

## **Straight Talk #2 On The Taxonomy of Evil by William J. Schnobelen**

### **TOWARDS A BIBLICAL DIAGNOSIS OF DEMONIC OPPRESSION**

Sinful behaviors can possibly be linked to demon influence in a person, whether Christian or non-Christian. In looking for victory over behavior or health problems, and even psychological problems—sometimes deliverance from demonic oppression can be of immense help. This is especially true where the person plagued with problems has a history of involvement in cults, the occult, or ancestors involved in such practices (**Exodus 20:5**). People most commonly suffering from such bondage include (in order of likelihood):

- 1) Former or current practitioners of the occult, witchcraft, séances, spiritualism, and (of course) Satanism.
- 2) Former or current members of cultic or heretical groups which deny the deity of Jesus Christ as Almighty God (i.e. Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Masons, etc.)
- 3) Those descended from either #1 or #2.
- 4) Those who have been involved in chronic substance abuse; especially with psychotropic drugs (Marijuana, LDS, peyote, mescaline, etc.) or in fornication or homosexual behavior.
- 5) Those victimized by severe trauma (rape, child abuse, etc.).
- 6) Those practicing indiscriminate, promiscuous sexual intercourse with people other than one's spouse—particularly if the sexual partners have ever come from group #1 or #2.

The list below has been compiled from several sources and represents years of empirical evidence in doing deliverance—such experience always being run through the filter of the Word of God. It shows various forms of evil supernaturalism, the symptomatology they produce (**Matt.7:16**) and their likely entry point into the person.

This list should not be taken to mean that everyone who has done or experienced these "entry points" is assured of having such-and-such spirit; because the sovereignty of the Creator frequently operates at the moment of salvation to rid the person of the oppressive spirit. It is only intended as a resource IF there are presenting symptoms! We all must beware of spiritual hypochondria or "demon-hunting."

### 1. **Spirit of Anti-Christ** (cf. 1 John 2:22, 4:2-3)

Denies the Deity of Christ (1 John 4:3, 2 John 7)

**Possible entry:** involvement in eastern religions, Yoga, the martial arts, generational sin of parents.

#### **Manifests as:**

- denial of unique role of Jesus in human history
- Against Christ & His teachings-2 Thess. 2:4, 1 John 4:3
- denies the Atonement -1 John 4:3
- Humanism-2 Thess. 2:3,7
- Teachers of Heresies-1 John 2:18,19
- attacks the testimony of Christians (Deceiver) 2 Thess 2:4, 2 John 7
- attempts to substitute self for Jesus(Lawlessness)-2 Thess 2:3-12
- blasphemes the name of Jesus(Worldly speech & actions)-1 John 4:5
- practices forms of salvation by works rather than grace.-Rev 13:7

**LOOSE: SPIRIT OF TRUTH**

### 2. **Spirit of Bondage** (cf. Romans 8:15)

**Possible entry:** unrepented sin of lust of the flesh, sin of parents.

#### **Manifests as:**

- lack of faith in their salvation in Jesus -Rom. 14:23
- all forms of addictions -2 Pet 2:19
- anguish of spirit - Ex. 6:9
- uncontrolled lust, greed or ambition -Prov 5:22, John 8:34
- besetting or compulsive sin, especially sexual enslavement - Prov. 5:22, Jn8:34
- bitter roots, bitterness -Job 7:14, 9:10, Prov 14:10
- compulsive masochistic behavior, false martyrdom-same as besetting above
- captivity to Satan -2 Pet 2:19
- fear of death - Heb. 2:14,15
- serves the cause of corruption -Rom 7:23, Acts 8:23, Rom 6:16, Lk 8:26-29

**LOOSE: SPIRIT OF ADOPTION**

### 3. **Deaf and Dumb Spirit** (cf. Mark 9:25-26, Mt.17:14-18)

**Possible entry:** early trauma in childhood, infancy or prenatal

#### **Manifests as:**

- hearing impairment, unwillingness to communicate 'self-punishing behaviors (cutting self —Mark 9:18,20,26)
- self-applied cigarette burns -Mk 9:22
- head-banging, self abuse -Same
- suicidal ideation -Mk 9:22
- foaming at mouth Luke 9:39 Mk 9:20
- gnashing teeth -Mk 9:18
- untreatable epilepsy, seizures; especially during times of full-moons and/ or other satanic holidays -Mk 9:20,18,26
- Prostration, crying, ear problems, pining away -Mark 9:26
- mental illness -Mt 17:15, Mk 9:17, 5:5

## **LOOSE: HEALING PROVISION MADE IN CHRIST VICTORIOUS RESURRECTION**

### **4. Spirit of Double-Mindedness &/or Confusion**(cf. James 1:8)

**Possible entry:** lack of faith, refusal to accept the Bible as the inerrant Word of God, refusal to receive sound preaching, unbiblical sexual relationships -Job 10:15,Ps 44:15,Isa 41:29,45:16, Jer 3:25,7:19

#### **Manifests as:**

- lack of assurance of salvation
- indecisiveness
- inability to get victory over sin

## **LOOSE: GOD'S LOVING KINDNESS & FORGIVENESS**

### **5. Spirit of Divination or "Power Demon"**(cf. Acts 16:16-28)

**Possible entry:** practice of fortune telling, other methods of seeking high knowledge of wisdom—especially trance channeling, Hypnosis, triggering, generational sin of parents.

#### **Manifests as:**

- mediumistic "skills"—channeling, etc. - Micah 5:12, Isa 2:6
- "second sight," psychic powers - Hosea 4:12, EX. 22:18
- bondage to astrology, tarot cards, Ouija boards, palmistry, other such practices - Ex. 7:11, 8:7, 9:11
- practice of hypnosis, water-witching, etc. -Deut 18:11, Isa 19:3
- drugs -Gal 5:20, Rev 9:21, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15
- astrology -Isa 47:13, Lev 19:26, Jer 10:2

## **LOOSE: SPIRIT OF TRUTH; THE SPIRIT OF THE GIFT OF FAITH**

### **6. Familiar Spirit** (cf. 1 Sam.28:7-8)

**Possible entry:** hypnosis, attempting to conjure spirits, ventriloquism, Dungeons & Dragons, Ouija boards, Tarot cards, Palm reading etc.

#### **Manifests as:**

- alleged communications from dead loved ones -Deut 18:11,1Chron 10:13
- memory blocks or fragmented memory -Rev. 9:21, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15
- "voice" mediumship (Channelers who speak without lips or vocal chords)<sup>1</sup>
- Sam 28:7,8, Isa 8:19, 29:4
- peeping & muttering -Isa 8:19, 29:4, 59:3
- severe dyslexia -Jer 29:8

## **LOOSE: SPIRIT OF TRUTH; THE SPIRIT OF THE GIFT OF FAITH**

### **7. Spirit of Fear** (cf. 2 Timothy 1:7)

**Possible entry:** extreme terror experience from childhood, parental neglect, use of psychedelic drugs, generational sin of parents.

#### **Manifests as:** phobic behaviors or paranoia

- profound anxiety, inability to trust God or relate to Him as Father - 1Pe 5:7
- nightmares, night terrors -Ps 91:5
- heart failure -Ps 55:6, Lk 21:26, Jn 14:27,14:1
- inordinate fear of death -Ps 55:4, Heb 2:14,15
- untrusting, doubt -Mt 8:26, Rev 21:8

- fear of man -Prov 29:25
- torment/horror -Ps 55:5, 1 Jn 4:18

**LOOSE:** SPIRIT OF LOVE, GRACE OF GOD

### 8. **Spirit of Haughtiness** (cf. Proverbs 16:18-19)

**Possible entry:** excessive pride or gossiping, boasting, envy

**Manifests as:**

- pride, snobbishness
- unteachable, obstinate -Prov 29:1, Dan 5:20
- rebellious to pastoral authority - 1Sam 15:23, Prov 29:1
- bragging or boastfulness -2 Sam 22:28, Jer. 48:29, Isa 2:11,17, 5:15
- being argumentative or contentious, Prov 13:10
- extreme self-righteousness or religiosity -Lk 18:11,12
- idle -Ezek 16:49,50
- reject God -Ps 10:4, Jer 43:2

**LOOSE:** SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS, HUMBLE & CONTRITE SPIRIT

### 9. **Spirit of Heaviness** (cf. Isaiah 61:3)

**Possible entry:** tragedy in life or traumatic experience, sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

- depression, despair, no urge to praise God, unpacified, a root of bitterness
- morbid grief -Neh 2:2, Prov 15:13
- loneliness, inner hurts -Lk 4:18
- gluttony, insomnia -Neh 2:2
- self-pity Ps 69:20
- hopelessness - 2Cor 1:8,9
- broken hearted -Ps 69:20, Prov 12:18, 15:3, 13, 18:14, Lk 4:18

**LOOSE:** SPIRIT OF HOPE, PRAISE, WORSHIP, TRUTH

### 10. **Spirit of Infirmary** (cf. Luke 13:11)

**Possible entry:** generational sin of parents or bad health practices

**Manifests as:**

- chronic illness or deformity, bent body or spine
- asthma, chronic colds -John 5:5
- frailty or weakness -Lk 13:11, Jn 5:5
- severe feminine disorders or impotency in men - Jn 5:5, Acts 3:2, 4:9
- arthritis -John 5:5
- cancer -Lk 13:11, Jn 5:5
- oppression -Acts 10:38

**LOOSE:** HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD WITH HIS GIFT OF LIFE

### 11. **Spirit of Jealousy** (cf. Numbers 5:14)

**Possible entry:** sexual defilement, rage, anger -Gen 4:5,6, Prov 6:34, 14:29, 22:24,25, 29:22,23 lack of discipline from parents, strife -Prov 10:12

**Manifests as:**

- rage, jealousy, resentment, hatred of partner

- cruelty -Song of Sol 8:6
- murder -Gen 4:8
- hate -Gen 37:3,4,8
- extreme competitiveness -Gen 4:4,5
- selfishness, causing divisions -Gal 5:19
- revenge, spite -Prov 6:34, 14:16,17

**LOOSE: ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S LOVE, HEDGE OF PROTECTION**

## 12. **Spirit of Lethargy** (cf. Isaiah 29:10)

**Possible entry:** This can be a curse from the Lord for refusing to listen to and obey the preaching of His Word; for improperly criticizing pastors or other elders in the Body; for refusing to obey the Lord, or from sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

- sleep disorders, narcolepsy
- apathy, sluggishness, sleepiness -Job 30:17
- chronic exhaustion, "chronic fatigue syndrome" Lam 2:18
- clinical depression (in absence of medical or environmental causes) Prov. 29:9
- spiritually "deaf" to God's truth - counterfeit "covering", a false shield is keeping God's spirit from flowing and giving Its life -Ps 88:17

**LOOSE: SACRIFICES OF PRAISE -Ps 27:6**

## 13. **Lying Spirit:** (cf. 2 Chronicles 18:22, Prov 6:16-19)

**Possible entry:** This can also be a curse from God for seeking false prophecies or for "ear-tickling" preaching; or generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

- compulsive lying, delusional behavior
- flattery or insincere praise -Ps 78:36, Prov 20:19, 26:28
- a religious or ecclesiastical spirit -Gal 5:1
- profanity, hypocrisy, accusations -Rev 12:10
- excessive or idle chatter, gossip - 1Tim 6:20, 2Tim 2:16
- Superstitions, false Prophecy - 1Tim 4:7, Jer 23:15-17, 27:9,10
- slander -Prov 10:18

**LOOSE: SPIRIT OF TRUTH, CONFIDENCE (FAITH) IN GOD**

## 14. **Perverse Spirit:** (cf. Isaiah 19:14)

**Possible entry:** Curse from God for following false priests or prophets, idolatry, or generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

- sexual perversion, addiction to pornography, any indulgence in repeated disobedience to God -Prov 17:20,23, 12:8, 14:2, 29:8
- teaching false doctrine, perverting the Word of God -Isa 19:14, Rom 1:22,23, 2Tim 3:8,2
- scripture twisting, heresy -Acts 13:10, 2Pe 2:14
- stubborn, unreasonable-Prov 19:2
- ingratitude, foolish-Prov 1:22, 19:1, 15:4
- filthy minded-Prov 2:12, 15:23,33

**LOOSE: THE EXCELLENT SPIRIT (JOB 9:20) (Prov 17:27, Dan 6:3)**

**15. Seducing Spirit** (cf. 1 Timothy 4:1)

**Possible entry:** following false prophets or teachers who are involved in carnal sins. Seducing spirits seem to be messengers sent from Satan to specifically deceive believers.

**Manifests as:**

- searing of the conscience
- seduce, tempt or beguile the person into false doctrine
- causes double-mindedness (see above)

**LOOSE: THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, ESPECIALLY IN THE WORD OF GOD**

**16. Spirit of Whoredoms** (cf. Hosea 4:12)

**Possible entry:** worshiping false gods, offering sacrifices to them; other harlotries against the true God; generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

- Satanism, making pacts with the devil, unfaithfulness generally
- adultery -Ezek 16:15,28 Prov.5:1-14, Hosea 4:13-19
- prostitution of soul or body -Ezek 16:15,28 Prov 5:1-14
- self-idolatry -Judges 2:17 Ezek 16 Hosea 4:12
- love of the world, love of money, food, love of glamour (narcissism, compulsive concern with physique—body-building, etc.) -I Cor 6:13-16, Phil 3:19, James 4:4 Ezek 16:28
- spiritual idolatry - Hosea 4:12

**LOOSE: SPIRIT OF GOD, ESP. MERCY OF JESUS CHRIST**

**17. Spirit of Slumber** (cf. Romans 11:8)

**Possible entry:** following legalistic religions, serious parental neglect, especially neglect by the father.

**Manifests as:**

- inability to love, or be truly sexually intimate.
- inability to worship
- spiritual torpor or stagnation
- no internalized sense of right or wrong

**LOOSE: HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS, ESP. DESCERNMENT**

**18. Spirit of Error** (cf. 1 John 4:6)

**Possible entry:** refusal to hear the warnings, counsel of God or Word of God; refusal to apply Biblical tests to doctrines

**Manifests as:**

- (primarily institution-wide) heretical cults
- Contentious -James 3:16 2Pe 2 1Jn 4:6
- running after false doctrines - 1Tim 6:20,21 2Tim 4:3 Titus 3:10 1Jn 4:1-6
- denial of the deity of Jesus Christ -2 Thessalonians
- aberrant or heterodox Christian teachings -2 Peter 2:10
- inability to understand simple Biblical truths -Prov 10:17, 12:1 13:18 15:10,12,32

1Jn 4:6 2Tim 4:1-4

**LOOSE: SPIRIT OF HUMILITY, SUBMISSION**

**19. Devouring Spirit** (cf. Malachi 3:8-12)

**Possible entry:** disobedience to God, especially in the area of tithing; or generational sin of parents. The only way to be delivered of this spirit is for the person to obey God's law and tithe.

**Manifests as:**

- chronic poverty, deep indebtedness
- financial or real estate calamities (natural disasters)
- inability to ever save money.
- (Be sure to tithe time-in the form of Bible study and prayer-as well as talents and finances)

**LOOSE: THE FULL PROVISION MADE FOR US BY CHRIST'S VICTORY.**

**20. Buffeting Spirit** (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:7)

This is a specialized problem because this spirit works against ministries. It torments the minister or causes the needs of the ministry to go unmet. God seems to allow this to keep his servants humble. Intercessors are often faced with this and having the covering of your pastor as well as having prayer partners to agree with you often seems to render it less effective.

**21. Legion/Unclean Spirit** (cf. Mark 1:26, 3:11, 5:3ff, Luke 4:33, 8:27ff)

**Possible entry:** the defilement of a child's spirit. This may be the result of physical or sexual abuse, incest or involvement of the child in occult practices or ritualized abuse. Sometimes "imagined" child abuse can also open doorways if the child feels deep within themselves that they have been defiled or violated,

**Manifests as:**

- insomnia
- suicidal ideation, self-mutilation
- supernatural strength (a mental pre-occupation with super-heros)
- morbid fascination with death, human waste, putrefaction or grave-yards;
- extreme inner torment, hears voices, has night mares
- exhibitionism, nudity, homosexuality, promiscuity, sexual perversions
- perfectionistic, extreme performance orientation
- compulsively clean
- reclusive, very rigid and controlled
- Anorexia, Bulimia, compulsive over-eating.
- sees God as Mother

(This material is condensed from a chapter in William and Sharon Schnoebelen's **Blood on the Doorposts**)