

THE DEVIL AND THE DEMONS

**Jesus Christ appeared in order to
Destroying the works of the devil**

1 John 3:8

THE WORLD OF DARKNESS

– "You see those demons with their pitchforks in that fire? That's where you'll go if you're not wise!"

This threat from the nun who greeted me on my first day at the nursery school, showing me a picture hanging on the wall, frightened me. It happened on the island of Ouessant. Two years later, I was walking along a wall in elementary school with some of my older classmates when one of them pointed out some freshly disturbed dirt piled up.

– "It was there, he told me, that the demons came out of the ground last night. They fought."

It is easy to impress an ignorant child who is bursting into life. In reality, what exactly is this "world of darkness"? Do the devil and demons really exist? If so, who are they? Where are they? What is the limit of their power? What evil do they do? How can we defeat them, chase them away, free ourselves from them?

These are some of the questions that this Bible book seeks to answer.

A COUNTRY OF WITCHCRAFT IN OUR CENTURY

– "There are strange things happening on our farm. Someone must be casting spells on us...Come pray at our house, for us!"

This call came to me from a farmer when I was a young pastor in Normandy.

On the farm I learned strange things. There were evil forces at work, even among the animals. To try to ward off the mysterious evil spirits, the farmer would throw handfuls of coarse salt into the wood fire in the hearth. It crackled in all directions. But this procedure, which had been indicated to him, did not produce any results...

Eager to understand the reason for these manifestations, this good man had acquired books on witchcraft, including "The Little and the Great Albert".

He believed in the power of evil and demonstrated to me the use of the hazel switch to find water in the ground. The forked branch was drawn down with force.

Then I told him about the Lord Jesus Christ who was able to triumph over all these dark powers. I gave him the Bible and prayed for him.

He and his family put their faith in Jesus and the mysterious phenomena disappeared. Another farmer also came and begged me to pray for him. Unimaginable things were happening on his farm. His animals were behaving abnormally. Two cows had died mysteriously and a horse had drowned in three feet of water. His dog was like a hunted animal, howling incessantly.

After teaching him how to put his trust in God, I prayed for him. He had faith in the promises of Christ contained in the New Testament which I gave him. Later, he told me how happy he was that everything was back to normal on his farm.

At that time I learned that in this region of Normandy, there were many occult practices of witchcraft. Confronted with these diabolical manifestations, I felt as if I were in a den of demons.

I researched and discovered the existence of an unimaginable network of distribution of books on spiritualism, magic, witchcraft, magnetism...

If you have such books in your home, do not hesitate to get rid of them. Follow the example of the first Christians who had to deal with magic and who separated themselves from their books by burning them:

"And a certain number of them that had practised the magic arts having brought their books, burned them before all the people: and the value of them was estimated to be fifty thousand pieces of silver." (Acts 19:19)

What a fortune, 50,000 pieces of silver! And all became ashes! **The break with the works of the devil must be radical when one has accepted Jesus as Savior.**

Almost 20 centuries separate us from those Christians who broke their ties with magic. Times have not changed. Demons have not ceased their activities, and books of satanic inspiration abound in the world today just as they did in the past.

But Christ remains the strongest. It is HE who always makes us triumph over the devil and the demons.

The Bible says that "the demons believe that there is one God and they tremble." (James 2:19)

They tremble before the power of God. The Bible reveals their weakness and lets us know the strength we have in Jesus Christ to overcome them.

**GOD ALWAYS
MAKES US TRIUMPH
IN CHRIST**
2 Corinthians 2:14

A HAUNTED HOUSE!

IMAGINATION OR REALITY?

– “Would you like to come and pray at my house because my house is haunted? Every night the demon enters the apartment, disturbing me with all sorts of noises.”

An elderly woman in the north of France made this plea to me. I made an appointment with her. I advised her to call upon God in the Name of Jesus in case the demon appeared again. When I arrived at her home, I saw the name JESUS written on the walls of her apartment. She was expressing her naive faith.

– “The devil appeared again, she said to me, but he did not enter, for I put the name of JESUS everywhere.”

This is, for some, the product of the imagination. However, occult forces do exist and in our scientific century of intellectualism and materialism, a rise of the irrational is observed. Never have we seen so many horoscopes published in the columns of numerous daily newspapers. Never have so many books on magic and sorcery been printed. Never have so many people consulted fortune-tellers.

It seems archaic to speak of demons. This, it is said, was valid in the Middle Ages; these beliefs are the survival of the superstitions of primitive men, the fruit of imagination and ignorance.

However, in our highly technical age of micro-processors, we can see the coexistence of fifteenth-century man and man on the threshold of the twenty-first century. In Africa, where social evolution has given rise to very advanced political ideologies, it is no less true that witch doctors are still powerful in the tribes.

In our so-called civilized countries, the traditional images of old witches perched on broomsticks make children smile and amuse them. However, under a more subtle, more seductive, less anachronistic aspect, the followers of magic are numerous and the demonic actions and seductions are countless.

Do not let yourself be seduced, nor be drawn into the doctrines of demons that abound today. If you have been a victim of occultism, pay attention to the biblical teaching which indicates how to triumph over all these evil spirits.

THE BIBLE AFFIRMS THE EXISTENCE OF THE SPIRIT WORLD

Spirits are beings, creatures of an invisible world.

The discoveries of our time are prodigious: atomic fusion, electronics, computers, micro-processors, lasers, transmission of voice and image by waves, etc. But science cannot penetrate the spirit world.

The Bible is the only sure guide that reveals the origin and action of invisible beings.

Biblical revelations are not human theories, they are realities.

There are two kinds of spirits:

1 – The angels of the devil, called demons.

"...the fire prepared for the **devil and his angels**" (Matt. 25:41)

"...an **angel of Satan**" (2 Cor.12:7)

"We have to fight...against **evil spirits**" (Ephesians 6:12)

"...they are **spirits of demons**" (Rev.16:14)

2 – The angels of Christ.

"**The Son of Man** must come with **his angels**." (Matthew 16:27)

"Are not all angels **spirits in the service of God**?" (Hebrews 1:14)

Moreover, in the time of Christ, people believed in the appearance of ghosts. The apostles were afraid of them:

"When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were troubled and said:

– It's a ghost...!

– And in their fear they cried out." (Matthew 14:26)

When Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection, it is written, "they were afraid and terrified, for they thought they saw a spirit." (Luke 24:37)

To be so frightened and cry out, the apostles, young, bold and strong men, must have had a strange conception of the existence of ghosts.

Fear paralyses. But accurate knowledge of this spirit world through biblical revelation, and faith in the power that Christ grants Christians over evil spirits, frees one from all fears.

Jesus pointed out to them that a spirit has "neither flesh nor bones. (Luke 24:39)

These immaterial beings are innumerable and present in all the earth.

In the time of the apostles, there were Jewish religious leaders called Sadducees, who did not believe in the existence of spirits.

"The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection and that there is no angel or spirit, while the Pharisees affirm both things." (Acts 23:8)

Nowadays, there are even learned men who deny without proof or try to explain everything by reasoning as man-made phenomena.

Through the Bible we can have an accurate knowledge of this spirit world that really exists.

THE DEVIL

Prince of demons and the world of darkness.

Origin

The origin of the devil is mysterious. In chapter 28 of the book of the prophet Ezekiel, there is a description of a leader of angels with outstretched wings. He wanted to usurp the place of the Creator, to become his equal. Because of this pride, he fell. The text says:

"You set the seal to perfection, you were full of wisdom, perfect in beauty ...You were A PROTECTIVE CHERUB, ...Your heart has been lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by your brightness."

(Ezekiel 28:12-17)

He dragged other angels with him in rebellion against God:

"The Lord has reserved for the judgment of the great day, eternally chained by darkness, the angels who have not kept their dignity, but have abandoned their own home." (Jude 6)

"God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them into THE ABYSS OF DARKNESS and reserved them for judgment." (2 Peter 2:4)

This explains the irrefutable existence of the devil and his angels who have become demons.

Names attributed to the devil in the Bible.

The ancient serpent, the great dragon, Satan. (Revelation 12:9).

The tempter. (Matthew 4:3).

The father of lies. (John 8:44).

The prince of the power of the air. (Ephesians 2:2).

The rulers of this dark world. (Ephesians 6:12).

Beelzebul, prince of demons. (Matthew 12:24).

Jesus and the apostles often called him THE DEVIL:

"The enemy who sowed the tares is **the devil**." (Matthew 13:39).

"Eternal fire prepared for **the devil**." (Matthew 25:41).

"You have **the devil** for a father." (John 8:44).

"Do not fall into the snares of **the devil**." (1 Timothy 3:7).

"Resist **the devil**." (James 4:7).

"Your adversary, **the devil**..." (1 Peter 5:8).

"The archangel Michael contended with **the devil**." (Jude 9).

"**The devil** was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:10).

Some refer to him as **Lucifer**, a name used by Tertullian and Gregory the Great. This word comes from Latin and means 'bearer of light'. It is the epithet of Venus, the Morning Star. This title is illogical and is not found in the Bible. Indeed, the devil is the **PRINCE OF DARKNESS**. He does not wear the light, but sometimes "he disguises himself as an angel of light." (2 Cor.11:14).

Power and defeat of the devil.

His action is solely devoted to evil, to destruction. Its purpose is to lead man away from God, to lead him away from Christ, to deceive him by sowing error with doctrines that the Bible calls "doctrines of demons." (1 Timothy 4:1)

His army of demons is scattered all over the earth and their works are called "WORKS OF THE DEVIL", works that Jesus came to DESTROY:

**"THE SON OF GOD HAS APPEARED,
IN ORDER TO DESTROY
THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL."**

1 John 3:8

The devil has power (2 Thes. 2:9), but his power must be placed within HIS LIMITS. He can NEVER be superior to Christ.

The victory of Christ over all satanic forces is not a utopia.

The devil tried to divert Christ from his mission by tempting him in the desert. HE FAILED!

"The devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and said to him: All these things I will give you if you will bow down and worship me. Jesus said to him: GET OUT, SATAN! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and serve him alone. Then THE DEVIL LEFT HIM. And behold, angels came to Jesus and served him. (Matthew 4:8-11)

At Jesus' last supper with his apostles, "SATAN ENTERED JUDAS." (John 13:27)

The devil's purpose was to prevent Christ from carrying out God's plan, to have Him arrested and sentenced to death. The devil was mistaken. Christ's death was not the devil's triumph, but his defeat.

It was at the cross that Christ overcame it, as it is written:

"He stripped off principalities and powers and made a spectacle of them,
triumphing over them by the cross."

(Colossians 2:15)

These dominions and authorities against which the apostle Paul invites us to fight, designate the invisible beings of the world of darkness, the army of the devil, the demons.

By His death on the cross, Jesus destroyed **their supremacy over man** and thus gave man the opportunity to escape the power of the devil.

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ at the cross is a victory that we can enjoy if we believe. His death gives us the opportunity to be "delivered from THE POWER OF DARKNESS." (Colossians 1:13). And Christ still has the same liberating power.

Christ disarmed the devil, he bound him. (Luke 11:22). He has nailed him, (Colossians 2:14). He has taken away his power. So the devil can no longer hold captive in evil those who believe in Jesus.

It is through faith in Christ the Redeemer that one passes "from the power of Satan unto God." (Acts 26:18)

To thwart the designs and traps of the devil.

One of the tricks of the devil is to get man to deny the existence of his person. Yet he is alive and well. He is very active and fights a battle to try again to destroy the work of Christ in the life of the believer.

We must certainly not see everywhere the action of the devil in person. Neither should we adopt the attitude of the ostrich which hides its head in the sand so as not to see the enemy, and close our eyes to the diabolical realities.

The apostle Paul was not unaware of the wiles of the devil, and he exhorted Christians to fight against the evil spirits by taking up the weapons of God to resist them.

Against the "fiery darts of the evil one," that is, the devil, he said: "Take up the shield of faith above all else." (Ephesians 6:16)

Faith in the victory of Christ will keep the devil away.

The apostle used the warlike language of his time when he spoke of the SHIELD OF FAITH and the flaming arrows of the devil. Today, we could say: Use the laser beam of faith to destroy the rockets of your enemy, the devil!

The devil is the Christian's adversary. The Apostle Peter reminds us of this and urges us to resist him because the final victory is always with Christ.

"Your adversary the devil," he says, "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he will devour. Resist him WITH **FIRM FAITH**." (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Sometimes, instead of resisting it, we let ourselves be discouraged, we let ourselves be disarmed, we let down the shield of faith. The apostle Peter says to "RESIST WITH FIRM FAITH".

We must know how to say no to subtle diabolical solicitations, refuse to play his game, even if we are misunderstood or misjudged. The best way to resist him is to do so in

accordance with the Word of God, as Jesus did when he was tempted by the devil in the desert.

It is very important to **discern the traps of the devil**, to know his designs so as not to let him have any advantage over us, following the example of the apostle Paul who says:

"If I have forgiven...it is in order that we may not give Satan the advantage over us, for we are not ignorant of his purposes." (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

Let us be vigilant. Here are four traps in which he tries to make us fall:

– **Discord.** Through unforgiveness, hardness of heart, resentment, anger. "Let not the sun go down on your wrath, and give NO ACCESS TO THE DEVIL." (Ephesians 4:26,27).

– **Pride.** Beware of the illusion of a high opinion of oneself and of flattery. Concerning those who desire to be active in the service of God, the apostle advises that the candidate should not be a "new convert, lest, puffed up WITH PRIDE, he falls under the judgment of the devil."

"It is also necessary, he adds, that he receive a good testimony from the people outside so as not to fall into the reproach and TRAPS OF THE DEVIL." (1 Timothy 3:6-7).

– **The love of money.** Let's remember Judas, whom the devil pushed to betray his Master for 30 silver coins!

– **Impurity.** Demons are almost always called "unclean spirits". The world today is sinking more and more, and in broad daylight, into impurity, fornication. In this time of darkness on earth and influences from unclean demons, let us be on guard and not separate ourselves from the SHIELD OF FAITH.

Strong faith is solidly based on the Word of God. It is strong when we possess through the Bible the knowledge of the LIMITED power of the devil and the UNLIMITED power of Christ.

The devil is not all powerful while Christ has ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. (Matthew 28:18). **The devil cannot be everywhere at once, while Jesus is omnipresent, and He said, "I AM with you always, even unto the end of the world."** (Matthew 28:20).

To thwart the devil's plans, we must be attentive to the biblical teachings.

While Satan had inspired Herod to kill all boys under the age of two, with the thought of killing Jesus who had just been born in Bethlehem, God spoke to Joseph in a dream. He told him to go to Egypt with Mary and the baby Jesus. By his obedience, Joseph defeated the devil's plan (Matthew 2:13).

The Lord advised us to pray not to succumb to temptation by the devil (Luke 22:40), and He urged His disciples to pray to cast out certain demons. (Mark 9:29).

Let us not hesitate to call upon the Lord through prayer. This weapon is both defensive and offensive. The apostle Paul exhorts us to use it abundantly:

"At all times, by the Spirit, make all kinds of prayers and supplications." (Ephesians 6:18).

We must not put all our faults on the devil's account, as if we were not guilty of the evil we do. He is the instigator: we are the doers.

We must not confuse the Evil One with evil.

The evil one is the devil. He is a spirit, a wicked being of the invisible world of darkness, not some kind of evil fluidic influence. A thing that cannot be tormented, while "the devil will be tormented night and day, forever and ever." (Revelation 20:10). The devil urges to do evil, he inspires evil acts, that which is dirty, defiled. To carry out his evil designs, he has at his service a multitude of demons whose description and actions are revealed to us in the Bible.

THE DEMONS

They are invisible beings, spirits. The Bible answers these three questions:

1. Who are they?
2. Where are they?
3. What are they doing?

Who are they?

IMPURE spirits (Mark 1:27, 3:11, 5:2...)

WICKED spirits (Ephesians 6:12)

EVIL spirits (Luke 7:21, Acts 19:12)

The Greek word "ponêra", translated by malignant, also means: wicked, evil, perverse.

These qualifiers alone demonstrate that demons constitute a world of defilement, of wickedness, of perversity, of cruelty, a "WORLD OF DARKNESS." (Ephesians 6:12)

These spirits are called "DEMONS", a word that once referred to "gods" and "shadows". In the book of Revelation, the word "demon" is associated with the word "spirit", "spirits of demons." (Revelation 16:14)

These spirits are really beings that can enter human bodies and use them to express themselves:

– **They speak** using the human body.

Matthew 8:31: "The demons said to Jesus in a pleading tone, "Send us into this herd of swine."

– **They hear and understand the commands of Jesus.**

Matthew 8:32: "Jesus said to them, 'Go! They went out and entered the pigs."

– **They know Jesus.**

Mark 1:24: "An unclean spirit cried out, ...I KNOW who you are: the Holy One of God."

Mark 3:11: "The unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried out, saying: You are the Son of God."

–**They know their future of torment.**

Matthew 8:29: "They said to Jesus, "Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

– **They obey Jesus and submit in His Name.** (Mark 1:27): "Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, 'Be quiet, come out of the man'...All were amazed, so that they asked one another, 'What is this? He commands with authority even the unclean spirits, and they OBEY him."

Luke 10:17: "Even the demons are subject to us in your name."

– **They are afraid.**

Luke 8:31: "They (several demons) urged Jesus not to command them to go into the abyss."

– **They know that God exists.**

James 2:19: "You believe that there is only one God, you do well; the demons also believe it, and they tremble."

– **They are cruel.**

Matthew 15:22: "My daughter is cruelly tormented by a demon."

Where are they?

It is impossible to know how the fall of the angels of the devil, called demons, took place, since the Bible does not give us an explanation. What is certain is that there is a place in the universe called the abyss and that demons come out of this place of darkness and torment to our planet to act under the direction of the devil, their leader. The abysses of darkness are not in the glowing center of the earth, as popular medieval imagery illustrates, but in the CELESTIAL PLACES.

"...the principalities, the powers, the rulers of this dark world, the evil spirits IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES." (Ephesians 3:10 and 6:12)

These foul beings occupy heavenly places from where they come to do their diabolical works on earth. But WHERE are these heavenly places? In the infinite space of billions of stars? it is also written that:

"God made us sit together IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:6)

The heavenly places are inaccessible to telescopes, however powerful they may be. Moreover, "Christ ascended ABOVE ALL THE HEAVENS." Ephes. 4:10.

In these infinite places, invisible to our eyes, there is a chasm that separates paradise from the place of torment, as Jesus himself makes clear in the story of the rich man and the poor man Lazarus.

"And Abraham answered and said, ...besides, there is a GREAT ABYSS between us and you, so that those who would like to pass from here to you, or from there to us, cannot do it." (Luke 16:26).

Thus, there are two distinct places in the afterlife in those celestial places that we call the cosmos.

The privilege of believers, followers of Jesus, is to be in Paradise, in the third heaven, as the apostle Paul says. (2 Cor. 12:2-4). We have access by faith in Christ and soon it will be by sight. The apostle Paul is careful to specify: "in the heavenly places IN JESUS CHRIST".

Evil spirits or demons have a definite place in the universe, but separate from God. It is a dry, empty place: hope is absent, peace and rest cannot be found, torment is permanent (Matthew 12:43). That is why the devil is called "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), of the air of "darkness"!

The demons that had taken hold of a man begged Christ not to send them to that place. "They urged Jesus not to order them to go TO THE ABYSS."

This invisible celestial world cannot be materially partitioned. We cannot delimit the celestial places as a surveyor draws the perimeter of a plot of land. The immensity of space is infinite. It escapes our comprehension since the stars located hundreds of light years away are only at the threshold of the Universe.

From these unseen places, an evil world animated by demons envelops our earth.

There is no effort to be under its sway because "the whole world is under the power of the evil one." (1 John 5:19)

Only faith in Jesus allows us to pass "FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM THE POWER OF SATAN TO GOD." (Acts 26:18)

By virtue of His sacrifice on the cross, Christ can deliver us from demons and from all evil works.

The Bible says:

"Jesus Christ stripped the dominions and authorities and made a public spectacle of them, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM ON THE CROSS." (Colossians 2:15)

Therefore, let us not fear the demons over which Christ has won the victory. Let us have faith in this victory.

What are they doing?

Their action is DOUBLE:

- They take over bodies and make them sick or infirm.
- By their seduction, they lead souls astray from faith in Jesus Christ

Those possessed by demons.

We must be careful not to generalize or to classify too hastily any incurable or inexplicable disease as a case of possession. A disease or infirmity may have causes

which certain scientific discoveries make it possible to discern and cure. What is incurable today may no longer be so tomorrow thanks to these discoveries by scientists.

– "Sister, you are possessed!"

This brief statement was made bluntly to a sister in Christ who had been suffering from headaches for months. She was shocked, saddened and unhappy, especially since she was an excellent Christian, a woman consecrated to the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit. I had great difficulty in persuading her otherwise. It took a long time for her to regain her inner joy and peace. Later it was proved that it was not possession at all. Many other people have been confused by such indiscriminate claims.

The devil introduced sin into the world by seducing Eve, and as a result, disease appeared. But this does not mean that all sick people have a "spirit of sickness which is called: demon".

But for this reason one should not deny the cases of possession. They still exist today in all countries of the world. Demons are not dead.

What does the Bible say about demon-possessed people? There are many texts that speak about it:

"There came to meet Jesus a man POSSESSED with an unclean spirit." Mark 5:2.

The word "POSSESSED" is the translation of the little Greek word "èn" in the original Gospel text.

This word "èn" means "IN, WITHIN". The unclean spirit is IN the body of man. It POSSESSES the man, it makes him a captive. But Jesus came to RELEASE THE CAPTIVE (Luke 4:19).

"Many demoniacs were brought to Jesus. He cast out the spirits with his word." Matthew 8:16.

"They brought to him all who suffered from various kinds of sicknesses and pains, demoniacs, lunatics, paralytics, and he healed them." Matthew 4:24.

"Demonic" means to have a demon, to possess a demon in oneself, hence the use of the word "possessed".

To heal the demonic, Jesus WAS CASTING OUT demons.

"**Jesus cast out** many demons." Mark 1:34.

"He went about preaching in the synagogues throughout Galilee and cast out demons." (Mark 1:39)

"**Jesus commanded** the unclean spirit to **come out** of the man, of whom it had **taken hold** long ago." (Luke 8:29)

Jesus commanded with authority the demons to go away, to come out. By his word, he dislodged them.

Unclean spirits make people infirm or sick, agitate them, torment them physically or mentally, resulting sometimes in heart-rending sufferings and indefinable evils, as mentioned in the Gospels:

"There was a woman there possessed with a spirit which made her INFIRM for eighteen years." Luke 13:11.

"Jesus cast out a demon that was **dumb**." Luke 11:14.

"They brought to Jesus a **blind and mute** demoniac, and he healed him." Matthew 12:22.

"Those who are **tormented by unclean spirits** were healed." Luke 6:18.

"A spirit seized him, and immediately he cried out, and **the spirit agitated him violently**, causing him to foam." Luke 9:39.

According to the Gospel, there can be **several demons** in the body at the same time:

"Jesus asked him: What is your name? Legion, he answered, for many demons had entered into him." Luke 8:30.

"Jesus being risen, ...appeared to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast **seven demons**." Mark 16:9.

These demons can be more or less evil and agree to live together in the same body. It was Christ himself who revealed it:

"The unclean spirit takes seven other spirits **more wicked** than himself...they enter the house and dwell there." Luke 11:26.

Our African and Indian brothers often report deliverance from several demons coming out of the same person. This is also a reality in our western countries, but we speak of it less, for fear of being ridiculed. Yet the same diabolic manifestations occur today as in the time of Christ. Demons have not disappeared from this world. They are not evil fluids, microbes or viruses, but really unclean spirits.

One day, a mother begged me to come and pray for her child; ("He is driven by a strange force towards fire and water," she told me. He sits on the edge of the fireplace. He falls into the fire and does not get burned).

His case was eerily similar to that spoken of in Mark's Gospel, "Often the spirit cast him into fire and water to destroy him." (Mark 9:22)

I went to that home. I prayed for the child in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and the demonic action ended. The child became normal again.

A long list of possessions in Europe could be compiled, but I will only mention what I have seen in India. While on a mission in India, I wrote down in my logbook what I observed during an evangelistic meeting:

– In the audience, a woman begins to stir. She is swaying while sitting on the ground on a mat. The women sitting near her move away from her. A preacher goes towards her. He prays for her and she becomes more agitated and stiffens. The preacher casts out the demon with a loud voice in Jesus' name. The woman becomes normal again.

I note two other almost similar cases during the meeting.

Then some Indian brothers told me about a strange case of a man who crawled on his stomach:

– He wriggled and moved like a snake, they tell me. He hissed like a cobra. He climbed onto a roof and hung there by his feet, head down, still hissing like a cobra for an hour. We prayed for him and he was delivered from that demon.

Indian preachers have told me of various cases of demonic manifestations.

Here are some of them:

– One Sunday evening, during a prayer meeting, a woman possessed by an evil spirit began to disturb us during the preaching. Suddenly she threw herself at the preacher, screaming and pulling his hair. All the brethren began to pray and the demon came out of her. She fell unconscious and then got up, telling us that she was delivered from her pain and from what was oppressing her."

– "In our village, there were demonic manifestations in Danavath Sakru's house every night. I prayed for three nights for this to stop, and God heard my prayers. For several days, frogs would only jump on me. When they were killed, they screamed like humans! After the prayer, all of them suddenly disappeared."

The "Acts of the Apostles" tells the story of a woman who had a python spirit. The Apostle Paul cast out this spirit:

"A maid who had **the spirit of a python**...came to meet us...Paul said to the spirit, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ, COME OUT of her. And he went out that very hour." Acts 16:16-18.

Nowadays, people try to explain cases of demonic possession by covering them with learned words, with the aim of reducing to nothing the testimony of the Bible about them. They are called "paranormal phenomena"!

But the demons still exist. Their leader, the devil, tries to veil this reality under the cover of "science".

If you have family members or friends who are captives of these demons, afflicted with an inexplicable evil, impossible to diagnose by medicine; do not despair. Know that before the omnipotence of Christ, evil and diabolic forces cannot remain.

The deliverance from these sufferings with mysterious demonic origins, is possible by faith in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The power of demons must be placed within its limits, for IT CAN NEVER BE GREATER THAN THAT OF CHRIST.

No demon could resist Christ. All of them, without exception, had to come out of the bodies, when Christ cast them out:

"HE COMMANDS with authority, even to unclean spirits, and THEY OBEY HIM." Mark 1:27.

"Jesus THREATENED the unclean spirit and said unto him, dumb and deaf spirit, I COMMAND YOU, GET OUT OF THIS CHILD and enter no more into it." Mark 9:25.

"HE CHASED AWAY the spirits with his word." Matthew 8:16.

Jesus said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit" Mark 5:8.

Jesus gave his disciples POWER over ALL DEMONS: "Jesus gave them strength and power over ALL demons." (Luke 9:1)

On ALL, says the biblical text, that is, all demons, without exception, are subject to Christ and are obliged to obey him and come out of the bodies.

After they themselves had cast out the demons, the apostles said to Jesus, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name." Luke 10:17.

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus reminded them that this power to cast out demons was given to them because of their faith:

"Go and preach the Good News to every creature... These are the miracles that will accompany those who believe, in my name **THEY WILL CAST OUT DEMONS.**" Mark 16:17.

The apostles obeyed their Master and cast out demons, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles:

"Many miracles and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles...The multitude also came running from the neighboring towns bringing sick people and **those tormented by unclean spirits**, and ALL were healed." Acts 5:12-16.

"The whole crowd was paying attention to what Philip was saying, when they heard and saw the miracles he was doing, for **unclean spirits came out of many who were demon-possessed**, crying out with a loud voice." Acts 8:6-7.

Today, preachers of the Gospel have that same authority. In the name of Christ, they cast out demons and you can call on them. They have nothing to do with the exorcism specialists of whom we have an example in the Acts of the Apostles:

"Some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to call upon those who had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus..." Acts 19:13.

There were Jews in Israel at the time of Jesus who cast out demons. (Matthew 12:27).

Those who came to Ephesus, when the apostle Paul was there, were seven sons of one of the chief priests. Without faith in Jesus, calling only on His name, they had no power, and the demoniac fell on them, wounded them, and stripped them of their clothes.

These Jews had a knowledge of the true God, but they were not followers of Jesus, and therefore could not have the same results as the apostles.

Demons are not cast out by formulas or incantations to which one attributes a magical power.

It is only in faith in the Name of Jesus Christ that one can face demons victoriously.

But beware! Not anyone can cast out demons! For that, one must be called of the Lord, be a servant of God faithful to the Word of God, baptized in the Holy Spirit and have faith in the liberating power of Jesus.

One day, a possessed woman was brought to a gypsy preacher in his caravan to cast out the demon in Jesus' name. Several Christians went up in the caravan to pray and witness the deliverance. As the preacher was about to cast out the demon, he said to the Christians, "Stand aside on either side, leave a passage and open the door so that the demon can come out!"

Naive faith, certainly, but is it not this simple faith that Christ honours?

Never accept to be a passive victim of the devil. Proclaim with faith what the apostles said to Jesus:

"Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your Name." Luke 10:17

With Christ, we are stronger than all demons. Whenever we have to fight them, let us not forget to take THE SHIELD OF FAITH. (Ephesians 6:10).

**"These are the miracles that will accompany those who believe:
In my name they will cast out demons..."**

Mark 16:17

THE DOCTRINES OF THE DEMONS

To lead souls away from Salvation by grace in Jesus Christ, such is the most subtle and dangerous action of the devil and his demons. Let us be on our guard because, says the apostle Paul: "In the last days some will depart from the faith and cling to seducing spirits and DOCTRINES OF DEMONS. 1Timothy 4:1.

Your faith must be absolutely based on the Word of God to avoid sinking into doctrines that annihilate the redemptive work of Christ.

There are paths which, under a religious veneer, lead away from the biblical truth. The souls who engage in them fall into the clutches of demons. Do not let yourself be seduced. If you have been, break with these demonic teachings.

"The god of this age (Satan), has succeeded in veiling the understanding of many." (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). In these end times, "Satan wants to deceive the whole earth." (Revelation 12:9)

Satanic deceptions are numerous. Knowing how eager man is to penetrate the secrets of the invisible world or to discover his future, the demons blind him, seduce him and lead him away from faith in the risen Christ.

There are two kinds of demonic seductions that we must guard against. One concerns everything that has to do with the occult, the other takes a religious form camouflaging a poison of errors.

Occultism

Occultism, the "science" of magic in ancient times, was popularized by Eliphas, Levi and Papus. It claims to unravel the mysteries of the beyond and is entitled "the science of the invisible and the invisible laws that govern the visible." Thus occultism tries to explain the mystery of the universe.

This demonic doctrine keeps men in darkness; it denies salvation by grace in Jesus Christ. It includes so-called "secret" or "initiatory" societies such as "Freemasonry", "the cabalistic Order of the Rosicrucian", "the good Templars",... The basis of occult teaching is thus conceived:

"What is below is like what is above, and what is above is like what is below, to work miracles of the same thing..."

This principle is used in astrology, divination based on the alleged influence of the stars on human beings who are "down there!"

Astrology and Divination

To seek to know the future has always been man's desire, with the secret wish that this future be favorable to him.

In the front of a shop in the United States, I noticed astrology books, drawings of stars and open hands, tarot cards, with these announcements prominently displayed: "Advice for marriage, fortune, situation, past, present, future...". Inside the shop, a family of gypsies received me in a friendly manner. I was astonished to see a young girl studying astrology and physiognomy (facial expressions) to tell "fortune". One of the young men showed me the 78 Tarot cards. They are said to be of Egyptian origin and contain the principles of the occult science whose tradition has been secretly handed down to explain the mystery of mankind from creation to the final judgment.

In another family I visited, the woman who told "fortunes" used the Bible and two magical books called the 6th and 7th books of Moses (spiritist books of which Moses was obviously not the author) in her shop.

I know hundreds of "fortune tellers" who have converted to Jesus Christ and have completely abandoned this deceptive and demonic practice. But it is not only gypsies who predict the future. In Paris alone, there are more than 5,000 fortune-tellers. If you multiply this figure by the number of people who consult each clairvoyant, an average of 100, that's an impressive number of people who are seduced, not to mention the thousands who seek to discover their future in the predictions of horoscopes sold by astrologers or published in the press.

I have noted, among many others, these types of ads that are published in many newspapers:

Mrs. Carla: clairvoyance, magnetism, coffee grounds, photo protection, consults every day by appointment.

Mrs. Ventura: Psychic, medium, spiritualist, great initiate in magic, clairvoyance on photos, tarot cards, pendulum, healing magnetism, return of affection, protection.

This shows how much the world is under the power of the devil. We know that these divination methods existed thousands of years ago, long before Jesus Christ, but they are much more developed today thanks to the media. This is a paradox in this age of rapid scientific progress and shows that many who call themselves "believers" do not in fact have, or have lost, true faith in God and in Jesus Christ.

God warns his people against occult practices:

"Let no one be found in your house who practices divination, astrology, augury, magic, enchantment, or who consults those who evoke spirits or tell fortunes...for anyone who does these things **is an abomination to the Lord.**" (Deuteronomy 18:9-12)

The "seers" of God are the authentic prophets like Samuel (1 Samuel 9:9), Daniel (Daniel 2:27,28; 5:11-12), Agabus (Acts 11:27-28), etc.

Divination is a counterfeit of the divine, a counterfeit of the gifts of revelation distributed to Christians by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

To better deceive in order to lead astray, demons can tell part of the truth. In Ephesus, a woman who had a demon guessed and said, following Paul and his companions, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they proclaim to you the way of salvation." In spite of this truth, the apostle Paul discerned in this woman the spirit of a python that was in her, and he commanded it to come out of her. After this, she was unable to practice divination. (Acts 16:16-19).

As long as we stay on the path of Scripture we will not fall victim to the seductions of evil spirits.

"If anyone says to you: "Consult those who call up the dead, those who foretell the future, who hiss and sigh;" answer: 'WILL A PEOPLE NOT CONSULT THEIR GOD?' Isaiah 8:19.

Magic

Magicians already existed in the time of Moses (Exodus 7:11-12). They possessed the power of enchantment, achieving to some extent the same results as Moses and his brother Aaron did by the power of God. However, the magicians had to admit that God was stronger than demonic enchantments:

"Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants: and he became A SERPENT. And Pharaoh called for wise men and sorcerers and the magicians of Egypt. They also did the same. And they all threw down their staffs and became serpents. And Aaron's staff swallowed up THEIR SNAILS." (Exodus 7:8-12).

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth. It will turn into lice in all the land of Egypt. And they did so. And Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast...

The magicians used their enchantments to produce lice, BUT THEY COULD NOT. And the magicians said to Pharaoh, "THIS IS THE FINGER OF GOD." (Exodus 8:12-15)

Since the time of Moses, magic has not ceased to exist. At the time of the Apostles, magicians were numerous, as these texts from the Bible tell us:

"A CERTAIN NUMBER of those who HAD EXERCISED MAGIC ARTS, having brought their books, burned them...Thus the word of the Lord grew in power and strength." (Acts 19:19-20).

There must be a complete break between the magic books and the Word of God. There is indeed no relation between LIGHT and DARKNESS, between CHRIST and BELIAL (2 Corinthians 6:14-15). Belial was in Judaism the name of a demon who personified evil. "There was a man named Simon in a city of Samaria, who, pretending to be an important person, practiced MAGIC and caused the people to be astonished... He had long amazed them by HIS ACTS OF MAGIC." (Acts 8:9-13).

Before the miracles that the evangelist Philip did in the name of Jesus Christ, the magician Simon bowed and believed.

The power of Christ is always greater than that of the devil.

"Elymas, THE MAGICIAN, opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked at him and said, "You man of all guile and deceit, SON OF THE DEVIL... Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind, and for a time you will not see the sun. Immediately darkness and gloom fell upon him..." Acts 13:8-12.

Magic retreats before the power of God.

The devil is king of magic and there are people foolish enough to give themselves up to him, to invoke him, to enter into communion with him and his demons, to practice bewitchment rites to "cast spells ." One of their ritual prayers to Satan is thus: "Satan's will be done. Satan, come to us, hear us by the number of the beast 666. Satan, hear us. Glory to you, Satan!"

Those who have faith in Jesus do not have to fear them. They are children of God and Christ protects them. Witchcraft and enchantment have no power over those who belong to Jesus Christ because they are part of the "chosen race," the "acquired people." 1 Peter 2:9.

That is why we are also concerned by this declaration:

"Enchantment can do nothing against Jacob, nor divination against Israel."

Numbers 23:23.

The apostle Paul, born of Israelite parents (Romans 9:3-4), says, "The circumcised are we who worship God by the Spirit of God, who glorify ourselves in Jesus Christ..."

Philippians 3:3.

"Having obtained mercy through faith in Jesus Christ, we are NOW **THE PEOPLE OF GOD....**" 1 Peter 2:10.

So we don't have to fear magic, Jesus Christ protects us, and what he says to his disciples is therefore also relevant to us:

"I have given you power **OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY**, and nothing can harm you." (Luke 10:19)

This victory over the demonic forces is real. It is confirmed to us by this statement of the apostle John:

"You are of God, and you have overcome them because **HE WHO IS IN YOU IS MORE POWERFUL THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.**" (1 John 4:4)

The promises of God which we read, in which we believe, are words full of power; to affirm them with conviction is to express our faith in what God has said, as Christ did in resisting Satan. It is to put up a barrier to Satan that he cannot break through. Faith in the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit that scares the devil away from us. (Ephesians 6:17)

Magnetism and Radiesthesia

Magnetism was spread in Europe by Mesmer, in the 18th century. He was a German physician. He discovered that human beings emit a magnetic fluid similar to that of a magnet and he became a healer. Dressed in purple silk, wearing a high conical hat, he began to play the sorcerer by touching the sick with a wand. All magnetizers are inspired by him. On this cosmic magnetism which would be according to the radiesthesists, the cause of the diseases by vibratory states and certain wavelengths! At first it looks like a harmless lizard, but then it becomes a dragon ready to devour your soul and drag you into the wakes of the demons. Don't get caught up in it! Whether it is a pendulum, a wand, a table, to get in touch with invisible forces, it is the slope towards the demonic abyss.

All the procedures of healers-magnetizers or radiesthesists are linked to demonic influences, even if today they are called "soft medicines"!

Getting in touch with such practices is a danger not to be minimized because their roots extend into the depths of the WORLD OF THE DARKNESS.

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ places at the disposal of His disciples a power superior to that of the occult forces.

When the preacher lays hands on the sick according to the command given by Christ in Mark's gospel (16:17-18), he is not acting by magnetism. It is faith in the promises of Christ that comes into play. In response to this faith, Christ himself heals the sick.

When Jesus was on earth, he himself laid hands on the sick: "He laid hands on some of the sick and healed them. (Mark 6:5). "After sunset, all those who had sick people with various diseases brought them to him. HE LAID HIS HANDS ON EACH OF THEM and healed them." Luke 4:40.

Today, Christ heals by the laying on of hands in His Name, by His servants:

"These are the miracles that shall follow them that believe: in my name ... they shall lay hands on the sick, and the sick shall be healed." Mark 16:17-18.

Spiritism

This doctrine of demons consists in making man believe that he can communicate with the dead. The desire to communicate with the deceased, to maintain contact suddenly interrupted by death, is an old obsession which is gaining interest again today.

In Los Angeles, a company has even been created to send messages to the dead! The sick at the point of death are in charge of these messages. It costs 60 dollars per 100 words!

Spiritism is sometimes practiced around a table where a "medium" is in charge of capturing the words of the deceased! In reality, in this type of seance, it is demons that manifest themselves. Spiritism is a demonic doctrine applied in certain religions which admit the transmission of messages from the beyond, or communication with the dead. The prayers addressed to the dead called "saints": St. Theresa, St. Rita, St. Mary, etc., as well as the alleged communications of these dead with the living are spiritism. God says: "If someone addresses the dead... I will turn my face against that man." (Leviticus 20:6).

Nowadays, we live in a time of fantastic scientific development, a time when satellites clutter up space, when computers can think for us, when "scientists" are fascinated by strange phenomena, when manifestations caused by demons are given a scientific epithet: Parapsychology. Research in this field is promoted by the French government and subsidized by the Ministry of Culture, which sponsors an annual "festival of paranormal phenomena." (levitation, telepathy, hypnotism, psychokinesis, extra-sensory perception or divination, appearance of ghosts, possessions...)

Some of these phenomena are filmed in a laboratory!

Man would like to penetrate the mystery of the beyond with his intelligence, turning a deaf ear to what the Bible says about the spirits of demons.

Let us not be seduced. Demons would have us believe that they do not exist. It is not without reason that Jesus called the devil, their leader, "FATHER OF LIES", adding: "There is no truth in him." (John 8:44). It was he, in the guise of a serpent, who insinuated doubt into Eve's heart by saying, "Did God really say?" Then he blatantly lied and said the opposite of what God had said. (Genesis 3:1-5)

Psychoanalysis

During a report, the eminent Professor Baruk, a Jewish believer and member of the Academy of Medicine, received me at his home. Here are some of the remarks he made to me about psychoanalysis:

"Psychoanalysis, which started out as medical research, then spread so widely that it became more like a religion. Indeed, it is an explanatory system in which all phenomena are always reduced to one and the same interpretation, that of desire and pleasure. Freud, who divinized the sexual instinct, even in the form of perversion, is in complete opposition to the biblical texts. He moved towards a spiritualism of the unconscious, returning to paganism. It is a rebellion of all instincts against all authority, against all moral ideas, and finally against God."

This is how, from a philosophy inspired by Satan, pernicious doctrines are born, doctrines of demons that lead to the attempt to destroy the Salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ. Satan has the art of colouring dark teachings by using shimmering colours. The poison is sometimes well camouflaged, hence the warning of the Bible: "Test the spirits, whether they are of God, for many false prophets have come into the world." 1 John 4:1.

The Superstition

Seemingly harmless and sometimes the subject of jokes, superstition expresses a real fear of some misfortune and a search for protection through counter-charmes, formulas, mascots. It seems ridiculous and stupid in our 20th century, and yet superstitious people are innumerable, believers or not, scholars or not. Behind all this is an action of demons, diverting souls from faith in divine protection.

We often hear people say: "Touch wood," or "Don't go under the ladder, it's bad luck. For the superstitious, happiness or misfortune depends on all sorts of signs or things: meeting a black cat, an owl, breaking a glass, cracking in the wood, knocking over the salt shaker, the horseshoe, the four-leaf clover, the evening spider, interrupting a chain of letters, charms according to the signs of the zodiac, mascots, fetishes, amulets, etc. Superstition has also crept into some religions. Children are made to wear a medal, called a "pious" medal, representing a saint, in order to ensure the protection of the saint. The medal's virtue is said to be increased tenfold if it is blessed during a pilgrimage. The trade of objects of piety in places of pilgrimage, such as the sale of bottles of holy water of Saint Rita is an exploitation of superstition, and credulity. Faith in Jesus delivers from all this force of superstition. Faith is based on the promises of God. Here is one among many others, that you will find in the Bible:

**"THE LORD IS HE WHO KEEPS YOU,
... THE LORD WILL KEEP YOU FROM ALL EVIL,
HE WILL KEEP YOUR SOUL;
THE LORD WILL KEEP YOUR DEPARTURE AND YOUR ARRIVAL,
From this time forth and forevermore."**

Psalm 121:5-7

PERNICIOUS DOCTRINES UNDER A RELIGIOUS VENEER

To discern these demonic religions, there are two criteria:

1. Any doctrine that establishes salvation BY WORKS and negates or diminishes the value of Christ's atoning work at the cross is demonically inspired.
2. Any doctrine that puts Jesus in the background, giving another character a place of prominence is demonic.

There are doctrines that are clearly demonic, such as that of the "Church of Satan". Others have satanic venom hidden under the camouflage of some truths.

The Bible's warning is firm about these doctrines of demons:

"If anyone comes to you and does not bring THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS,
Do not receive him into your house."
(2 John, verse 10)

I have briefly noted some of these doctrines of demons who reject the crucified and risen Christ for our salvation. This will make you realize how dangerous this WORLD OF DARKNESS is.

The "New Age"

At the dawn of the year 2000 a strange doctrine invaded the world. It claims that man can save himself and mankind by a social transformation coming from within each individual. It rejects the work of Christ on Calvary without which man cannot experience true new life. To want to transform man by man is a utopia from California.

The "New Age" is a new form of paganism that presents itself as a worldwide supra-religion, claiming to be the replacement for Christianity. It is a heterogeneous mixture of astrology, Hinduism, parapsychology, the use of yoga techniques, occult practices, and experiences that this religion calls "paroxysmal or transpersonal that can provoke an altered state of consciousness" allowing to "re-energize or over-dimension" man.

Its aim is to bring together in unity what is diverse, including all religions. It is based on the law of cosmic cycles in the perspective of a new golden age, with man becoming God himself. The apostle Paul warned us not to be seduced by the demonic doctrines of the end times.

"The time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine; but having an itch to hear pleasant things, they will give themselves a multitude of teachers according to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and turn to fables." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Hinduism

This doctrine is practiced by tens of millions of souls. It teaches that God is in all creatures, in animals, even in stone. That is why in India, there are gods everywhere. They are statues, more or less hideous and brightly coloured, representing birds, quadrupeds, or human beings with multiple arms and strange names. These Buddhas and these gods are born of superstition grafted on a mystical philosophy mixed with spiritualism, are present in every village, sometimes on the roadside. In Hindu temples, the stone gods are hidden in obscure places, served by priests to whom devotees bring baskets of fruit or other gifts.

In some villages, there is a huge chariot on which the god is carried in processions. Hindus believe in purification through successive reincarnations, which is in contradiction with the Bible which says:

"It is appointed for men to DIE ONCE" (Hebrews 9:27), and "the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7).

The Gurus

In the northwest of India, I had the opportunity to visit an "Ashram" (community center), where a master called Guru teaches transcendental meditation. The Guru Maharaj Ji was sitting in his chair in the middle of the square, looking at his thousands of followers, among them about a hundred Europeans, carrying baskets full of earth on their heads from one place to another. In the evening, during one of his lectures, he said: "In his time, Jesus showed men the way to God. Today, God is in me to lead men in that way." The Gurus of India are spreading their anti-Christ doctrines in India and throughout the world, under various titles, including "the mission of divine light", "the Krishna movement", etc., excluding faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ, and presenting themselves as "perfect masters", "saviours of humanity". These mystical oriental religions are fashionable today. They lead people to believe that they can reach God through meditation exercises and techniques inspired by yoga, and through their faith in the guru. In the face of these deceptive doctrines of the devil, we affirm what Christ said: "NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME." (John 14:6)

Moonism

Since 1955, its founder Sun Myung Moon, claims to be the second Messiah, the Lord of the Return. He claims to be able to realize the new world. He has declared: "Jesus is stepping aside for the new Master that I am. On the day of victory, the whole universe will bow down to me. God lives in me. I am his incarnation and you must call me Father." This is a false Christ.

He wrote in his pamphlets, that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross was a failure! This is the proof that this doctrine is diabolical. Moreover, he has methods that are related to occultism since he teaches to use salt by making seven equal heaps to consecrate either a house, or food, or vehicles, etc.

He is not the only false Christ. I have met one in Jerusalem, and another in South India. In France, we had our own in the person of Georges Roux, from Montfavet.

Is it not a sign of the times, that the appearance of these false messiahs, announcing the next return of the TRUE MESSIAH: JESUS OF NAZARETH ?

Jehovah's Witnesses

This doctrine dates back to the last century, in 1870, when Charles Taze Russell predicted that Christ was to return in 1914, the start date of his 1000-year reign on earth. Since he did not return to earth on that date, Jehovah's Witnesses concluded that he had settled somewhere in space!

Russell founded the Watchtower Association and published various books that twist the meaning of the Scriptures.

He claimed that only 144,000 people are part of the Church which he called the "little flock". Whereas in Revelation it is well specified that it is 144,000 servants of God, of all the TRIBES OF ISRAEL (Revelation 7:4). The rejection by this doctrine of the divinity of Jesus, and of the biblical texts concerning the eternal life of the soul in the hereafter with the Lord, indicates that there is obviously a diabolical seduction to mislead souls.

The Mormons

At the base of this doctrine is a man, Joseph Smith, born in 1805. He had 20 so-called "heavenly" wives. His successor Birham Young married 27, Joseph Smith who was inclined towards the occult declared that Peter, James and John appeared to him and conferred upon him the "Melchizedek Priesthood!"

Such apparitions are spiritism, and they are demons who appear in the place of the dead. The dead have no relationship with the living. They can only return to the living through the resurrection. (Luke 16:31)

He wrote a book in 1830 that was later circulated as the "Book of Mormon" to supplant the Bible. He claimed that an angel named "Moroni" appeared to him and revealed the location of gold plates on which the "Book of Mormon" was written in Egyptian. The so-called translation was done as in a spiritualist séance behind a curtain.

The Mormons who call themselves, "the church of the Latter-day Saints," claim that outside of them, everyone is lost.

They teach that Christ must return to America. Among their heresies are points of doctrine that destroy the work by grace done by Jesus on the cross, which proves their demonic source.

They teach that God is Adam, and that he has a body of flesh and bone. Whereas Jesus told us that "God is spirit." (John 4:24) They say that there are even many gods and that they have wives. They dare to teach that at the wedding in Cana, it was Jesus' wedding. For them the Holy Spirit is a divine fluid composed of atoms, an impersonal energy!

. "Come to Salt Lake City, it's heaven!"

Seduced by this Mormon propaganda, a Christian family from France had moved there. Disillusioned, she returned to France. Welcomed at her home when I crossed the United States, she made me visit the dome of the Mormon tabernacle, with perfect acoustics, and equipped with a famous organ. It is located near the Mormon temple where only the initiated enter and whose construction lasted 40 years. I had the opportunity to better understand the demonic seductive power of this doctrine. The pastor of an Assembly of God in the city pointed out to me that their power of seduction was regressing in the city. To avoid falling into the traps of the Mormons who want to overthrow the Gospel of Christ; listen to the voice of Jesus, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, and not "another gospel, though an angel from heaven should preach it to you," says the apostle Paul. (Galatians 1:6-9)

The Jesus Only

The so-called "Jesus only" doctrine began to spread in the United States at the beginning of this century, and was brought to Europe by the followers of the American Branham, who called himself the prophet of the last period of the Church, the "Elijah of the end times" with infallible revelations. This teaching says that "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" are titles and that therefore Jesus is Son, Father and Holy Spirit. This is the resurgence of a 3rd century heresy called "modalist" which presents the one God as having been first Father under the Old Covenant, then Son on earth and Holy Spirit under the New Covenant. It was taught by Sabellus.

According to this doctrine, baptism has no value unless one pronounces the formula: "In the name of Jesus", and that without this formula, one is lost. This gives the formula a magical character and annihilates the grace of salvation.

God is not the Son **since He gave** His Son, not **that He made Himself** Son. (John 3:16)

Isn't it written? : "There is one God and one MEDIATOR between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)

If Jesus were the Father, He could not be a mediator, nor an advocate with the Father. (1 John 2:1)

Jesus himself said:

"I AM NOT ALONE, for the Father is **WITH** me." (John 16:32 and 8:27-28). The "Jesus-only" suppress the word "with". Falsifying the texts of the Bible in this way is the work of demons and unfortunately, there are Christians who allow themselves to be seduced.

Be on your guard, and "Grace, mercy, and peace be with you from God the Father, AND from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love." (2 John, verse 3)

A long list

There are many other doctrines of demons that we could mention, such as Antoinism whose founder, Father Antoine, born in Belgium, practiced spiritualism and turned tables. His disciples pray to him and dress in black robes. This is indeed THE WORLD OF DARKNESS.

We could add "Christian Science" which is neither scientific nor Christian. It was founded in 1866 by an American, Mary Baker Eddy. She practiced spiritualism and auto-suggestion, denying the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The list is too long: (Scientology, Voodoo, Krishna, Friends of Man, Grail Movement, Raelians, etc...etc), to be able to examine in detail each of these demon doctrines. If we add to this the communist ideology which is anti-God, and therefore anti-Christ, we see that $\frac{3}{4}$ of humanity is plunged into deep darkness. Out of four Billion men, only one Billion claim to be Christian, and of those, very few actually live out their faith in Christ according to biblical standards. Moreover, theological turmoil has set in among the so-called historical religions, with the appearance of direct or indirect attacks to try to destroy the authority of the Bible and faith in Christ the Saviour.

The doctrines of demons are revealed when they are confronted with the Word of God. Any doctrine that departs from the Message of Jesus Christ to men is inspired by the devil. If, therefore, to this day you have received teachings that are not biblical, reject them, hold fast to "SOUND DOCTRINE" (Titus 1:9); and join the Church that belongs to Jesus Christ, for which I gave the biblical explanation in number 9 of the Biblical Truths series.

**Don't get caught up
by MISCELLANEOUS DOCTRINES.**

(Hebrews 13:9)

**For there will come a time
Where men will not endure
SOUND DOCTRINE.
(2 Timothy 4:3)**

THE END OF THE DEVIL AND THE VICTORY OF JESUS CHRIST

"Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, who HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS and carried us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." (Colossians 1:12-13)

What a joy to know that through faith in Jesus, we are no longer in the WORLD OF DARKNESS. We now know that the devil and his demons have NO POWER over us, as long as we keep faith in Christ and live in communion with Him.

The Bible has revealed to us what the devil and his demons do in bodies, and how they seduce souls. But the Bible has especially enlightened us about their DEFEAT and LIMITATION, and highlighted CHRIST'S VICTORY over them.

"Jesus Christ has destroyed him who has the power of death, that is the devil." Hebrews 2:14. (In the original, the word "destroyed" means: "reduced to powerlessness").

By His death on the cross, Jesus neutralized the power of the devil, (Colossians 2:15).

And Jesus can tell us:

"TAKE COURAGE, I HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD." (John 16:33).

He overcame the world of darkness to bring us into His Light!

The time will come when the devil will be definitively eliminated. Here is the sure promise:

"The God of peace WILL soon CRUSH Satan under your feet." (Romans 16:20)

The book of Revelation reveals what will be the last actions of the devil and the demons on earth, at the end of time, and what will be their final fate:

"The devil,...the one who deceives the whole earth, was cast down to the earth and his angels were cast down with him." (Revelation 12:9)

"Woe to the earth and the sea! For the devil is come down to you in great wrath, knowing that HE HAS LITTLE TIME." (Revelation 12:12)

"And I saw out of the mouth of the dragon, ... THREE HARMFUL SPIRITS like FROGS. For they are SPIRITS OF DEMONS, working wonders, and going out to the kings of the whole earth, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty." (Revelation 16:13-14)

After this DAY OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD, while Christ will reign a thousand years on the earth (Revelation 20:6 and 5:10), an angel will chain the devil in the abyss during this reign of Christ.

"And an angel... laid hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years." (Revelation 20:1-2)

"When the thousand years are fulfilled, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison. And he will go out to deceive the nations..." (Revelation 20:7-8)

The earth will experience a final war. It will be the disappearance of the planet (Revelation 20:7-11), and the final condemnation of the devil:

"THE DEVIL WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **TORMENTED** day and night forever and ever." (Revelation 20:10)

The final victory will belong to Christ.

"There shall be no more anathema. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city; his servants will serve him and see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads...And they will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 22:3-5)

In this expectation, we can, through faith in Jesus Christ, always be victorious over the devil:

"...the accuser (devil), who accused our brothers before God day and night. **THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB** and by the word of their testimony." (Revelation 12:10-11)

Let us remember this beautiful promise:

**"THE LORD IS FAITHFUL,
IT WILL STRENGTHEN YOU
AND PRESERVE YOU FROM THE EVIL ONE."**

2 Thessalonians 3:3

"Take above all THE SHIELD OF FAITH, with which you will be able to quench ALL the fiery darts of the evil one.... "

Ephesians 6:16

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