’ ... So God created man in his **own image, in the image of God** he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:26, 27 NIV84).

To be an image bearer of God, one must be animated by the Spirit of God.

Breath of Life

The breath of life is the animating energy that comes from God.

God is love—and the animating energy or “spirit” breathed into and giving life to Adam and Eve was resonate with love.

“He who pursues ... love finds life” (Proverbs 21:21 NIV84).

At creation, Adam and Eve were animated with the spirit of love and bore the image of God.

This spirit of love became corrupted when they sinned and the image of God was marred.

Falling Dominoes of Destruction

Lies believed—break the circle of love and trust

Broken love and trust—fear and selfishness (survival of the fittest)

Fear and selfishness—destructive acts (sins)

Destructive acts (sins)—damage mind, body, character, relationships, a terminal condition

Spirit Infected With Fear and Selfishness

“I heard you in the garden, and I was **afraid** because I was naked; so **I hid**” (Genesis 3:10).

God had not changed; Adam’s spirit was now infected with fear that caused him to act to save self by fleeing from God, which is exactly the opposite of life.

God Intervened

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” (Genesis 3:15 NIV84).

The Holy Spirit strives for every soul, causing our spirits to be convicted, dissatisfied with fear and selfishness, to long for our Eden home, love, peace, joy, and happiness.

The Spirit brings truth to our minds that we can understand, with conviction to our spirits, and leaves us free to make choices—to accept or reject the truth.

Corrupted Spirit

Adam and Eve corrupted their spirit/life with fear and selfishness.

The only spirit of life they had to pass along is the one they possessed—that of fear and selfishness.

We are all born in sin, conceived in iniquity (Psalm 51:5); we are born with the only life, the only animating energy, Adam and Eve had with which to procreate, and that is the spirit of fear and selfishness.

The Spirit of Fear Is Not From God

“For God has not given us a **spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

“Create in me a pure heart, God, and **make my spirit right again**” (Psalm 51:10 NCV).

Must Be Reborn With a New Spirit

“I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is **born again**. ... I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the **Spirit [pneuma]**. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the **Spirit [pneuma]** gives birth to **spirit [pneuma]**. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The **wind [pneuma]** blows (pneo) wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the **Spirit [pneuma]**” (John 3:3, 5–8).

The *Pneuma*

Translated as spirit, ghost, breath, wind.

Wind is the energy that moves a ship.

The wind blows in a direction, and a ship can align with the wind and be moved by it—or resist and tack against it.

Our choices align our beings, our spirits, our energies, either in harmony with the Holy Spirit where we are more easily empowered, enlightened, and willfully move in harmony with God—or we resist, align with demonic spirits, and come into harmony with their motives, energies, and are more easily moved in directions that are against the Spirit of God.

Being Reborn Means Receiving a New Animating Energy (Spirit)

Being reborn is when we receive a new heart, a right spirit—when we surrender the spirit of fear and selfishness and are indwelled by the Spirit of love and trust.

We become a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) and, like Jesus, live a life in which we experience temptation from the spirit of fear and selfishness but choose to live in harmony with the Spirit of love and trust.

“It is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

Two Warring Spiritual Energies

“For Christ’s **love compels us [Spirit of love]**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should **no longer live for themselves [the spirit of fear and selfishness]** but for him who died for them and was raised again” (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15 NIV84).

Clarification

The Holy Spirit vs. A Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead—with unique individuality and fully divine.

A holy spirit is the spirit that holy created beings have—Gabriel, Enoch, Elijah, etc.

We receive *a* holy spirit from *the* Holy Spirit.

We Must Choose Which Spirit We Identify With

Jesus said to His apostles when they wanted to call fire down on those who would not receive Jesus:

“You do not know what **manner of spirit** [*pneuma*] you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them” (Luke 9:55, 56 NKJV).

To Be an Image Bearer of God Requires God's Spirit to Dwell Within

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the **Spirit of God dwells in you?**” (1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJV).

“Those who are led by the **Spirit of God are sons of God**. For you did not receive a **spirit** that makes you a slave again to **fear**, but you received the **Spirit** of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ The **Spirit** himself testifies with our **spirit** that we are God’s children” (Romans 8:14–16 NIV84).

Goal of Satan and His Demons

To destroy the image of God in people and place Satan's image where God's should be.

This is accomplished by replacing the animating Spirit of love (God is love) with the animating spirit of fear and selfishness—which happened in Eden; and then...

When people choose to develop a character animated by the spirit of fear and selfishness, they bear the image of Satan. Jesus said that when that happens, then Satan is their father (John 8:44).

First Point

The spirit is the animating energy that gives life and moves to action, and it comes from God.

The spirit can be either a pure spirit of love and trust or corrupted with fear and selfishness.

Because of Jesus and God's grace, we have a choice as to which spirit we choose to align with and be animated by.

There are only two spiritual forces: heavenly—love, truth, freedom, trust (Holy Spirit and holy angels), and satanic—fear and selfishness (Satan and his forces).

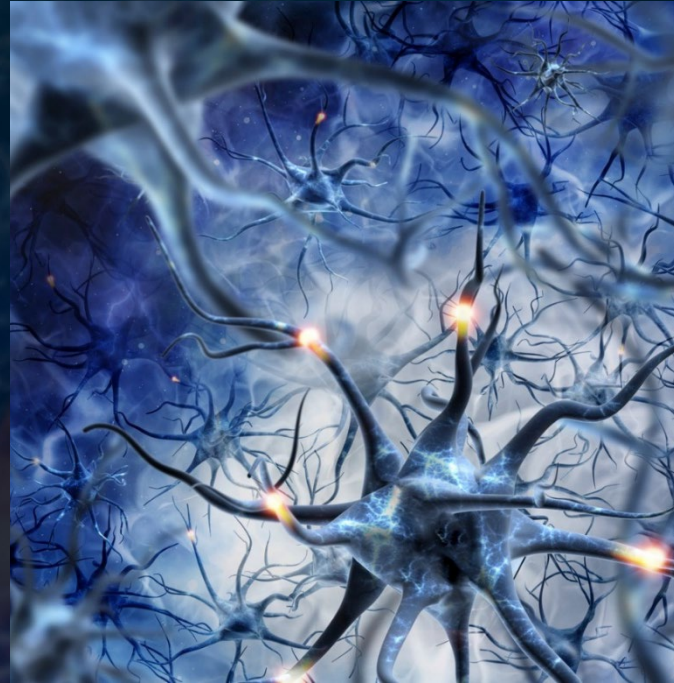
The Human Brain

100 billion nerve cells

Over a trillion supporting cells

Each brain cell has up to 10,000
connections to other cells

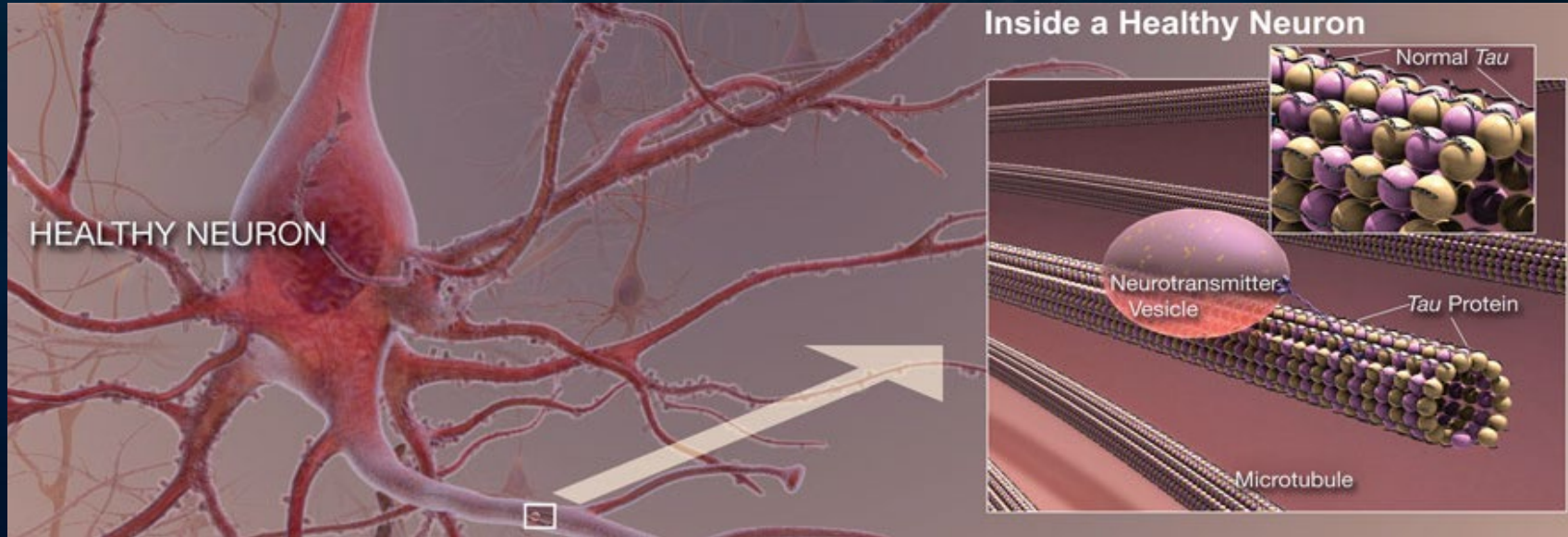
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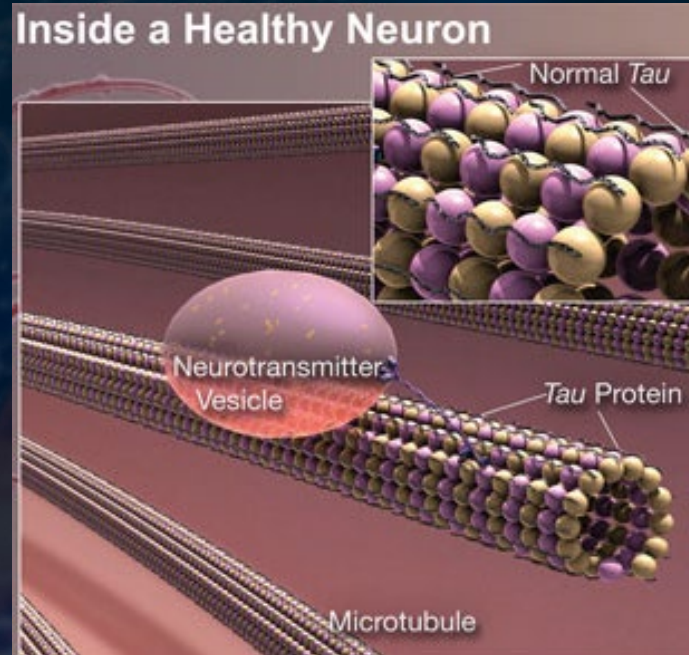
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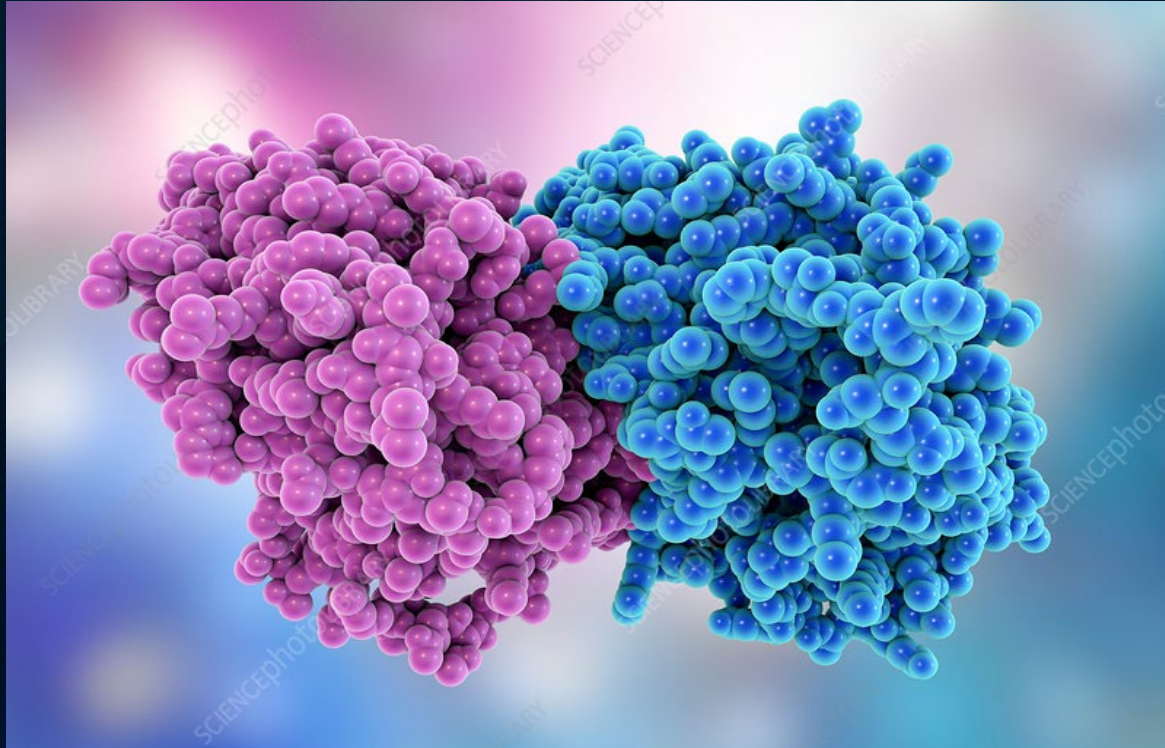
Microtubules: Tubulin

10 million microtubules
per neuron

Billions of tubulin molecules
per neuron



Each Tubulin Composed of 445 AAs
Each AA Composed of ~10 Atoms



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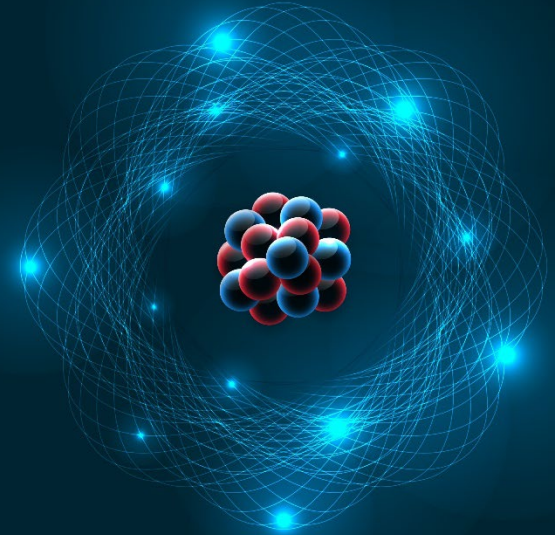
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Each tubulin molecule composed
of 445 amino acids

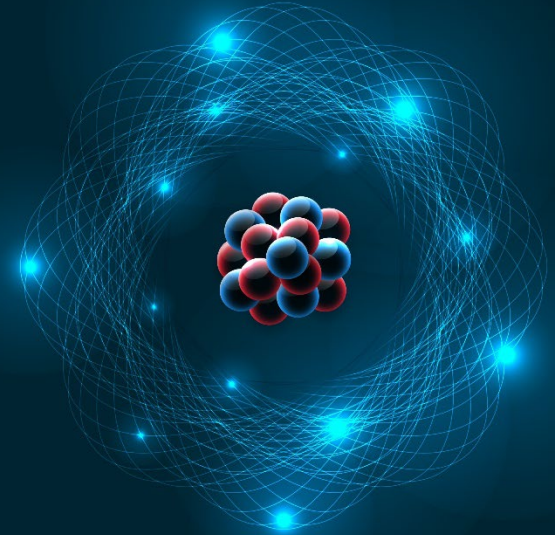
Each amino acid with ~ 10 atoms
forming electron clouds



Quantum Processing

Tubulin has different conformations (like "0" and "1").

As we form memories and choose beliefs, our experiences and choices change the electron cloud of the tubulin encoding information.¹

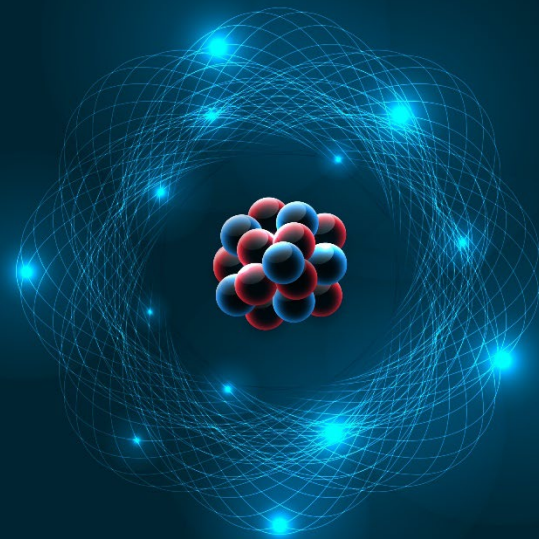


1. *Biosystems*, Vol. 173, November 2018, Pages 191–206
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Quantum Processing

The unique patterns created by our experiences, beliefs, choices, and preferences create unique quantum signatures and harmonics.¹

Quantum energy linkages connect all life.



1. *Journal of Modern Physics*, Vol.13, No.12, December 2022 <https://www.scirp.org/journal/paperinformation?paperid=121997>

Law of Worship

By beholding we are changed (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Romans 1

“They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves”
(Jeremiah 2:5).

“You will know the truth and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

What we watch, admire, worship, believe and the choices we make change our brains—change the harmonics, the quantum vibration, the resonance of what frequency we are in tune with, either harmonizing with the Holy Spirit of love and trust or Satan’s spirit of fear and selfishness.

Quantum Radiance

Moses' face was radiant (Exodus 34:29–34).

“All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel” (Acts 6:15 NIV84).

“There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus” (Matthew 17:2, 3 NIV84).

“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:25–27 NIV84).

Quantum Radiance

“The Ancient of Days took his seat. ... His throne was **flaming with fire**, and its wheels were all **ablaze**. A **river of fire** was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him” (Daniel 7:9, 10 NIV84).

“The [New Jerusalem] does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the **glory of God gives it light**, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring **their splendor** into it” (Revelation 21:23, 24 NIV84).

Historical Thinking

Much of our current understanding is based on Newtonian ideas of the universe rather than more modern theories.

We think of receptors, electrical signals, and neurotransmitters, all very Newtonian—but it is only one part of our physical reality.

But such understandings fail to explain:

- Consciousness
- Freedom of choice
- Flocks of birds and schools of fish turning in unison
- Human intuition
- The sudden awareness of a loved one in danger
- Miraculous healings
- Supernatural warnings, guidance, direction

Modern Quantum Physics Began in 1925

Led us away from the *certainty* of a Newtonian world to *probabilities*.

Matter: Both particle—being at a specific point in space-time, but also wave—extending throughout the entire region of space-time.

Quantum understanding has led to ideas such as:

- Entanglement—connectedness of all things
- Observer effect
- Vibration and string theory

Observer Effect

Matter is both wave and mass, as well as having spin and vibration.

It remains in a state of uncertainty *until impacted by the observer*, the act of measuring, observing, or encountering the object determines the outcome—whether it presents as wave or matter.

This provides a scientific basis for freedom of choice and the impact our choices have on us and the world around us.

Our Choices

Our choices alter our neuronal substrate, causing change in the electron cloud formation and aligning us with one of two spirits.

“Circumcision of the heart” is the circumcision of our spirits, of our quantum entanglements, away from the spirit of fear, selfishness, pride, lust, etc., and to the Spirit of love and truth.

This happens through the agency of the Holy Spirit applying truth and love to our minds—but it is only as we choose to say yes to the truth and choose to trust God that our spirits are disentangled from fear and selfishness and aligned with God.

String Theory

Everything in the universe is connected by infinitesimally small strings.

If you magnified a silver dollar to the size of our solar system, a string would be the size of a tree.

The energy (vibration) in the string determines the mass of the matter, $E=mc^2$.

Thus, particles separated by physical space are connected by these strings—entangled—and can impact each other.

1897 Commentary by Co-Founder of the SDA Church

It is God's plan that every part of His government shall depend on every other part, the whole as a wheel within a wheel, working with entire harmony. He moves upon human forces, causing His Spirit to touch invisible chords, and the vibration rings to the extremity of the universe.

(E.G. White, *Manuscript Release*, p. 22)

Bible Support for Quantum Strings

“For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and **in him all things hold together**” (Colossians 1:16, 17 NIV84).

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there” (Psalm 139:7, 8 NIV84).

Elijah and the Still Small Voice

1 Kings 19:11, 12

God was not in the great wind—Newtonian physics

God was not in the earthquake—Newtonian physics

God was not in the fire—Newtonian physics

God was in the still small voice—quantum connections of the chords that resonate throughout creation

Jesus Said...

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing” (John 6:63 NIV84).

The Spirit is the Spirit of love, which is the animating energy of God, which is the basis of all life, and from which all reality is built.

NOT Pantheism

These invisible chords or strings, while originating from God and sustained by God, are NOT God!

Physical matter originates from God and is sustained by God—but physical matter is NOT God!

God is an intelligent being with individuality, personality, and personhood—these strings are not part of God's personhood and, thus, God is not "in everything," as pantheism teaches, even though all things are sustained by Him through these chords/strings (Colossians 1:17).

God Created All Intelligent Beings as Spirit Beings

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in **spirit** [*pneuma*] and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is **spirit** [*pneuma*], and his worshipers must worship in **spirit** [*pneuma*] and in truth” (John 4:23, 24 NIV84).

Spirit = animating/motivational energy (love)

Truth = understanding/mind

These worshipers include the heavenly beings who worship God.
“Are not all angels ministering **spirits** [*pneuma*] sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 104:4).

Questions—As Spirit Beings

Is *our* spiritual energy able to alter physical matter and impact outcomes?

Can such spiritual energy be involved in prayer and healing?

Can such spiritual energy be involved in influencing the wellbeing of others?

Could *our* spiritual energy be directed toward our friends and family and impact their lives beyond specific truths we share?

Meditation Entanglement

Two individuals were asked to meditate together inside a Faraday cage.

They were then separated into different Faraday cages in separate rooms.

Light shone at irregular intervals into the eyes of one participant caused the same brain regions to activate in the other participant, as measured by EEG—no EEG changes were noted in the control group. This was not due to EM fields or other known causes (e.g., mirror neurons).

Insight: two people united in “heart” having sudden “awareness.”

Angelic and Demonic Influence

In the same way these two humans had their brains aligned through meditating together—thus entangling their spirits (quantum energy)—we can choose what we worship, watch, believe, prefer, and value and, thus, align ourselves with either good or evil and become more in tune with, more receptive to, either the Holy Spirit and holy angels or demonic spirits.

Cyrus, Daniel, Gabriel & the Prince of Persia

“Daniel, do not be afraid. Some time ago you decided to get understanding and to humble yourself before your God. Since that time God has listened to you, and I have come because of your prayers. But the **prince of Persia** has been fighting against me for twenty-one days” (Daniel 10:12, 13 NCV).

Who is this “prince of Persia”?

“The **angel prince** of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days” (Daniel 10:13 GNT).

Jesus called Satan the prince of the world (John 12:31; 14:30).

Gabriel and the Prince of Persia

Angels are spirit beings.

Cyrus is a spirit being.

Both Gabriel and the fallen angel of Persia were using their spiritual (quantum) energy to influence the spirit (quantum animating energy) of Cyrus.

Prince of Persia was seeking to inflame a spirit of fear and selfishness, but Gabriel sought to inspire with love and trust.

Cyrus ultimately chose which spirit he identified with and acted upon.

Without God's holy agents (Spirit/angels), no human being could resist the evil influence of fallen angels.

We Are Physical (Newtonian) and Spiritual (Quantum) Beings

We can impact the world around us through our physical actions and...

We can impact the world through our spirits, our quantum connections to the world and others.

➤ Focused Intention Alters DNA Conformation

Placental DNA was placed in test tubes.

Participants were instructed to generate the emotion of love and goodwill and then focus their intention on causing the DNA to wind tighter or looser.

This can be measured by the absorption of UV light.

What did they find?

➤ Focused Intention Alters DNA Conformation

Focused intention with love and goodwill caused a 25% conformation change in DNA.

When the tubes of DNA were in the room with the participants and they generated emotions of love and goodwill but with no focused intention—no DNA change.

When focused intention but no emotion of love and goodwill—no DNA change.

McCraty, 2003 *Modulation of DNA conformation by heart-focused intention* p. 6, Boulder Creek, CA:
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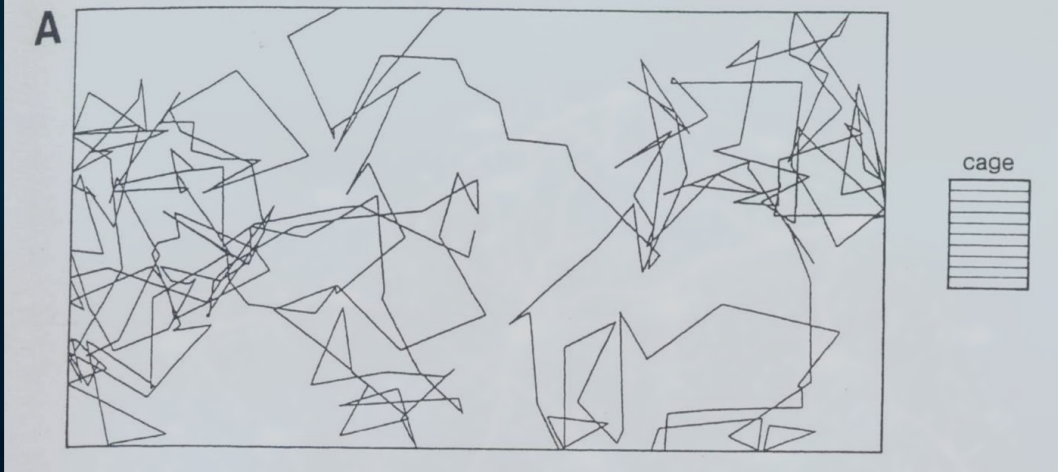
Then to test whether an EM effect or not, had three test tubes together and had the participants focus their intent on changing DNA in two of the test tubes but not the third, and that is exactly what happened.

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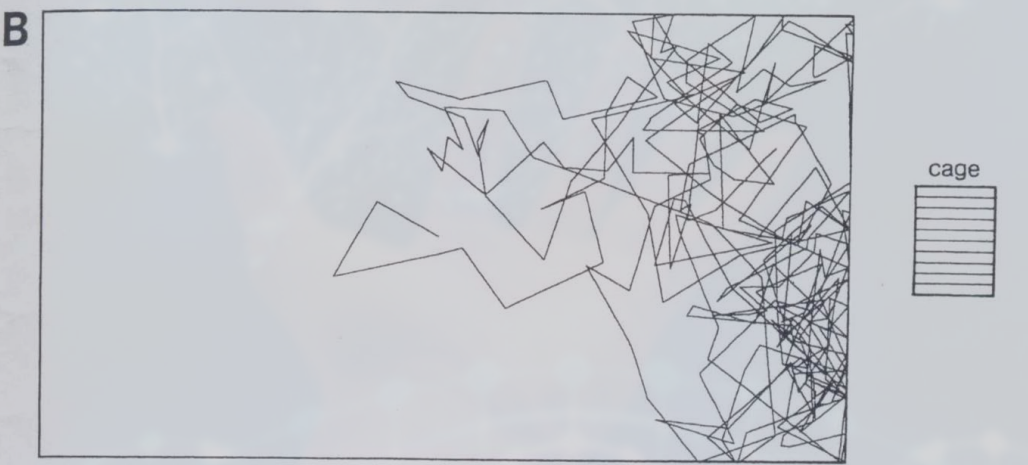
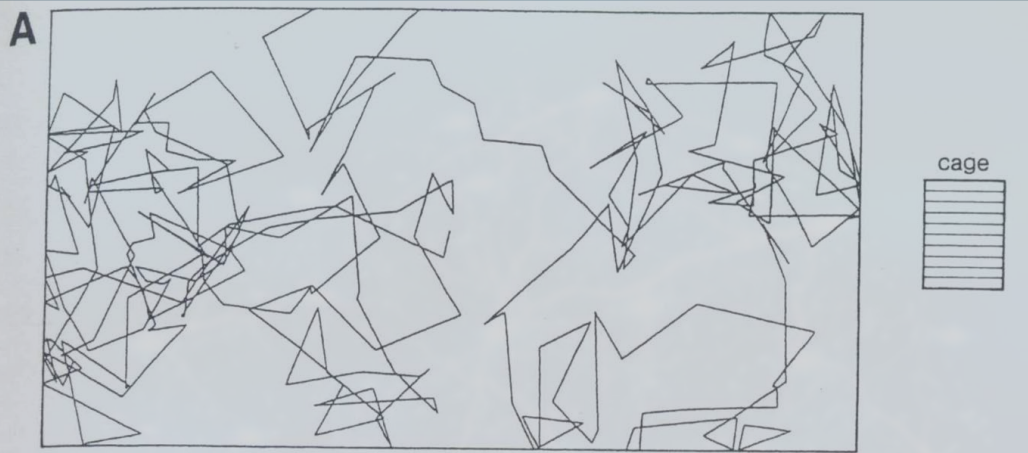
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Finally, during five separate experiments in which the DNA samples were a half mile away from the participants, the same DNA conformation changes occurred when the participants focused with love and goodwill.

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Laying on of Hands

Mice were given standardized wounds.

A faith-healer held the cages of one group 15 minutes twice per day.

That group demonstrated significantly more rapid wound healing than the group of mice not held by the faith-healer.

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Laying on of Hands

Mice were given an iodine-free diet, which induced goiter growth.

Mice whose cages were held twice daily for 15 minutes by a faith-healer had significantly slower thyroid growth than the control group (over 15 months)

This same outcome occurred when the faith-healer had no direct contact with the mice but, instead, held cotton strips that were placed with the mice.

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Laying on of Hands

Mice were injected with mamillary adenocarcinoma.

A typical course is a massive tumor and 100% fatal in 14 to 27 days.

Two groups of mice were injected with the same cancer.

Experimental group had “healer” (faith not required, just a specific mental preparation and focus) place hands around the cage 1 hour per day (no direct contact ever).

Hypothesis—delayed time to death

Findings

The mice in the experimental group lived their full life span of 2 years.

After two of the control group mice died within 27 days, the “healer” began the same procedure with the remaining control group mice, which were late stage—outcome?

The tumors ruptured, ulcerated, and the cancer remitted—and the mice lived.

Findings

When new adenocarcinoma was injected at a later time, no tumor growth occurred. They had developed an immune response to the cancer cells.

The entire study was replicated four times with a variety of “healers,” some of whom were skeptics but trained in how to do the healing.

Overall compiled findings of the four experiments
experimental group 87.9% remission
offsite control group 0% remission

Prayer and Healing

Elizabeth Targ, MD, PhD, conducted a study to measure the impact of remote (long distance, never having met the patient) prayer on terminally ill AIDS patients.

Patients were matched regarding CD4 count and severity of illness, and they were randomized into a 10-week remote healing prayer group or control group.

Faith-healers (from multiple traditions) were presented with a patient's photo, name, and T-helper cell count.

All patients were blinded to who was being prayed for and who was not.

Western Journal of Medicine, 1998, 169(6), 356

Prayer and Healing

Six months later, blinded medical review found those who received remote prayer showed:

- Improved mood ($p=0.02$)
- Significantly less doctor visits ($p=0.01$)
- Fewer hospitalizations ($p=0.04$)
- Fewer days in the hospital ($p=0.04$)
- Fewer AIDS-defining illnesses ($p=0.04$)
- Lower illness severity ($p=0.03$)

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Spiritual Beings Can Impact Others

These studies document that humans can direct their spiritual energy, quantum energy, to impact the world around them.

Our spiritual energy and its use are determined by the choices we make, which spirit we identify with and are animated by.

Part 2

Spiritual Warfare

angels and demons

Ancient Wisdom

“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Solomon

Proverbs 23:7

The Battlefield

The thoughts we think, beliefs we hold, and the God we worship
change our quantum network.

The Battlefield

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish **arguments** and every **pretension** that sets itself up against the **knowledge of God**, and we take captive every **thought** to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3–5 NIV84).

Internalizing, believing, choosing the truth about God that leads to trust changes our brains, changing our quantum energy, and in that trust ...

The Battlefield

“I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26 NIV84).

“A man is not a Jew if he is only one **outwardly**, nor is circumcision merely **outward** and **physical**. No, a man is a Jew if he is one **inwardly**; and circumcision is circumcision of the **heart**, by the **Spirit**, not by the written code” (Romans 2:28, 29 NIV84).

How God Wins

“Not by might nor by power [Newtonian physics], but by my Spirit [quantum physics],’ says the LORD Almighty” (Zechariah 4:6 NIV84).

The Spirit is the Spirit of love and truth—truth presented in love leaving us free to choose which spirit we internalize, identify with, prefer.

Humans Have Three Parts

And the Lord God formed man of the **dust of the ground [body]**, and breathed into his nostrils **the breath of life [spirit]**; and man became a living **soul [mind/individuality]**. (Genesis 2:7 KJV).

To Be Operational, Must Have All Three

Body

Soma

Hardware

Soul

Psyche

Software, Mind, Individuality

Spirit

Pneuma

Energy, Breath of Life

First Death This Reverses

“The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7 NIV84).

What about the soul?

When Our Computers Run Out of Power, Into What State Do They Go?

They “sleep.”

How does the Bible describe those who “die”?

They “sleep” (Daniel 12:2; Luke 8:52; John 11:11; 1 Cor. 15:20) —
but as Jesus said, those who believe in Him will never die.

Martin Luther Described Death as a Sleep

“It is enough for us to know that souls do not leave their bodies to be threatened by the torments and punishments of hell, but enter a prepared bedchamber in which they sleep in peace.”

Weimarer Ausgabe, 43, 360, 21–23 (to Genesis 25:7–10); also Exegetica opera latina, Vol 5, 6 1833 p. 120 and the English translation: Luther’s Works, American Edition, 55 vols. (St. Louis: CPH), 4:313.

Lamb's Book of Life/Heavenly Servers

“Nothing impure will ever enter it [New Jerusalem], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, **but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life**” (Revelation 21:27 NIV84).

Names in the Bible are symbolic of character, individuality, personhood—i.e., *soul/psyche*.

Safe With Christ

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be **absent from the body and to be present with the Lord**” (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Computers and Clouds

What happens if your computer is backed up on the “cloud” and then someone destroys your machine?

“Don’t be afraid of those who can kill the body [hardware] but cannot kill the soul [*psyche*/software]” (Matthew 10:28).

What Happens When We Die?

1. The Body (*soma*)—hardware—disintegrates to dust.
Genesis 3:19; Psalm 44:25; Ecclesiastes 3:20
2. The Spirit (*pneuma*)—life energy—returns to God.
Ecclesiastes 12:7
3. The Soul (*psyche*)—software/individuality—is safe with Christ in heaven, stored in the Lamb's book of life; the heavenly "servers."
2Corinthians 5:6–8; Revelation 3:5, 21:7
4. The person "sleeps," waiting to be "downloaded" into new hardware, a new body.

Paul's Description

“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about **those who fall asleep**, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that **God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep** in him. The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 NIV84).

Life Comes Only From God

1. The only way to save the human species from death is to purge (cleanse, eliminate, kill) the spirit of fear and selfishness and replace it with the pure, sinless, holy spirit of love and trust.
2. Jesus did this for us! He became a real human being, descended from Adam through David (Romans 1:3) and Mary, and, thereby, partook of the life breathed into Adam and corrupted by him.
3. But the Father to Jesus' humanity was the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18).
4. Jesus was tempted in all points like us but without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

Life Comes Only From God

In the humanity of Jesus, God restored the spirit of love and trust and purged (destroyed, eliminated) the spirit of fear and selfishness and, thereby, saved the human species from sin.

“Although he was a son, he **learned obedience** from what he suffered and, **once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation** for all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:8-9 NIV84).

Wasn't He always perfect?

We receive eternal life through the indwelling Holy Spirit, who takes the spirit/life of Christ and reproduces it in us.

We choose to identify with that spirit and are recreated in the image of God.

Others Recognize This

“Nicodemus had come to the Lord thinking to enter into a discussion with Him, but Jesus laid bare the foundation principles of truth. He said to Nicodemus, ‘It is not theoretical knowledge you need so much as **spiritual regeneration**. You need not to have your curiosity satisfied, but to have a **new heart**. You must receive **a new life** from above before you can appreciate heavenly things. **Until this change takes place, making all things new, it will result in no saving good** for you to discuss with Me My authority or My mission.’” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 171, emphasis mine).

Salvation = Receiving a New Spirit/Life

“How, then, are we to be saved? ... The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God. His love is drawing us to Himself. If we do not resist this drawing, we shall be led to the foot of the cross in repentance for the sins that have crucified the Saviour. Then the Spirit of God through **faith** produces **a new life** in the soul. The **thoughts and desires** are brought into obedience to the will of Christ. The **heart, the mind, are created anew** in the image of Him who works in us to subdue all things to Himself. Then **the law of God is written in the mind and heart**, and we can say with Christ, ‘I delight to do Thy will, O my God.’” (*The Desire of Ages*, p.. 175, emphasis mine).

Spiritual Warfare

Is the war between spiritual energies seeking for dominance and control of the spirit being?

This is the entire chapter of Romans 7.

“You, however, are **controlled not** by the **sinful nature [spirit of fear and selfishness inherited from Adam]** but by the **Spirit [*pneuma* of love and trust]**, if the **Spirit [*pneuma*]** of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the **Spirit [*pneuma*]** of Christ, he does not belong to Christ” (Romans 8:9 NIV84).

Angels Also Have Three Parts

Soul/Mind/Individuality—Gabriel is an individual with his own identity and individuality (Daniel 8:16, 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26).

Bodies—angels can physically touch people (1 Kings 19:5–7) and have their own food, which God fed to people: “Men ate the bread of angels” (Psalm 78:25).

Spirits—“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14 NIV84).

Angels, like people, can be animated by a spirit of love and trust (holy angels) or fear and selfishness (demons).

To Be Operational, Angels Must Have All 3

Body / *soma* / hardware

Soul / *psyche* / software—individuality

Spirit / *pneuma* / energy—breath of life

There are no disembodied spirits with individuality and identity.

The breath of life from God requires a created platform (body) upon which it functions and operates, and our choices then impact the quality of that spiritual energy.

Evil Spirit = Unclean Spirit

“Those troubled by evil [*akathartos*] spirits [*pneuma*] were cured” (Luke 6:18 NIV84).

Kathartos is the root for cathartic = purge or cleanse.
Akathartos = uncleansed or unclean, like amoral means without morals.

“Those who suffered from unclean spirits were cured” (Luke 6:18 NET).

What makes a spirit unclean or evil?

It is no longer the pure Spirit of love and trust but a spirit infected with some evil, deceit, fear, selfishness, envy, hatred, discord, etc.

Unclean Spirits

Human beings can have unclean or evil spirits, evil animating energy, that is the human being's spirit alone—when Adam sinned, his spirit became unclean.

Fallen angels have unclean/evil spirits—spirits of fear and selfishness with other vile attributes.

Holy angels have clean spirits of love and trust.

Spiritual warfare is a warfare of spiritual motivation, spiritual energy, and our choices determine which spirit we ultimately align with. The spirit we choose changes us, and we become more godly or more demonic.

Our Choices Change Our Brains— Thereby Changing Our Spirits

By choosing to trust God and choosing truth, and “whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy” (Philippians 4:8), we bring our brains into harmony with God and our spirits are renewed by the indwelling Holy Spirit to love God and others.

Or by distrusting God, and choosing lies, selfishness, and the worldly, we change our brains to align with the spirit of Satan.

Spiritual Beings Can Direct Their Spiritual Animating Energy

We can direct our spiritual energy to influence the world around us—as evidenced in the studies cited earlier.

We can use our spirits to influence the spirits of people, with either love and trust or fear, selfishness, and hate. Haven't you felt in your spirit the spirit of kindness or malignity in others?

We exert this spiritual impact without leaving our bodies!

Just like angels—they exert spiritual influence without leaving their bodies (Gabriel and the prince of Persia).

Demons Are Fallen Angels

“[Jesus] replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven’” (Luke 10:18 NIV84; see also Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, and Revelation 12).

“There was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the **dragon and his angels** fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the **devil, or Satan**, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, **and his angels with him**” (Revelation 12:7–9 NIV84).

“And the **angels** who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in **darkness**” (Jude 6 NIV84).

Being Indwelt by Another Spirit

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as **you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: **I in them and you in me.** May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (John 17:20–23 NIV84).

Being Indwelt by Another Spirit

Being indwelt or filled by the Holy Spirit does not mean it is like a hand inside a puppet; it does not mean the physical occupation of our bodies. It means the aligning of our animating energy, spirit, that motivates us into unity or oneness with God.

Bodies and Spirits

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies as living sacrifices**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your **spiritual** act of worship” (Romans 12:1 NIV84).

The spirit operates only upon the hardware of a physical body.

As we damage our brains, we interfere with our connection to God and strengthen the unclean spirit inherited from Adam.

Addictions, pornography, and unhealthy lifestyles alter the physiology of the brain, changing our quantum resonance, increasing the intensity of the spirit of fear and selfishness.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit [*pneuma*] is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires [spirit, animating drives, of fear and selfishness, inherited from Adam]. Since we live by the Spirit [*pneuma*], let us keep in step with the Spirit [*pneuma*]. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other” (Galatians 5:22–26 NIV84).

Filled by the Holy Spirit

Results in "self-control." We do not become puppets.

Having the Holy Spirit within is not a physiological occupation of the cells of the body but is the individual choosing to surrender to God and identify with the animating life energy *pneuma* of God such that they are living the life of Christ.

"It is no longer I that live by Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20 NIV84)

Choosing to Directly Reject Truth Aligns the Spirit and Mind with Demons

“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ‘Never, Lord!’ he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘**Get behind me, Satan!** You are a stumbling block to me; **you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men**’” (Matthew 16:21–23 NIV84).

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Peter chose to embrace the spirit of fear rather than the spirit of love and trust.

The spirit of fear tempted Peter to resist the truth.

This permitted Peter to be influenced by Satan and speak words instigated by Satan through inflaming fear that led to denial of the truth.

Peter, after the denial, went out and wept bitterly, repented, died to fear and selfishness , and was reborn with a new spirit of love and trust.

Spiritual Victory

This is why Jesus responded with: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself [spirit of fear and selfishness] and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life [spirit of fear and selfishness] will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me [spirit of love and trust] will find it" (Matthew 16:24, 25 NIV84).

"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren'" (Luke 22:31, 32 KJV).

Spiritual Warfare

“So I say, live by the **Spirit** [*pneuma*], and you will not gratify the desires of the **sinful nature** [unclean spirit of fear and selfishness inherited from Adam]” (Galatians 5:16 NIV84).

“For the **sinful nature** [fear and selfishness] desires what is contrary to the **Spirit** [*pneuma* love and trust], and the **Spirit** [*pneuma*] what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the **Spirit** [*pneuma*], you are not under law” (Galatians 5:17, 18 NIV84).

King Saul, the Witch, and the Demon

“And the woman said to Saul, “I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth.” So he said to her, “What is his form?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle.” And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down.

“Now Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?’ And Saul answered, ‘I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do.’” (1 Samuel 28:13-15 NKJV)

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The spirit arises from the “earth” which the Bible represents is where Satan and his fallen angels (demons) reside Revelation 12:4

The spirit returns to God, it does not go into the earth Ecc. 12:7

The witch is animated by an evil spirit—evil spirits have no power over the righteous

Saul is abandoned by God and God is not answering him

Demon Possession

Is not intracellular occupation.

Is possessing, dominating, influencing a person's heart and mind by getting them to choose the methods, values, motives, practices, desires, and lies of the demonic.

Which causes their spirit to align with fear, selfishness, exploitation, rage, cruelty, deception, and hatred, etc.

The human becomes more sensitive to the influence, movements, spirit (animating energy) of fallen evil angels.

Filled With Satanic Spirit

“Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, how is it that **Satan has so filled your heart** that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?’” (Acts 5:3 NIV84).

Fruits of Demonic Spirit

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: **sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like**” (Galatians 5:19–21 NIV84).

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“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Timothy 3:1–5 NIV84).

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Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie. ... Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. ... They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them (Romans 1:24–32 NIV84).

Fruits of Demonic Spirit

“So they **shouted louder and slashed themselves** with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their **blood flowed**”
(1 Kings 18:28 NIV84).

“They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an **evil spirit** came from the tombs to meet him ... he would **cry out and cut himself with stones**”
(Mark 5:1–5 NIV84).

Symptoms of Demonic/Unclean Spirit

Sexual immorality and impurity
Idolatry and witchcraft
Hatred, discord, jealousy
Fits of rage/irrational
Selfish ambition
Dissensions, factions, and envy
Drunkenness and orgies
Selfish, greedy, boastful
Proud, abusive
Disobedient to their parents
Without compassion

Ungrateful, without love
Unforgiving and malicious
Slanderous, without self-control/impulsive, and moody
Brutal, not lovers of the good
Treacherous/cause division
Rash and conceited
Lovers of pleasure
Dishonest and deceitful
Untrustworthy
Self-harm and harm others

First Point

The spirit is the animating energy that gives life and moves to action; it comes from God.

The spirit can be either a pure spirit of love and trust—or corrupted with fear and selfishness.

Because of Jesus and God's grace, we have a choice as to which spirit we align with and be animated by.

There are only two spiritual forces: Heavenly—love, truth, freedom, trust (Holy Spirit and holy angels), and satanic—fear and selfishness (Satan and his forces).

Second Point

Our choices change our brain structure.

Our brain structure impacts our quantum signature.

Our quantum signature aligns with either the Holy Spirit or the spirit of demons.

As we align by choice and preference with the demonic, we become more in tune with the demonic and more receptive to their quantum influence. If we choose truth, love, and trust in Jesus, we become more receptive to the Holy Spirit.

The Demoniac

A person who chooses, aligns, prefers, and develops a mind, character, brain in harmony with evil becomes more susceptible to demonic influence and control.

When confronted with the light/Holy Spirit—they will recoil, protest, act out, and, if really in tune with the demonic, speak what they are hearing, similarly to a prophet of God speaking the Word of the Lord under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Casting Out

Casting out a demon is the power of God restraining, restricting, and preventing a fallen angel from accessing and operating upon the quantum network (spirit) of a human.

Casting out a demon does not cause the person to become righteous; that person must still choose for themselves to trust Jesus, invite in the Holy Spirit, and choose the methods and principles of God, which changes their neurobiology and spirit.

Jesus Warned

“When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first”
(Matthew 12:43–45 NIV84).

Defeat Demons With Truth, Love, and Trust in God

Jesus demonstrated when tempted, "It is written ..."

You will know the truth and the truth will set you free (John 8:32).

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18 NIV84).

"And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends" (Job 42:10 NKVJ).

The just live by faith, by trusting God when tempted with fear (Romans 1:17; Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 11).

Example of Spiritual Warfare

At the Last Supper, the disciples were arguing about who would be the greatest—the spirit of fear/selfishness was warring with spirit of love and trust.

Consider the impact upon each heart/spiritual motivational animating energy when Christ washed their feet.

Example of Spiritual Warfare

Bible Commentary

“So Christ expressed His **love** for His disciples. Their **selfish spirit** filled Him with sorrow, but He entered into no controversy with them regarding their difficulty. Instead He gave them an example they would never forget. His **love** for them was not easily disturbed or quenched. ... This action opened the eyes of the disciples. Bitter shame and humiliation filled their hearts. They understood the unspoken rebuke, and saw themselves in altogether a new light” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 644, emphasis mine).

Example of Spiritual Warfare

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"The **constraining power of that love was felt by Judas [Holy Spirit/*pneuma* love and trust]**. When the Saviour's hands were bathing those soiled feet, and wiping them with the towel, the **heart [spirit]** of Judas thrilled through and through with the **impulse [conviction/desire for good]** then and there to **confess** his sin. But **he would not [free choice]** humble himself. **He hardened his heart [he chose which spirit to live]** against repentance; and the **old impulses [fear and selfishness]**, for the moment put aside, **again controlled him**. Judas was now offended at Christ's act in washing the feet of His disciples. ...

Example of Spiritual Warfare

Bible Commentary

“If Jesus could so humble Himself, he thought, He could not be Israel's king. All hope of worldly honor [from the unclean spirit of fear and selfishness] in a temporal kingdom was destroyed. Judas was satisfied [settled intellectually and spiritually that he can no longer be moved] that there was nothing to be gained by following Christ. After seeing Him degrade Himself, as he thought, he was confirmed in his purpose to disown Him, and confess himself deceived. He was possessed by a demon, and he resolved to complete the work he had agreed to do in betraying his Lord” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 645, emphasis mine).

Filled With Satanic Spirit

“Then **Satan entered Judas**, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve” (Luke 22:3 NIV84).

Spiritual Warfare

Is the battle between two animating motivational energies—the spirit of love and trust versus the spirit of fear and selfishness.

Part 3

Myths in Christianity

The Nephilim in Scripture

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“Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.” (Job 1:2 NKJV)

The argument—the sons of God must be angels

The Nephilim Myth

Heavenly angels rebelled against God, left their assigned place, and married humans, resulting in children who were an intermingling of the two beings—known as the Nephilim.

The Nephilim were not part of God's creation, and their spirits had no place to rest after their bodies died. As a result, their spirits wander the planet and long for the bodies they once had. This is the basis for spiritual possession.

Demons are the spirits of the Nephilim and exist in the unseen world, where they are invisible, but they can still impact the lives and bodies of human beings.

Problems With The Nephilim Myth

Not found in Scripture

The idea that angels had children with humans is not from the Bible but from the pseudo-apocryphal book of Enoch, which was not written by Enoch, as it quotes Deuteronomy and other Old Testament books.

The book of Enoch describes different fallen angels having sex with humans and gives long genealogies of these beings—the apostle Paul warns against it.

Paul's Warning

“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to **myths and endless genealogies**. These promote controversies rather than God’s work—which is by faith. The **goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith**” (1 Timothy 1:3–5 NIV84).

Problems With The Nephilim Myth In the Context of the Bible Story Arc

After Adam sinned—Messiah is promised in Genesis 3:15.

This is the focus of the entire OT narrative.

Satan's attacks are both physical but more importantly spiritual—paganism and false prophets with false scriptures.

Mark 7:11 Jesus condemns Corban as contrary to Scripture

Mishna (Ned III. 6; IX) states that anything set apart as a *qorbān*

Interpreting the Bible through extra-biblical sources brings the myths into one's understanding of the Bible.

Problems With The Nephilim Myth

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Assumes the Sons of God are angels

The Sons of God

The Sons of God - The Godlike

“The son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, **the son of God.**”
(Luke 3:38 NIV84)

Adam is not an angel! *Sons of God* is not referring to angels—but to those beings who are loyal to God and thus are like God in character!

“Those who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God.**” Romans 8:14

Jesus said that those who were not loyal to Him were sons of their father the devil. (John 8:44)

But even IF angels could reproduce with humans, these were angels in rebellion and thus could not be sons of God!

Problems With The Nephilim Myth

Not found in Scripture

Assumes the Sons of God are angels

Assumes angels and humans can produce children

Violation of reality as God built it; God created unique “kinds” of life, and only those “kinds” can reproduce with each other. Cats cannot reproduce with monkeys. And angels cannot reproduce with humans.

Problems With The Nephilim Myth

Not found in Scripture

Assumes the Sons of God are angels

Assumes angels and humans can produce children

Assumes these children were the Nephilim

Assumes that at death, the spirits of these beings became demons

Assumes that spirits are disembodied intelligent beings with awareness, individuality, identity, and agency

The Book of Enoch

A Demonically Inspired Fantasy Book (Novel)

Idols in the OT are connected to the demons behind them.

“They **sacrificed to demons**, which are not God—gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear” (Deuteronomy 32:17 NIV84).

“They **sacrificed** their sons and their daughters **to demons**. They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they **sacrificed to the idols of Canaan**, and the land was desecrated by their blood” (Psalm 106:37, 38 NIV84).

“The people of Israel must no longer be unfaithful to the LORD by killing their animals in the fields as **sacrifices to the goat-demons**” (Leviticus 17:7 GNT).

The Book of Enoch

A Demonically Inspired Fantasy Book

Idols in the OT are connected to the demons behind them.

God contrasts Himself from them repeatedly by the fact that He is the Creator and they are not.

God Is Distinct as the ONLY Creator

“Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the LORD. **You made** the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. **You give life to everything**, and the multitudes of heaven worship you”
(Nehemiah 9:5, 6 NIV84).

“The gods of all other nations are only idols, but the **LORD created the heavens**” (Psalm 96:4, 5 GNT).

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We, as image bearers of God, have the godlike capacity for pro-creation—angels do not!

It is demonic fantasy (wish) to have pro-creative ability.

Fallen angels have inspired other false scriptures.

Myth: Casting Out Requires a Team

It is commonly taught that exorcism or casting out of a demon requires ordained clergy or a special team and that individual believers cannot do this.

This is a Dark Ages untruth intended to disempower the priesthood of believers and empower the institutional church and the clergy class, making believers helpless as believers and requiring them to turn to the church authorities for sacraments, rituals, and power.

“Philip went to the city of Samaria and preached about the Christ. ... Many of these people had evil spirits in them, but **Philip made the evil spirits leave**” (Acts 8:5, 7 NCV).

Myth: Casting Out Requires a Ritual

It is commonly taught that exorcism or casting out demons requires some special prayer, often the Lord's Prayer, or confession and absolution, reading a Bible passage, or other certain formula recitation.

The presence of clergy.

Some object, like a crucifix, or sprinkling of "holy" water.

Some claim it is necessary to remove physical objects from the person or home.

My Concerns With Such Procedures

It is not biblical—such rituals come from the imperial Dark Ages church, implemented to empower a clergy class and disempower the priesthood of believers.

The result is increasing superstition through made-up ritual, using the Lord's Prayer as an incantation, and promoting falsehoods about demons, all of which increase the spirit of fear rather than love, truth, and sound mind.

Driving Out Demons

“Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. ... This girl followed Paul ... shouting, ‘These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved. ...’ Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, ‘**In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!**’ At that moment the spirit left her” (Acts 16:16–18 NIV84).

No gathering of clergy; no reciting of the Lord’s Prayer; no sign of the cross; no confession and absolution; no sprinkling of holy water; no ritual prayer. Just a command!

Driving Out Demons

“‘Master,’ said John, ‘we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.’ ‘Do not stop him,’ Jesus said, ‘for whoever is not against you is for you’”
(Luke 9:49, 50 NIV84).

This person evidently wasn't even part of the “church” and certainly wasn't engaging in ritualistic behaviors—just driving out demons in the name of Jesus.

Specific Ritual Does Not Matter— the Presence of the Holy Spirit Does

“God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the **evil spirits left them**. Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits **tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus** over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, ‘**In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches**, I command you to come out.’ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, ‘Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?’ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding” (Acts 19:11–16 NIV84).

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The seven sons of Sceva were doing a ritual incantation without the presence of the Holy Spirit. Ritual incantations can lead people to believe that the ritual, the right words, the holy water, the priestly vestments, the quoting of Scripture, or the claiming the blood or name of Jesus has power over the fallen angels. But none of that does—the power is the actual Spirit of God, which must be in the heart and mind of the agent seeking to cast out the demon.

My Recommendations

Biblical approach: We avoid rituals, incantations, rote prayers, etc., and simply ask Jesus to drive the evil spirit away.

The representative of Christ must know Christ and have been reborn with the Holy Spirit animating their inner being.

The representative of Christ never engages in conversation with demons.

Summary

Humans and angels are spirit (quantum) beings.

Spirits can be either clean/holy (love and trust) or unclean/evil (fear, selfishness, etc.).

Humans and angels can influence others with their quantum energy (spirits).

Salvation is being reborn such that the self is no longer animated by the spirit of fear/selfishness but by love and trust in Jesus.

Summary

Our choices change our brains, aligning ourselves with either the Holy Spirit of love, truth, freedom in trust—or with the spirit of Satan, fear, selfishness, etc.

Demon possession is the heart/mind of an individual so in tune with the spirit of fear and selfishness that they lose control of themselves and a fallen angel can use their quantum energy to direct the actions of the one possessed.

Casting out a demon is calling on the power of God to restrain the fallen angel from impacting the quantum energy spirit of the one possessed.

QUESTIONS?

