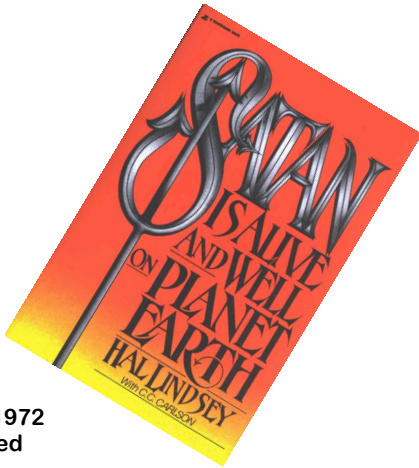




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Demonic activity?

Three views

1. It is a superstitious and primitive idea.
2. It is in the Bible, but we don't think, talk, or do much about it.
3. Exorcism is the solution to many of the personal pastoral problems of our day and should be a part of church ministry.

The Gerasene demoniac
(Jesus' power over Satan)

Mark 5:1-20

Some general observations

1. Jewish people viewed tombs and swine as unclean.
2. This story parallels other stories of the period (outside the Bible), about demonic behavior.
3. Jesus tended to encourage people to testify of his power IN GENTILE AREAS not Jewish areas.
4. Demon possession is an enigma in that most of our understanding comes from observation and testimony not from clear doctrinal teaching.

Some general applications

1. Jesus recognizes and addresses our pain.
2. Jesus recognizes spiritual (demonic) roots to (some) physical symptoms.
3. Jesus deals with the physical symptoms by addressing, with authority, the underlying spiritual problem.
4. We live in a world that tends to view life from a materialistic (scientific) perspective only - ignoring the spiritual dimension of the physical.

Understanding science and spirituality

SECONDARY FORCES

Chemistry & physics, human action, etc.

wind brain evolution illness etc.

God parting the Red sea mind creation demonic forces

PRIMARY FORCES

God's providence, demonic activity, etc.

Some common mistakes

1. Ignore the spiritual dimension of the physical.
2. Restrict demonic activity to the dramatic.

Gen.3:1-7 Eve and the serpent
Matt.4:1-11 Jesus in the wilderness
2 Cor.11:14 Satan as "an angel of light"
Rev.12:10 "accuser of the brethren"
Mk.5:15 "in his right mind"

As a fallen angel (messenger)
Satan meddles with our minds.



The psychotic are not defined
by what they do -

- but by how they view.

The demonized are
“not in their right mind.”

Example
of Jesus being IN but not OF
the world.

Discern and address the spiritual
dimension of the physical,
which starts in the way we see life.

Matthew 6:22

“The eye is the lamp of the body;
so then if your eye is clear, your
whole body will be full of light.”

Lessons for us today

1. Recognize the demonic spirit forces
of our modern age.
2. Resist those forces in our lives and
culture.
3. Don't ignore the dramatic but even
more so do not ignore the common.

The core temptations of Eve, Jesus, you, & me



James 4

“7 Submit therefore to God.
**Resist the devil and he will
flee from you.** 8 Draw near to
God and He will draw near to
you. Cleanse your hands, you
sinners; and purify your
hearts, you double-minded.”

