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For Human Service Workers

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Prologue

The *Demon Possession Handbook* is based on the Holy Bible. Before you reject the Bible out of hand as a reputable resource, consider these facts:

- The Bible has been written by 39 separate authors in three different languages over a period of 3900 hundred years. Yet it has never been in proven conflict with itself. In other words, it has internal integrity.
- No other literary work in the history of civilization can come even close to making, and supporting, this claim.
- And, the Bible has never been in proven conflict with scientific fact. It's been in conflict with theories, such as *evolution*, but never with scientific fact. The primary purpose of the Bible is to share with humans the process whereby we may return to fellowship with our Creator, Almighty God.

However, when the Bible does speak about history and science, it is found to be totally correct in the light of the latest scientific and archeological discoveries.

Certainly the Bible is controversial. But don't reject it without reading it for yourself. And read a modern language version, also. I suggest the *New International Version* or *The Living Bible*. Both are described in <u>Part 1, Choosing a Study Bible</u>.

To God be the glory.

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Introduction

to Demon Possession Handbook

Consider these four fictional human vignettes.

Case 1: A national politician is the chairman of a powerful legislative committee and is accused of sexually molesting young boys who work as pages in the Capitol.

Case 2: A respected pastor with a syndicated Sunday-morning television program on 500 stations is accused of soliciting donations for missionary work in Africa while all the time he is salting enormous amounts of money away in a numbered Swiss bank account for his own future use.

Case 3: A grandfather who is retired from a distinguished career as a federal judge is accused of an incestuous relationship with his ten-year-old granddaughter.

Case 4: A district attorney is arrested and charged in connection with a series of 17 grisly kidnap murders.

What do these people have in common? Each is above reproach, at least on the surface. Each strongly proclaims his innocence. Each has a loyal following of supporters who say there is no way he could be guilty as charged.

And, each person in these fictional case studies has one more thing in common. Each is troubled by one or more demons who induced him to commit the crime and to effectively lie to protest his innocence. However, the fact that there was demonic inducement doesn't make the person a demon. The presence of the demon in the soul and mind may have been intermittent, lasting only seconds at a time. The rest of the time, the person may have appeared completely normal, even to close associates.

The purpose of this handbook is two-fold. First, it's designed to help you identify the demonic source of objectionable behavior that is similar to these fictional cases, and to others mentioned throughout the book.

But second, and most important, the purpose of this handbook is to show you how a

person can become free of demon possession through the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. See Part 3.

C. S. Lewis, from his *Preface to The Screwtape Letters*.

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils [sic 'demons']. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

The idea that there is such a thing as demons and literal demon possession has always been a low hum in the background noise of the history of civilization. Even the most primitive cultures have a belief in spirits, evil and otherwise, which become involved in the lives of human beings.

There was a time when the concept of demon possession became more than a low hum. This was during the life of Jesus Christ as recorded in the first four books of the New Testament of the Bible, known as the Gospels. In this documentation, we read conversations between Jesus and demons and see the destructive impact of these demons on human beings.

The incidents of demon possession written about in the Gospels have been dismissed by many as the result of ignorance and superstition. Skeptics claim that what is clearly labeled as demon possession by the Gospel writers is nothing more than misdiagnosed mental illness, epilepsy, and perceptual disabilities.

This booklet is specifically written for human service professionals and paraprofessionals who serve people in our education, criminal justice, and mental health facilities and agencies. Many of the clients of these human services are people who are or who have been in crises. And it's people in crisis who seem to be most likely to have histories of demon possession.

Since 1981, I've made a study of what the Bible has to say about demons and what

current events reveal about the existence of -- and the activities of -- Satan's demons. This book is not designed to glorify demons but rather to provide information about their existence and methods, and to warn of the dangers they present to our society as a whole.

I refer to persons who are troubled by demons as "victims". These primary victims can cause problems for secondary victims as well. For example, a primary victim who works in a day care center and is induced by demons to lust for sexual activity with children can make secondary victims of dozens of the young clients with whom this primary victim comes in contact.

More recently, the large number of Catholic clergypersons that have become involved in accusations of sexual misconduct with children raise red flags all over the landscape.

Later on, when we talk about the identifiable symptoms of demon possession, you draw your own conclusions about the possibility of demonic involvement in the Catholic sex scandals.

The most important part of this book is not the Biblical accounts of demon possession in the days of Jesus, it's not the four primary symptoms of demon possession (violence, lust, greed, and persuasion), it's not the long list of activities which can put humans at risk of demon possession. The most important message of this book is the fact that there is a solution to the problem of demon possession. The most important message of this book is in Part 3 where I give detailed information of how a victim of demon possession can receive deliverance through the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, you might be wise to read Part 3 first, and then go back and read Parts 1 and 2.

There is a danger of being misunderstood in writing a book like this. My intent in not to demonize you who have been victimized by demons and drawn into socially-unacceptable and illegal behaviors. Instead, my purpose is to inform you of the deliverance from your demon possession which is explained in Part 3.

This booklet is dedicated to you who have been possessed and oppressed by demons, without knowing either the source of your torment or the source of your deliverance.

Especially the children.

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Part 1: Demon Possession Defined and Explained

1. Sources of Supernatural Power

There are only two sources of supernatural power in the universe. The first source is made up of God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the holy angels; they represent the forces for good. The second source of supernatural power consists of Satan and his demons. They represent the forces for evil.

The term "supernatural" means something above the laws of nature. If something is truly supernatural and cannot be attributed to God and the power under His control, it must be attributed to Satan and the power under his control. There is no neutral supernatural power. There is no white magic and there are no friendly ghosts.

If a happening or phenomenon is supernatural and cannot be explained by the laws of nature, the source of power is on a short list. It is either of God or of Satan.

A. Holy Power

In order to understand Satan and his demons, it is necessary to accept the existence of God and His holy power as documented in the Holy Bible. If you have difficulty expressing faith in an almighty God, at least accept the possibility of His existence long enough to read this little booklet.

The essence of holy power is the three-part God, known as the Trinity.

B. God, the Father

The first Person of the Trinity is God, the Father. He is the chief executive officer of the entire universe. All power, holy and evil, originates with Him. Satan's evil power is temporary and was granted by God in order to give humans a real choice between good and evil.

In the beginning, humans were created by God for the purpose of fellowship and worship. In order for this fellowship and worship to be meaningful for God, it had to be voluntary. Satan was allowed to come into existence in order to tempt us to do evil.

C. God, the Son

The second Person of the Trinity is God, the Son, Jesus Christ. He came to earth so He could die as the supreme sin sacrifice for all humans. He is the Lamb of God.

Our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, fell prey to Satan's temptation and disobeyed God's command to avoid eating the forbidden fruit. In this way, they sinned. The penalty for sin was then, and always has been, death. But God had mercy and didn't wipe out the human race immediately because of our sin. Instead, He developed a plan for us to be saved which was based on sacrifice.

For hundreds of years, humans sacrificed animals on the altar of God so we wouldn't have to die for our sin. But then God sent His Son as the ultimate, once and for all sin sacrifice. Jesus died on the cross for our sins so we wouldn't have to die for those sins.

D. God, the Holy Spirit

The third Person of the Trinity is God, the Holy Spirit. When Jesus died and went to Heaven, He sent back His Holy Spirit to serve humans in three ways: (1) help us understand the Bible and what it teaches about God and Jesus Christ; (2) help us do the will of God in our lives; and (3) help us resist the evil power of Satan and his demons.

The Holy Spirit is really the Ghost of Jesus. In fact, the King James Version of the Bible calls Him just that: the Holy Ghost.

E. Holy Angels Click for more information on Holy Angels

The holy angels round out the essence of holy power on earth. The part of the angels' job description of most importance to humans is that they are our guardians. Listen to God's promise concerning angels, as recorded in Psalms 91:11-12: "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." A paraphrase of this scripture could be, "Guardian angels keep us from stubbing our toe along the pathway of life". Demons may be dedicated to our destruction but angels are commissioned for our benefit.

2. Demons in the Bible

There is no doubting that demon possession is mentioned frequently in the Gospels, the first four books of the New Testament. Skeptics may claim these accounts of demon possession were really ignorant and superstitious descriptions of such clinical problems as mental illness and epilepsy. However, one of the Gospels was

written by a physician named Luke. In fact, the most complete account of the Virgin Birth is recorded by Luke in Chapters 1 and 2 of his Gospel.

Not only is the Bible the inspired word of God, but Luke was a trained physician of his day. Therefore, what the Bible has to say about demons in the book of Luke is of extreme significance.

A. Choosing a Study Bible

The King James Version of the Bible was translated in 1611. Although this version is very popular and is the version you'll most likely find in a hotel room, its Elizabethan English is about as easy to read as the works of Shakespeare. If you're not used to reading the Bible, or Shakespeare, you will find easier reading by trying one of the following modern language versions of Scripture:

"The Living Bible" is a paraphrase of the Bible by Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor that is published by Tyndale House, Wheaton, IL, Copyright 1971.

The *New International Version* (NIV), is published by Zondervan [ZON-dur-vun] Bible Publishers, Grand Rapids, MI, Copyright 1978. This is a scholarly modern language translation from Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and is equally suitable for first-time readers and advanced Bible students.

Either the *Living Bible* or the NIV are recommended for persons who are reading the Bible for the first time.

Before going on, we need to clearly understand our terms. I will use the terms Satan and demon exclusively when I talk about the forces of evil, with the exception of direct quotations from the Bible. In the King James Version of the Bible, the term "devil" is sometimes used to refer to Satan and at other times, "devil" refers to one or more of Satan's demons. I will always say Satan when I am talking about the chief of all evil. When I am talking about one of Satan's underlings, I will use the term demon. I will not use the term devil at all, in order to avoid confusion.

The scripture references listed below outline what Luke has recorded about demons. However, the other Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, and John) tell about demons, also. Matthew and Mark give several parallel (synoptic) accounts of the same incidents documented by Luke.

The New International Version is quoted in the passages below so you will be able to clearly understand what Luke is saying about demon possession.

B. How to Read a Bible Citation

The Bible is organized into books, chapters, and verses. When the location of a

specific statement is given, the citation of this scripture is given as follows: Luke 2:1-20.

This example refers to the story of Christ's birth, as recorded in the book of Luke, chapter 2, verses 1 through 20.

If you have difficulty finding a specific book, use the table of contents in the front of your Bible that serves the same purpose as in any other book. In the edition of the New International Version used to write the section below, the book of Luke begins on page 1623.

Some books of the Bible have similar names and Arabic or Roman numerals are used to help make distinctions. There is a Gospel of John and three epistles (letters) written by John. The three epistles are known in the New international Version as 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John. In the King James Version, they are known as I John, II John, and III John.

C. Demons Knew Who Jesus Was

The word demon comes from the ancient root "da", meaning *the knowing ones*. From the beginning, the demons knew who Jesus was and they knew something about His mission here on earth.

Luke 4:33-35. "In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 'Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are -- the Holy One of God!'

'Be quiet!' Jesus said sternly. 'Come out of him!' Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

D. Demons or Illness?

Physical healing was an important part of the earthly ministry of Jesus. However, Luke makes a clear distinction between physical healing and providing deliverance from demon possession, as shown in these verses.

Luke 4:40-41: "When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!..."

Luke 7:21: "At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sickness and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind."

E. Demons and Epilepsy

Luke records a case where a child's demon possession caused what we would call epilepsy today. In Luke 9:39, the boy's father describes his son's symptoms:

"A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him."

Jesus provides the solution in verse 42:

"Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father."

F. Demons and Speech Disability

Luke also documents the case of a person who had his speech restored when he was delivered from demon possession. Luke 11:14:

"Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been dumb spoke, and the crowd was amazed."

G. Multiple Demons Possessed a Single Person

Luke records two cases of persons who were possessed by multiple demons. These cases are important, also, when considering multiple personalities, reincarnation, and channeling.

Note in the first case, the number 7 in the Bible can be interpreted as numerous instead of the simple count of seven. In the second case, it's good to remember that in New Testament times, the military term legion represented 6,000 soldiers.

Luke 8:2: "...and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ..."

Luke 8:30: "Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him."

H. Physical Disability Caused By a Demon

In Luke 13:10-13, he documents the case of a woman who had a physical disability for eighteen years because of a demon:

"...and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God."

I. Summary of Luke's Writings about Demons

Demons knew who Jesus was: Luke 4:33-35; Luke 4:41.

Difference between those who were sick and those who were demon possessed: Luke 4:41-42; Luke 7:20-21.

Some had multiple demons: Luke 8:2; Luke 8:30.

Demon caused violence and epilepsy in a child: Luke 9:38-42

Demon caused speech disability: Luke 11:14

Demon caused physical disability: Luke 13:10-13

3. Satan's Limited Power

Although Satan does have some supernatural power, there is a limit to this power. The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:4 that "greater is He that is in us (the Holy Spirit) than he that is in the world (Satan)." A powerful illustration of this is found in Revelation 20:1-3 where John, the Revelator, describes what will happen at the beginning of the millennium (the thousand years of peace): "And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him . . . "

This shows the relative power of God and Satan. When it comes time for Satan to be put in his place, God won't need to do it. He won't ask Jesus or the Holy Spirit to do it. He'll just deputize an angel and that's all it will take to completely neutralize Satan.

In the meantime, though, Satan and his demons have real power. Within the limits God has set, Satan and his demons can do real spiritual damage to humans who are not filled by and, therefore, protected by the power of the Holy Spirit.

4 Real Evil

Demons are real personalities, not just some vague presence of evil. In our society, we have trivialized reference to evil powers. A comedian of the 70s was known for the phrase, "the devil made me do it!" Today, the term demon or devil can show up

in a car name, a brand name, or even the name of an athletic team.

Demons in children's literature.

Children's literature is filled with stories of witches and evil spells. Creatures such as trolls, gnomes, and elves are sanitized references to demons. A classic example of supernatural evil in the literature of children is the popular *Wizard of Oz*. (By definition, a wizard is a person with supernatural power.) Everybody loves Dorothy, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, Tin Man, and even little Toto. But don't forget the Wicked Witch of the West. A witch in any context is a human being who has invoked demonic powers. Although fiction may talk about good witches and evil witches, all witches receive any supernatural powers they do have from the same source: Satan and his demons.

Remember the Monkey Soldiers of the Wicked Witch of the West and their marching chant in the movie? How does it go? "Doo dee doo, dee – DOO - DOO" or something like that. The actual words of the soldiers' chant are, "Oh, we love the old one", referring to their witch, of course.

Now, watching or reading the Wizard of Oz as an isolated activity won't cause your children to become demon possessed. However, literature like this is just one more way Satan has of normalizing and trivializing the evil supernatural power that originates with him.

Halloween, as a celebration of evil

In the context of this book, we have to talk about Halloween. This celebration goes back hundreds of years to when the church observed November 1 as All Saints' Day, or All Halloweds' Day. In this same era, people who practiced witchcraft and sorcery decided to set aside the night before All Saints' Day as a special time for their evil activities. So, the night before All Saints' Day -- All Halloweds' Day -- was All Halloweds' Eve, just as the night before Christmas Day became Christmas Eve. As time passed, All Halloweds' Eve became contracted into *Halloween*.

There is nothing wrong with dressing up in costumes and trying to guess each other's identity. However, there is something wrong when those costumes represent witches, monsters, ghosts, and even Satan himself.

Here's a good rule to follow if you and your family wish to observe Halloween: base your costumes and decorations on natural things such as cobwebs, pumpkins, black cats, and corn stalks. Avoid supernatural things such as witches, ghosts, and Satan.

The *World* magazine carried an article in its October 28, 1995 edition with this title: "Goblins 1, Saints 0". This was an analytical account of a conflict between

conservative and evangelical parents, on the one hand, and pro-Halloween activists on the other hand. The location was the school district of Los Altos, Calif. The conservative parents objected to Halloween parties and parades being held during school hours that were, therefore, a required part of the school day for all children. The pro-Halloween coalition was made up of liberal parents, teachers, and school board members. The conservative Christian parents lost the fight and were characterized as kooks, and religious extremists by their opponents.

Hollywood and demons.

Hollywood is convinced of the existence of literal demonic entities. Movies such as *The Exorcist*, *Gremlins*, and *Poltergeist*, depict demons as actual personalities. In April 1989, a part of a Jim Henson TV special featured a story about demons and their interaction with humans. And Jim Henson is the originator of the *Muppets*, a program for children.

Here's a good illustration of how TV and movie producers have a better understanding of demons and demon possession than many evangelical Christians. This occurred in a script of a sitcom aired during the 1993-94 TV season. The scene takes place in a junior high and the teacher has just given his students a math word problem.

Most of the students struggle to get the answer in the conventional ways: scratching their heads, chewing their pencils, and staring at the problem on the board. However, one female student uses an unusual strategy. She utters an ethereal "Uuhmmmm", slumps in her seat, and declares she is going to channel an ancient Egyptian mathematician to come and help her solve the problem. In a few seconds she is out of her trance and the teacher checks her paper and declares the answer is correct. When a student sitting behind the channeler taps her on the shoulder to ask how she got the answer, she whirls in her seat, her face transfigured into a mask of hate, and utters a savage, guttural snarl.

Later in the story, the channeler is talking to that student who sat behind her. She appears to be her normal self, and asks sweetly, "Did your spirit guide speak to you and tell you the right answer?"

This sitcom scene might be passed off as a harmless bit of fluff. However, it is an illustration of how demonic and occult practices can be normalized by the skillful craft of professional script writers. As we laugh at such "silliness", we become desensitized to the actual evil such practices represent in the lives of real people.

5. The Origin of Satan and His Demons

The Bible clearly teaches that there are supernatural beings that have superhuman

powers. Holy angels are the agents of God and serve at His pleasure. Demons are the agents of Satan and are dedicated to support his evil activities.

But what do contemporary Americans believe about supernatural beings? A major article on angels was the cover story for *Time Magazine* on December 27, 1993. Some amazing statistics were revealed concerning what Americans believe about angels and demons.

When asked if they "believe in the existence of angels", 69% answered YES and 46% believe they have their "own guardian angel". The story went on to say that 55% of the people surveyed believe angels are "higher spiritual beings created by God with special powers to act as his agents on earth".

People surveyed were not as clear in their beliefs about demons. However, 49% said they believe in the existence of "fallen angels or devils".

The Bible teaches that God always was but Satan and his demons seem to have an origin. Satan tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden so we know he is at least as old as the human race. How much older than Adam and Eve Satan might be is not known. However, the book of Revelation talks about a war in heaven. Although this book is generally considered to contain prophecies about the end times, in Chapter 12:7-9, the writer (John) seems to have used the historic past tense. As John describes it, there was war in heaven. God and the good angels were on one side and Satan with the evil angels was on the other side. Satan and his angels lost that war and were thrown out of heaven and down onto the earth. This is the best information the Bible provides on the origin of Satan's demons. The conflict between God and Satan will continue until God puts Satan and all his demons in the lake of fire where they will be punished forever, as described in Rev. 12:17 and Rev. 20:10.

6. Spiritual Warfare

The objective of God and the forces of good is salvation of the souls of all humans who will accept Jesus Christ as their personal sin sacrifice. However, the objective of Satan and his demons is damnation of the souls of all humans in Hell forever. This conflict of objectives results in spiritual warfare. The latter portion of the sixth chapter of Ephesians describes this spiritual warfare in the hand-to-hand combat language of the first century. In fact, the term "stand" which appears several times in this chapter is an ancient military command. When given on the battlefield, the command *stand* meant to form a hollow square with the backs of the soldiers facing the inside of the square and the weapons facing towards the outside and the enemy.

Christian literature often mentions military conflict, including the song *Onward Christian Soldiers*. All such military references are talking about spiritual warfare. God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the holy angels are fighting on the side of

good. Satan and his demons are fighting on the side of evil.

At this point in the history of the human race, God's main offense consists of getting as many people as possible to accept Jesus Christ as the supreme sin sacrifice for their sins. At the same time, Satan's main offense consists of getting as many people as possible to reject the salvation of Jesus Christ and be damned to the punishment of hell forever. Whenever possible, Satan keeps a low profile and tries to deactivate Christians by getting them to fight among themselves, lose faith in God, doubt the truth of the Bible, and be wrapped up in the activities of everyday life. However, when passive aggression is not enough to achieve Satan's evil objectives, the demons become Satan's strike force in bringing offensive warfare to bear against humans.

Satan's favorite offensive weapon is demon possession. The Bible has many documented cases of how demons do possess the mind, will, and even body of human beings. Everything you may have read or heard about fictional demons is spelled out in vivid detail in the New Testament of the Bible. See Section 2 of Part 1 for specific examples.

Modern demon possession rarely takes the form of uncontrolled violence and manic behavior. Demons prefer to keep a low profile and possess persons for very brief periods of time. In fact, the victims may be prominent and respected members of society.

7. Symptoms of Demon Possession

Demon possession may last for relatively brief periods of time for any one individual. The rest of the time, the victim of demon possession may appear normal by social standards. Only when a demon is in residence will its presence be detectable in terms of the behavior of the victim. The behavior of these short-term victims of demon possession is characterized by four basic symptoms. These symptoms may appear alone or in groups, for just seconds of time, and in varying degrees of intensity.

The four basic symptoms are: violence, lust, greed, and an unnatural power of persuasion.

A born-again (and Spirit-filled) Christian can discern the presence of demons in a human by using a technique that has been used by physicians for centuries: a study of the presence of symptoms. Although the demon (or demons) may never manifest itself openly by causing the victim to speak in a coarse, guttural voice or to act out in an antisocial manner, a study of the past behavior of such a person will reveal the presence of violence, lust, greed, and/or an unnatural power of persuasion.

The late-afternoon TV talk shows and tabloids, as well as the legitimate press, provide multitudes of case studies that document the classic symptoms of demon possession singly and in various combinations and degrees of intensities.

A. Violence.

There is little doubt that all serial killers and serial arsonists are demon possessed. The classic case is Ted Bundy, who mixed violence with lust. (See Part 2-B, Section 9, for a discussion of demons and criminal behavior.)

Massacre killers are clearly demon possessed, whether the scene of the crime is a school yard, a restaurant, or a commuter train. An assault weapon in the hands of a demon-possessed killer is a frightening thought, indeed. However, after the demonic urge to kill has passed, such a murderer may appear calm, in complete control, and even contrite. This is because of the intermittent nature of modern demon possession.

Violence against family members seems to be on the rise. This includes spousal abuse as well as child abuse. What makes a prominent and well thought of member of the community physically abuse his wife, to the point where someone calls 9-1-1? What drives a parent to go far beyond corporal punishment and cause physical injury that requires medical treatment? Intermittent demon possession is the clear answer. (See the discussion of demonic time-sharing in Section 10 of Part 1-B.

Suicide is frequently associated with demon possession, especially in teens and in adults, where there is no discernible cause. If a demon can induce a person to commit suicide who has not yet accepted Jesus Christ as a personal Savior, Satan has won the battle for that soul forever.

B. Lust.

There is a distinct difference between normal sexual desire and lust. The Bible clearly endorses sex within marriage to the point of full orgasm for both parties. The only sexual sin that can be committed between two people united in holy matrimony is selfishness. (See 1 Cor. 7:1-9 and Heb. 13:4.) Click for more information on sex and the Bible.

Lust is sexual activity outside the bonds and bounds of legal marriage. This includes fornication (sexual intercourse between two persons who are not married), adultery (sexual intercourse when one or both parties are married to someone else), homosexuality, incest, bestiality (sex activities between humans and animals), and child molestation.

Demons are drawn by a human's interest in illicit sex. Therefore, using

pornography in combination with indulging in sexual fantasies is dangerous. Regarding using pornography, Ted Bundy said,

"Like an addiction, you keep craving something which is harder, something which gives you a greater sense of excitement until you reach the point where the pornography only goes so far. You reach that jumping off point where you begin to wonder if maybe actually doing it will give you that which is beyond reading about it or looking at it."

When two people are both demon possessed, they may have a lustful affinity for each other which defies all logic. As a minimum, such lustful affinity causes the end of marriages and careers. Often, demon-induced lust leads to murder, completing the profile.

A horrible mix of demonic violence and lust occurs in the case of a person who abducts a child, followed by rape and murder. The media fully documented such a case in late 1993, where an adolescent girl was kidnapped from her own home during a slumber party and later murdered.

C. Greed

Greed here is defined as a need for power as well as money. Problems in this area that relate to demon possession range from irrational shoplifting to overselling time shares.

D. An Unnatural Power of Persuasion

The modern cult leader is a classic example of a person with a demon enhanced power of persuasion. This is persuasive power that goes beyond a charismatic personality coupled with effective communication skills. This is the kind of persuasion that can convince large groups of people to band together with no visible and logical reasons for doing so. A cursory review of the lives of contemporary cultists will show an unnatural power of persuasion coupled with violence, lust, or greed in case after case. Jim Jones and the Kool-Aid suicide party is a classic example.

8. Symptoms in Children

Children may have learning or behavior problems that are not directly linked to violence, lust, greed, or an unnatural power of persuasion. However, the Bible clearly documents a case of a young boy who had all the symptoms of what we call epilepsy today. (See Part 1-A, Section 2 of this booklet and Luke 9:38-42.) Both Jesus and the author of the Gospel of Luke (who was a physician) diagnosed the source of the problem as demon possession: "Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed

the boy and gave him back to his father." We now know how to treat epilepsy with anticonvulsants but who knows how many other cases of childhood behavior problems have a demon as the root cause? Parents of children who have certain behavior problems and learning difficulties should consult a Christian psychologist who understands demon possession.

9. Disabilities as Symptoms

The casual reader of the Bible may not be aware that there are at least two cases documented by Doctor Luke where a disability was caused by a demon. In Luke 11:14, a man who didn't speak was able to amaze the crowd with his speaking ability after Jesus drove out his demon.

The second case involved a woman who appeared to have a severe physical disability and hadn't stood up straight for 18 years because of a demon. In Luke 13:10-13, she stood straight when Jesus placed his hands on her and healed her.

It would be dangerous to assume that every person with a disability is demon possessed. However, we may never know how many such cases do involve demons. Parents and human service professionals should be especially suspicious of problems for which there is no discernible physiological or neurological cause. This list should include schizophrenia as characterized by "hearing voices".

10. Demonic Time-Sharing

Back in the days when Jesus walked the earth and evicted a legion [6,000] demons out of one man, the world population was a fraction of what it is today. In fact, population experts believe the number of people alive today exceeds all the people who have died since the dawn of creation. Let's assume that the number of demons is fixed and that number is the same today as it was when Adam and Eve walked in the Garden of Eden. This means that demons today have to cover more territory—in terms of human beings—than at any time in the history of the human race. One way demons can accomplish this feat is through what computer experts refer to as time-sharing. In the computer world, a large main-frame computer can be used by many people at the same time, without those users even knowing about the existence of each other. When the Internet is used, people from all over the world can access the same computer simultaneously. The computer works with each user in turn and does so with such speed that each simultaneous user has the illusion of being the only person logged on at that time. The Internet may not be as fast as you would like, but it's time sharing.

Demons may work the same way. Although they are not omnipresent in the same sense as God is everywhere at the same time, apparently they can move from point

to point at very high speeds. Assuming that their minimum speed of travel is the speed of electricity, 186,000 miles per second, a single demon can trouble a large number of people in the course of a few minutes. This is like a computer is able to work with a large number of customers, through time-sharing.

The concept of time-sharing explains how a person can be a murderer or child molester one moment and the next moment, may appear calm, rational, and even brilliant. Demons may zap in out of victims at the speed of light, sometimes staying for just a few seconds at a time. The rest of the time, a victim can appear normal by social standards.

The unnatural power of persuasion coupled with the intermittent nature of the possession enables the primary victim to lie with a straight face. This makes it extremely difficult for anyone to believe that what appears to be a fine, upstanding citizen such as a teacher, minister, lawyer, doctor, boy-scout leader, nationally-known televangelist, or major politician could ever be guilty as accused. This ability to lie with total conviction makes identification of such demon-possessed persons extremely difficult by such groups as school boards, church boards, bar associations, medical societies, legislative bodies, and juries.

Sometimes the charges are comparatively minor, such as sexual harassment, soliciting a prostitute, or shoplifting. However, in other cases, the charges may be far from minor, such as violent sexual assault or murder. Whether the charges are minor or major, what makes a person risk a prominent career for no good reason at all? The answer may well be intermittent demon possession on a time-share basis.

The concept of demonic time-sharing is illustrated in ABC's mini-series of Stephen King's *The Stand* as aired the week of May 7, 1994. In this dramatic portrayal, the character of demon-possessed Randall Flagg, as played by Jamey Sheridan, [seen more recently as a detective on *Law and Order*.] is seen as a suave, persuasive, personable individual much of the time. However, when Flagg is aroused by rage or lust, his handsome face dissolves into the visage of a horrible demon, with behavior to match.

In an interview with "TV Guide" that week, King said, "Flagg, Koresh, Jim Jones, Hitler -- they're all basically the same guy."

This is just one more example of how the entertainment world has a much better grasp of the concept of demon possession than do most people in the evangelical church world.

11. Demon Possession and the Occult

The term occult means "hidden" and, in a spiritual context, relates to Satan worship. Occult practices are associated with specific symbols and paraphernalia. The symbols include such things as the five-pointed star and the goat's head. Occult paraphernalia include candles and blood. The blood is usually animal but can be human. The star, or pentagram, is often drawn on the floor with burning candles set at each point.

Not all demon-possessed persons are consciously involved with Satan worship. However, all persons who make a point of worshipping Satan are eventually demon possessed. Both Christians and Satan worshipers begin their services with an invocation. The term "invocation" comes from the Latin words that mean to call in, or voice in: vox means voice and the meaning of in is obvious. The occult invocation involves calling Satan to come into the presence of the worshipers, just as Christians pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit when they worship. Demons heed the Satanic invocation and come in droves to enter the occult worshipers.

Persons who have become demon possessed through occult practices and Satan worship have the same hope of a solution as any other demon possessed person. Unfortunately, many experts in occult practices, especially in the criminal justice and education fields, have no real understanding of demon possession and its Biblical solution as described in Part 3.

12 If Demons Are the Problem, What Is the Solution?

Go to Part 3 of this booklet for a full description of a spiritual process for being delivered from demon possession.

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Part 2: Causes and Effects of Demon Possession

There is no single cause of demon possession. However, there is a common condition that always puts humans at risk: a spiritual vacuum in the soul. When the Holy Spirit is not present in the soul, it becomes easy for a demon or demons to take up residence. This may be for very brief periods of time through a process of demonic time-sharing.

Sometimes, it is difficult to discern the difference between causes and effects of demon possession. For example, an interest in illicit sex may draw demonic activity. On the other hand, a person who becomes involved with demons through an interest in the occult may be drawn into sexual crimes.

As our secular society struggles to rid itself of all aspects of religion, more and more people are left with spiritual vacuums in their private lives as well as their corporate public life. When these spiritual vacuums exist, any one of a multitude of activities and practices may draw the interest of demons. For example, demons are drawn by a human's interest in unknown supernatural powers, in the same way sharks are drawn to blood in the water. This part of the booklet lists and explains many activities and practices that place humans at significant risk of demon possession, even though this possession may be intermittent.

1. Interest in the Occult

The basic meaning of the word occult is "hidden." This alone should be warning to avoid anything to do with occult activities and practices. Remember that there are only two kinds of supernatural power: holy and evil. If something supernatural cannot be clearly identified as getting its power from God, then it must be getting its power from Satan. Of course not all things that appear to be supernatural are truly above the laws of nature. Some are a hoax. Others are based on skill and sleight of hand, such as party magic.

Remember the cardinal rule for examining all occult practices: if it's genuine, and truly supernatural, it's evil. If it's not genuine, it's a hoax. Either way, avoid all types of supernatural activity that do not clearly have a Divine source of power.

A. Books about the Occult

Be cautious about reading books on the occult that are not written by a Christian.

Johanna Michelson writes about supernatural evil power from the evangelical perspective. Her book, *The Beautiful Side of Evil*, is an example. This book recounts her experiences with the occult and how she escaped to freedom. Another useful book on this topic is *Psychic Healers of the Philippines* by Joe Folz. Books like these should be available in a local Christian book store. If you want to learn more about the occult in order to protect yourself from its evils, read these kinds of books. Avoid anything that is written by someone who is currently involved in occult practices, including Hollywood celebrities. Stick with evangelical authors who have insights inspired by the Holy Spirit in order to see demons for who and what they really are: the agents of Satan.

B. Horoscopes and Astrology

Pay no attention to your astrological sign. Never read your horoscope in the paper or listen to an astrologer on the radio or TV. Never call the so-called psychic hotline. And never go to an astrologer in person to seek advice.

C. The "New Age"

According to astrologers, time is divided into ages of about 2,000 years. New agers claim that we are now crossing over the line between the old age and the new age. The old age is Pisces, the sign of the fish. In Bible history, the sign of the fish (drawn with two curved lines to represent the crude outline of a fish) is a first-century symbol of Christ and Christians.

The new age is identified in the words of the folk song of the 70s: This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius. Many books have been written to explain the new age but the basic concept can be expressed in one sentence: in the new age, everything is spiritual rather than physical and you are god. Of course, this kind of thinking comes from the mouth of Satan himself, as recorded in Genesis 3:5: "...For God knows that when you eat of it (the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil) your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Be cautions of anything that has to do with the new age.

D. Hypnotism

You may have seen a demonstration of hypnotism as an entertainment event. Those who don't believe in supernatural power, good or evil, are convinced that post-hypnotic suggestion is science and, therefore, harmless. Be careful. If the power is not of God, it is of Satan.

E. Extra-Sensory Perception (ESP)

Secular humanists categorize this type of activity under parapsychology. The word

"psychology" refers to a study of the mind. The prefix "para" means "almost but not quite", as in paralegal. The proponents of parapsychology believe it is science instead of the occult. You will be wise to stay away from extra-sensory perception, mind control, yoga, and all sorts of meditative activities. Don't deliberately open your mind to powers which are not clearly Holy or it may be filled with something demonic.

F. Fortune Telling, Palm Reading, and Tarot Cards

Avoid anything that suggests that you can look into the future. This ability is not given to humans by God except in rare cases and then we refer to such persons as prophets.

G. Séances

If a séance truly produces some kind of supernatural contact with the dead that is not a trick, what is being seen or heard is the work of demons. If Rich Little or Dana Carvey can make his voice sound like everyone from Johnny Carson to George H.W. Bush, a demon can do the same thing. No one comes back from the dead or speaks from the grave. Fortunately, most mediums are fakes and they would drop over in a dead faint if what they were trying to do really worked and someone did come back from the grave. Either way, avoid séances completely.

H. Ghosts and Haunted Houses

As I've said before, Hollywood has a stronger belief in demons than most evangelical preachers. *Ghostbusters* and *Poltergeist* are classic examples of Hollywood's interest in demons. Of course there are no haunted houses or ghosts in terms of people coming back from the grave. However, demons may possess houses in addition to people, and the so-called ghosts that people claim to see are either figments of their imagination or the activities of demons. Regardless, stay away from any house that is thought to be haunted. Such a house may be a nesting place for demons. The famous house in Amityville, New York is a classic example of a house that was thought to be polluted with demons. At this time, tourists are reported to be more of a problem than demons. It may even be a total hoax. But, who knows the full story? Stay away from such places!

I. Reincarnation

Demons probably go as far back as the war in heaven that is described in Revelation 12. Since that time, the same fallen angels, as demons, have possessed countless human beings in generation after generation. That's why a person can claim to speak from bygone centuries. The soul has not been reincarnated. It is merely

possessed by a demon, or perhaps more than one, who has possessed countless humans before it. This goes for celebrities and non-celebrities alike who claim to be channels for the dead to speak, with or without the use of crystals. If a human alive today has supernatural knowledge of the past, this is nothing but the capricious activities of demons. How they must howl with glee when naive humans believe their actions are proof of reincarnation.

There is a difference between a belief in reincarnation and a belief in the resurrection. Resurrection is the Biblical doctrine that we will be raised from the dead with a glorified body when Jesus returns to earth. Reincarnation is based on the theory that a soul occupies successive bodies down through the centuries.

2. Demonic Favors

There are no friendly. There are holy angels. Caspar, the friendly ghost, exists only as a cartoon character. If a demon acts friendly or appears to do good deeds, the real objectives are to bring glory to Satan, to draw humans into addictive occult practices, or to draw attention to the demon's own evil activities.

Here's an example. Let's say a self-proclaimed psychic goes to the police and offers his or her services in helping to find a child who has been missing for several days. The psychic then begins to visualize in frightening detail the circumstances surrounding the case: kidnapping, sexual assault, murder, and hasty burial, complete with the location of the makeshift grave. A police investigation confirms that all details revealed by the psychic are unfortunately true. After we have ruled out a hoax and complicity in the crime itself, what is left? Nothing but the involvement of demons.

The psychic may be well-meaning and would not be considered demon-possessed under normal circumstance.. But, since this person has consciously or unconsciously invoked supernatural power to solve a mystery, a demon has answered the call with visualizations of great detail. It may be the very demon who earlier possessed the perpetrator while the crime was committed. The demon or demons involved in this hypothetical case has no altruistic motives. Providing comfort for the grieving family is not an issue. The demon wants everyone to know what has been accomplished under its influence so Satan and all the other demons can get the glory.

Sometimes successful psychics come up empty and receive no images that can contribute to the solution of the crime. When an experienced psychic draws a blank, it may be because there was no demon involvement in the crime. Since a demon was not involved, the psychic has no supernatural source of information in this particular case.

By the way, psychics seldom, if ever, find a live victim.

3. Demonic Games

Games that have their roots in the supernatural can lead to demonic involvement. The best known are the Ouija board and dungeons and dragons games. In the Philippines there are chapels for worshipping demons. At the front in place of the altar, there is a large ouija board. With this device, demons can communicate with humans. It can work the very same way in the hands of children right there in your living room.

My wife, Naomi, tells about how she and a childhood friend named Fran played with an ouija board without knowing of the potential danger. Afternoons after school, Naomi went to Fran's house and played with the board. The marker seemed to move by itself as words were spelled out but each girl thought the other was doing the pushing. One day, Naomi was sick and couldn't go to her friend's house. Later Fran told her that when she played with the ouija board alone that day, the board spelled out the question, "Where's Naomi?"

Dragon-type games can be dangerous, also. The Bible clearly teaches that dragon is a name for Satan. All kids may not be negatively affected by such dragon games but many are being drawn into occult practices through this thought-to-be harmless table game.

Pocket Monster [Pokemon] Cards and Dolls.

Pokemon may be more dangerous in the long run than any other activity. First, it appeals to very young persons. Second, it appears so innocent and even comical. If demons appeared wearing their true faces, everyone would be scared away and fast. But who could be afraid of Ash? Third, it serves as an innocent gateway to more sinister supernatural activities.

- Is supernatural power involved?
- Is this power of God?
- If not of God, than it must be of Satan. There is no other source of supernatural power.

Harry Potter Books and Movies

While we're talking about kids and the occult, we need to give some time to the extremely popular and insidious series of Harry Potter books. Witchcraft, sorcery,

spells, incantations, and related activities are forbidden by the Bible. Yet Harry Potter and the books of his activities wouldn't exist without these elements. Parents: beware!

Here's a source of information other than this author's personal opinion. It's a video produced by Jeremiah Films titled *Harry Potter:* Witchcraft Repackaged-- Making Evil Look Innocent. This is a powerful resource that needs to be seen by parents of young children and the workers that serve them in evangelical churches around the world. DiskBooks is not selling this film but here's a number to call so you can order it:

1-800-854-9899.

And now, my review of a Harry Potter movie, by Jeff Cogan.

I attended a showing of a Harry Potter movie Tuesday, November 27, 2001, at 7:35 PM EDT. I was accompanied by two of my adult children, themselves parents.

I had never read a Harry Potter book and only knew what I had seen in television interviews. To tell the truth, my first impression was the movie was more silly then sinister. The acting on the part of the children was on the level of a TV after-school special. The special effects were overdone and more preposterous than pernicious. As a movie experience it was an overlong waste of eighteen bucks. [I bought my kids' tickets.]

This is not to say that Harry Potter books and now movies are not dangerous as a gateway that may lead to real evil and dabbling with the occult. In fact, their popularity with kids of an impressionable age gives the books all the more sinister power.

If you plan to let your kids read Potter books and see the movie[s], you should exercise very close supervision. You read a Potter book before giving it to a child to read. You emphasize that Potter witchcraft is all about make believe. You discuss the real facts about witchcraft and demonic power. You emphasize that Holy power is always greater than evil power, although perhaps less spectacular. In other words, become a fully-involved parent on this one.

It is now September 21, 2004 and in this reporter's opinion, the Harry Potter movie mania has dropped off the radar screen. If you want your children to have a taste of fantasy fiction, try something wholesome like The <u>Lord of the Rings</u> by J.R.R. Tolkien or the <u>Tales of Narnia</u> by C. S. Lewis. ##JFC

The perpetrators of the horrible April 1999 massacre at Columbine High School near Denver, CO USA are thought to have been involved in such games as Dungeons and Dragons.

Fifteen were murdered and it wasn't a game. I say no more.

4. Pornographic and Obscene Materials

Demons have a demonstrated interest in illicit human sexual activity. Therefore, for the purposes of this discussion, materials that portray illicit sexual activities in words, pictures, and sound will be identified as pornographic and will be branded as dangerous. Using pornography can make a person vulnerable to involvement with demons, especially when the pornography is used in connection with masturbation and fantasies. Jesus said that having sexual fantasies while looking at another person who is not your spouse is equal to adultery. "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matt. 5:29". The same can be true about looking at pictures, videos, movies-- and reading books that are pornographic. Since demons are interested in illicit sexual behavior in humans, and since pornography leads to fantasies about illicit sexual activities, it follows that using pornography draws demons.

Let's think about what has been happening in our country since the early 70s as far as the availability of pornography is concerned. There isn't a sexual activity that is not available on videotape or in print, in sharply-focused full color. This includes sado-masochistic violence and so-called snuff movies that show humans being killed on camera. Listen to Ted Bundy's warning in his interview with Dr. James Dobson on the eye of his execution:

"...some of the violence in the movies that come into homes today, the stuff that they wouldn't show in X-rated adult theaters thirty years ago."

Now, let's think about the crime problem in our society in the light of these facts:

- 1. The use of pornography draws demons.
- 2. The production and use of pornography is at an all-time high in the history of

civilization.

3. There is a cause and effect relationship between the availability and use of hard core pornography and the incidents of violent sexual crimes involving adults as well as children as victims.

You do the math!

5. Mind-altering Drugs

Drug use draws demons because the drugs can open the mind to supernatural intrusions. The Holy Spirit is too much a gentleman to fill you while you are under the influence of drugs. The same can't be said for demons. They delight in finding a person on a drug trip and being right there, stretched out on the sofa, when that person comes down from the chemical high.

The drug high produces an avenue of entry to the inner self that does not exist under normal circumstances. We could call a drug high the doorway to the soul. A demon could be described as a cat trying to get into a house. Leave a door open just a crack for just a second and that cat is in the house before you realize it.

Most people wouldn't dream of going shopping or going on vacation while leaving the house doors unlocked. Yet think of all of the people who use drugs which results in what is known in the vernacular as "taking a trip". While a drug user is on a trip with his or her mind wide open, any of the demons of hell can walk right in and stake a claim.

6. Multiple-Personalities, Schizophrenia, and Hearing Voices

The Bible talks about persons who were possessed with as many as 6,000 demons. Modern psychiatry documents people who give evidence of having more than one personality as well as those who are troubled by hearing multiple voices. In fact, "hearing voices" seems to be a fairly common mental health complaint associated with schizophrenia.

There is an obvious connection between the Biblical fact that multiple demons can possess a single person and the medical fact that multiple personalities can reside in a single body or that a person can hear a multitude of voices.

7. Demon Possession and Homosexuality

We've established that demons have a strong interest in illicit human sexuality, and

that illicit sexual activity is defined by the Bible as any sexuality outside the bounds and bonds of legal marriage. Since homosexuality is illicit sexual activity, it follows that demons are interested in establishing and perpetuating homosexuality.

The Spring 1975 issue of the *Journal of the Christian Medical Society* documents a fascinating case concerning homosexual activity and demon possession. This case involved a Christian psychiatrist who was seeing a female patient who was an activist in the gay and lesbian community. At the same time, she was troubled by demon possession and was eventually delivered. In a later counseling session, she said to her psychiatrist, "Know what? I'm not a lesbian any more."

"Oh, when did you decide to give it up?"

"Decide nothing!. I'm, just not-- not since the demons left!"

This case provides a strong indication that homosexuality can be caused by demon possession.

According to the journal article, following her deliverance from demon possession, the patient "abandoned her homosexual lifestyle, resigned from the gay organization, and professed to have no homosexual conflict."

8. Homosexual Clergypersons

There is no Biblical way for a homosexual person to become a member of the evangelical clergy. The idea of ordaining practicing homosexuals to the Christian ministry is a total perversion of scripture. However, some evangelical periodicals have included statements by seminary professors in support of ordaining homosexuals. This is a clear example of demons at work in the hearts of church leaders as well as in the lives of the parishioners.

While Christ teaches love for the sinner, and the Holy Spirit has the power to cleanse the heart of all evil, there is no room behind the pulpit for a person with even intermittent demon possession.

The Bible may be subject to interpretation on certain issues of doctrine. For example, is the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit a second act of grace? does it occur at salvation? or does it happen at death? Or, should baptism be by immersion or by sprinkling? However, on the matter of homosexuality, there is no second interpretation possible for anyone who accepts the word of God as the authority for how we live our lives, including our sexuality.

Sodom was destroyed because the men of that city practiced physical sex with each other, as noted in Gen. 19:4-19. God's position on homosexual relations is clearly

spelled out in Leviticus 18:22. This chapter outlines sexual regulations in general and they are not mixed with injunctions regarding such things as harvesting, wage payment, or cattle breeding. They are assembled together in one place with Verse 22 speaking specifically of homosexuality.

Perhaps you won't accept an Old Testament position on an issue unless it is supported in the New Testament as well. Listen to what the Apostle Paul wrote as part of a general denunciation of the sins of mankind, as recorded in his New Testament letter to the Romans, chapter 1 and verses 26-27 (NIV): "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." Could this "due penalty" have been the birth of AIDS, even back then?

The real issue is not whether the Bible says homosexuality is a sin. That fact is clearly understood by all careful Bible students. The real issue is the Bible's answer to the sin problem at any level. There is true hope for the homosexual, and anyone else who has disobeyed God's laws. The blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit can provide both forgiveness and cleansing. Then former homosexuals can lift their heads high and be called Christians or even clergypeople. Not because a liberal theologian says so but because the shed blood of Jesus Christ says so.

For a full description of how a homosexual can obtain freedom from demon possession and the addiction of homosexuality, see the solution described in Part 3 of this booklet.

9. Demons and Criminal Behavior

The most infamous serial killer of all time is Ted Bundy. According to his own words, Bundy believed his descent into the horrible pit of sexual assault and murder was driven by an alien evil force and fueled by an addiction to violent obscenity. What makes Bundy's case of immense interest to researchers is an execution-eve interview conducted by Dr. James Dobson, president of *Focus on the Family*. This videotaped interview took place Monday, January 23, 1989, 2:30 P.M. EST, at the State Penitentiary in Starke, Florida. Bundy called Dobson and offered the interview with the understanding that it would be used to warn the public of how his horrible downfall actually took place.

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There are several important points made during the interview. These points are listed below and are reinforced with direct Bundy quotes taken from the transcript of the interview in question. The subheadings and comments are by the author.

Point 1: Bundy Was Not Born A Monster. He Began Life As A Normal Person.

Point 2:..... Bundy Was Eventually Driven By an Evil Supernatural Force

Although he never named this force as demon possession, his descriptions of it and the obvious results point to a classic case of intermittent (time-sharing) demon possession. The symptoms of violence, lust, and an unnatural power of persuasion are clearly evident.

Bundy was featured in a February 1996 A & E cable broadcast of the program *Biography* moderated by Jack Perkins. The program said this about an outside force that contributed to Bundy's crimes:

"He would feel that he heard a voice. Now again, he would never admit that he "heard voices," because he knew that was insane. But, he would describe someone as "another Ted". This other Ted would start talking to him in this growling voice and point out that this woman thinks you could never have her. 'Look at her walking by. What is she thinking about you ...' And work him up into this hatred where then he would start this process of stalking ..."

Point 3: Obscenity Is Progressively Addictive

Point 4: There Is a Cause-and-Effect Relationship Between Using Obscenity and Criminal Sexual Behavior

Point 5: Bundy Recognized His Need to Be Accountable to Society and God For His Behavior

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Investigative reporters, psychologists, criminologists, and sociologists from all over the country are trying to discover the cause behind the rising number of sex crimes and murders. Some of these seekers for truth get rather close to the heart of the matter-- that intermittent demon possession is the cause. This is especially true of such TV tabloids as *American Journal*, *Limited Edition*, *Current Affair*, and even network standards like 20/20, 60 Minutes, 48 Hours, Prime Time Live, Dateline NBC, and Turning Point. At one time or another, all of these programs have skated

around the edges of what is obvious to anyone who can recognize the symptoms of demon possession: demons cause violent criminal behavior in what may otherwise be normal people.

For more information on the Dobson-Bundy interview, go to Appendix D.

10. Sex Crimes against Children

Few Americans have the slightest inkling of what has caused the current epidemic of child molestation and even fewer have any idea of how to combat it. This next section is of critical interest to everyone involved with the criminal justice system, everyone involved with the vast network of human services providers, and everyone who is a parent or guardian of a minor child. The fact is, humans who have been infected by demons are fully capable of sexually molesting children in ways that are sick beyond belief. One eloquent proof of this fact is the flood of child pornography that is available in every major city in the nation. The Supreme Court has determined that child pornography is not protected by the First Amendment. That one fact alone is indication of the depths of depravity to which demons can drive adults in their sexual activities with children. Since demon possession is not likely to be detected by persons who are not trained and sensitized to the presence of demons, any victim of demon possession can be the perpetrator of sex crimes against children. This is not limited to dirty old men in long raincoats, either. This involves both men and women who have easy access to young children and who are in positions of authority over them. The group of possible suspects does not exclude such stalwarts of the community as teachers, scout leaders, medical practitioners, ministers, priests, rabbis, baby sitters, and, sadly, parents and other close relatives.

The worst kind of child molester is the pedophile. Such a person makes sexual involvement with children a compulsive way of life. Photography plays a large role in the activities of the pedophile and digital photography makes it all the easier. Pictures are taken of children in sexual situations whom they have molested. These pictures are treasured, exchanged with other pedophiles, and often find their way into super-slick child pornography publications. Unfortunately, the Internet and the popular on-line services are being used to facilitate the spread of this plague against children.

The North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) is an organization dedicated to the normalization and legalization of this kind of perversion. Where NAMBLA (pronounced "NAM-bluh") is active, there is a strong chance that illegal child pornography is being produced, bought, sold, and exchanged close by. NAMBLA members have been reported to traffic in illegal kiddie porn and obscenity while portraying a facade of sophisticated normalcy to the local community. Members are often esteemed professionals in the fields of medicine,

education, or business and maintain positions of responsibility and authority in the community. NAMBLA's primary objective is to make it convenient and legal for men to have sex with boys.

The criminals in child molestation cases get pledges of silence from their victims through threats of violence. Since the perpetrators of sex crimes against children often work regularly with young children and hold positions of authority over them, it is relatively easy for an adult to psychologically abuse, as well as sexually abuse, these young victims. Children are told, "If you tell, you'll die," or "your parents will die", or "your house will burn down". After the horrors of sexual abuse, it's fairly easy for a small child to accept the possibility of horrible violence as well.

If a child does complain, the suspect presents a super-slick facade of innocence which is enhanced by the prince of liars himself, Satan. Back in the Garden of Eden, Satan lied to our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, and he's been doing it ever since. Part of the payoff the demons give sex criminals is the ability to lie to a judge and jury with a straight face, and to do it with such conviction that who will believe the word of a young child against a teacher, or minister, or scout leader, or baby sitter, or even a parent? And this problem is exacerbated by the horrible sexual crimes forced upon innocent children. When a tiny child says he or she was subjected to oral sex, or anal sex, or vaginal sex, or masturbation, or much, much worse, who is going to believe that poor child against the demon-enhanced lying of the criminal?

One of the best weapons the advocates of child victims have is the very innocence of that child before the molestation occurred. It's true that many children do have vivid imaginations. Unfortunately, inept and heavy-handed investigators may contaminate the memory and imagination of young victims through excessive and insistent questioning. Although it's true that some children do have difficulty distinguishing between truth and falsehood, it is unlikely that children will create a fantasy or falsehood out of something they know nothing about. Unless such a victim has been previously molested, or has been exposed to obscenity, or observed adult sexual activity, this child has nothing with which to fabricate a fantasy or falsehood involving extreme illicit sexual behavior.

11. Repressed Childhood Memories of Sexual Molestation.

Many adults are coming forward and claiming they were molested as children but that the memories of these experiences have been repressed all these years. As a result, parents, grandparents, ministers and teachers are being charged in court with child molestation and/or incest. Who is telling the truth is such cases?

Consider what we already know about sex criminals and the work of demons:

- 1. Demons give criminals the ability to lie with great conviction.
- 2. Sex criminals threaten their young victims with violence and even death if the truth is ever told.
- 3. Effective hypnotism may be successful because of demonic powers.

From this knowledge, we can draw these conclusions:

- A. Guilty people can lie convincingly in the face of their accusers and even a jury.
- B. When hypnotherapy is used to release the memories of a supposed victim of childhood abuse, a demon may have gotten involved in the process, even unknown by the therapist. The demon may be planting false memories in the mind of the client and then chortling with glee at the consternation that is being caused in the lives of the accuser and the accused.

What can be done if an adult suspects childhood abuse? Consider these alternatives:

- 1. Do nothing if there is no evidence that the bad behavior of the adult has continued over the years. Perhaps the suspect was under demonic influence at the time you were victimized but has been living a clean life for many years. Find it in your heart to forgive the person who has wronged you and then get on with your life.
- 2. If you need psychological help, seek a qualified therapist who understands spiritual warfare and deliverance from demon possession.
- 3. Avoid any therapist who wants to use hypnosis as a means of helping you remember the details of your now forgotten abuse. Remember that hypnosis may invoke demonic involvement in the process.
- 4. Consider criminal charges if there is evidence that children are still being physically or psychologically injured by this person.

12. Suicide

Human service workers across the country are alarmed at the rapidly-rising rate of suicide among teenagers. Some experts feel that suicide is now the number one cause of death among people in this age group. How can this be? Part of the answer is directly related to demon possession. You already know some facts about demons

that should be clues to the cause of this sky-rocketing rise in teen suicide. Demons are drawn to humans who are involved in illicit sex and/or who use drugs. The number of teenagers who are experimenting with illicit sex, drugs, or both is extremely high. That means that the demons are having a field day, zapping from teen to teen with implanted thoughts of self-destruction. I can just hear those demons now, whispering their diabolic rhetoric into the ears of our boys and girls: "Nobody really cares about you . . . "That fever and sore throat mean you probably already have AIDS . . . "Life has nothing to offer you anyway; why not step over and try it on the other side" . . . and on and on. A lot of these same kids are just an overdose away from death anyway, so taking the ultimate step is incredibly easy.

13. Rock Music

An extreme style of music, with its obvious overtones of demonic forces and drugs, acts as a powerful catalyst to draw kids into self-destruction. No discussion of demons would be complete without saying something about rock music. As a general rule, rock music does more damage to the ear drums than to the soul, but there are exceptions. If a person is already involved in one or more of the many practices that can draw demons, and if the rock music is performed by persons who are themselves involved with demons, yes; it can be a dangerous demonic catalyst.

However, Satan isn't wasting his time communicating with our young people through back-masking sinister subliminal messages of self-destruction.. The things Satan wants to say are already being said in plain English and in forward drive. You don't have to play the recording backward at all. Videos of harmful rock music must be included in this warning. Here is the most potent danger of all. When a young person who may be already tuned in to the occult sees a rock video performed and produced by an artist who is involved in the occult, a demonic bonding occurs which exceeds anything you may have experienced in your lifetime. The lawsuits against the musicians and producers of violence-oriented rock videos may be very close to the truth of the matter.

14. Spontaneous Human Combustion (SHC)

I've heard reports of persons bursting into flames for no apparent reason, and burning down into a scattering of ashes. In some cases, the heat is localized with the body, and in others, the immediate environment shows evidence of a high heat source. Investigators of SHC seem to be divided as to the cause. Some say the water in the body may divide into hydrogen and oxygen, which are flammable gases that can burst into flame. [What causes that separation?] Others say there is always an external ignition source, such as an electrical spark, which causes the fire.

As always, the first step is to determine if this is a supernatural event, above the

laws of science. If it is supernatural, is it as a result of evil power or Holy power? In one case, I heard an interviewed expert say in a somber tone that he didn't want to think about the alternatives if there were no natural causes.

There may be scientific reasons for SHC that we are not able to understand at this time. However, if it is supernatural, I am convinced that God never burns people alive in this life. The Bible clearly teaches that post-death punishment will occur in hell. Even then, the body will not be consumed but will remain on fire forever. Therefore, if SHC is indeed supernatural, it is the work of Satan and his demons. There may be some deep, dark secret in the life of an SHC victim which is unknown and unsuspected by family and close friends. The result, in these isolated cases: instant, total combustion and consumption.

15. As a Born-Again Christian, Am I Safe from Demon Possession?

The long answer is within the context of the description of the Solution to Demon Possession as outlined in Part 3. The short answer is YES, with certain qualifications: are you born again as described in John 3 and filled with the Holy Spirit as described in Acts 2? As long as you remain covered by the Blood of Jesus Christ, the context of the Bible -- taken as a whole – says you are safe from becoming a causality in any spiritual warfare skirmish that may flare up between the forces of good and evil.

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Part 3: The Solution to Demon Possession

(Also known as "Deliverance")

Background

In the fall of 1988, Geraldo Rivera produced a TV special for NBC titled *Devil Worship: Exposing Satan's Underground*. This program was reported to be the highest rated two-hour news documentary in the history of NBC up to that time. I saw that program and I was disappointed. At least 95 percent of the time and energy of that program involved highlighting the bizarre activities of persons involved with the forces of evil. Little if anything was said about the solution to the problem.

The same kind of thing happened on May 16, 1985. The ABC program 20/20 examined the problem of Satanic and demonic worship. Again, the program completely ignored the solution. Neither the NBC program nor the ABC program seemed to be aware of the solution clearly spelled out in Matt. 8:32a. This is where a man filled with a legion of demons is brought before Jesus. (A Roman "legion" was made up of 6,000 soldiers.) The demons recognize Him for Who and What He is and know He has total power over them. Therefore, they beg to be allowed to enter a herd of pigs in a nearby field. Jesus said to the demons, "GO!" -- and they went, into the pigs. The same Son of God who could say to a storm at sea "peace, be still" could say to a legion of demons "go into that herd of pigs" and they went. Just a word was all it took.

Receiving freedom from demons is a two-stage process. First, you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Second, you need to pray constantly to the Holy Spirit for ongoing protection.

Filled with the Holy Spirit

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, the vacuum in your soul is filled and there is no room for Satan and his demons. You may be hearing about being filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time. Or, you may be Wesleyan in doctrine and believe that you are filled with the Holy Spirit after you are saved, in a second, definite, instantaneous work of grace known as *entire sanctification*. You may have a Pentecostal background and believe you are filled with the Holy Spirit when you are *baptized in the Spirit*, sometimes with the evidence of speaking in unlearned

languages as the Spirit gives you utterance. Or, you may be Calvinist in doctrine and believe that you are filled with the Holy Spirit at the point you are saved, in a single work of grace. One thing applies in every case: be sure you ARE filled with the Holy Spirit. If you aren't, you're vulnerable to the attacks of Satan and His demons. You can try in your own power to avoid all the activities and practices that have been listed in this booklet as putting you at risk of becoming demon possessed. However, without the filling of the Holy Spirit, you are lacking the only source of power capable of giving you freedom from demons and keeping you free.

Covered by the Blood

When Jesus Christ died on the cross as your supreme sin sacrifice, His blood didn't just seep into the ground and return to dust. It became the active agent in the salvation of all persons who accept Him as their personal savior. Satan respects the power of the Blood and recognizes it as the source of your salvation. Therefore, not only do you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit initially, you need to pray constantly to God for the power of the shed blood of Jesus Christ to cover you, and for the power of the Holy Spirit to surround you.

The Holy Spirit has the power to protect you from evil, both seen and unseen. However, you have to remain in contact with that source of holy power.

1. Seven Steps to Deliverance from Your Demon Possession

If you have the symptoms of demon possession as described in Section 7 of Part 1 of this booklet, you can follow the steps outlined below to seek deliverance:

A. Find a Counselor and Helper

Find a mature evangelical Christian who understands spiritual warfare and who is willing to serve as your counselor and helper in helping you find deliverance. If you're not sure of the qualifications of a person to help and counsel you during your deliverance, ask the questions listed below. Look for someone else if you get any "no" answers or any hesitation when giving an answer. Not all ministers or prominent church members will be able to answer your questions appropriately.

Ask these questions:

- a. Do you know how to pray?
- b. Do you pray daily?

- c. Are you born again?
- d. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?
- e. Do you believe in the holy power of angels?
- f. Do you believe in the evil power of demons?

B. Believe In the Blood of Jesus Christ and The power Of The Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ had total authority over demons in New Testament times and He still does today. Profess your belief in Jesus as the Son of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Your prayer can be very simple and can go something like this:

"I believe God, the Father, is the creator of the universe and that He made everything in it, including me.

"I believe Jesus Christ is my supreme sacrifice for sin and that He came to earth to die on the cross for my sins so I won't have to die for those sins. I ask that His Blood cover my sins right now.

"I believe the Holy Spirit is in the world today to guide me into truth and to guard me from evil, both seen and unseen. I ask that the Holy Spirit fill me right now and evict the demon(s) in me.

"I believe God has commanded His holy angels to watch over me along the pathway of life. I ask God to send His holy angels to help me fight against my demon(s) right now.

C. Be Prepared for a Battle

When you profess your belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as your personal Savior, your demon may realize he is up against the ultimate holy power and leave quietly. However, the experience of many people who have been delivered from demons indicates you should be prepared for a spiritual battle. You should be prepared for resistance from the demon (or demons) that is possessing you. You are its home. You are its claim to fame in the demonic underground. You are its purpose for existing. It may not let you go without a struggle.

D. Expect a Recurrence after Deliverance

After you have been delivered from your demon(s), expect it to come back and try to possess you again. This is why it is so important that you are filled with the Holy

Spirit when you seek deliverance from your demon. When the Holy Spirit is inside your soul, He will both cleanse you from the effects of demon possession and give you the power to stay free from demons as well.

E. Pray Regularly

Pray regularly for the Holy Spirit to help keep you free of your demon(s). Prayer is your source of power. Without regular prayer for the help of the Holy Spirit to keep you free and clean, the demon will wait until your back is turned and try to sneak in again.

F. Read Your Bible Regularly

Read the Bible regularly, starting with the scriptures about the power of Jesus over demons as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, and as outlined in Section 2, Part 1 of this booklet. This section will also give you some tips on what translation of the Bible to read.

G. Attend Church Regularly

Start going to church regularly. If you don't know what church to attend, look in the phone book for one of these churches:

- a. Assemblies of God
- **b. United Pentecostal Church**
- c. Church of the Nazarene
- d. Wesleyan Church

The people in one of these churches will be likely to understand what you're talking about when you explain that you have been delivered from a demon(s).

2. Helping another Person Find Deliverance From Demon Possession

A. Make Sure Of Your Salvation

Make sure you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and that you are personally filled with the Holy Spirit. Dealing with demon possession should not be attempted by a person who is not on speaking terms with God, the Father, God, the

Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

B. Be Free From Unforgiven and Hidden Sin

Make sure there is no unforgiven hidden sin in your life. Demons play dirty, especially when their happy home is being threatened. They may know about your unforgiven sins and won't hesitate to blurt out all the dirty little facts through the mouth of the victim you are trying to help.

C. Verify the Symptoms

Be very careful about assuming that someone is demon possessed. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you guidance and spiritual discernment. Verify that there is a strong behavior pattern of violence, lust, greed, or unnatural persuasion, singly or in various combinations and in varying intensities.

D. Get the Victim's Permission

Obtain the victim's permission and pledge of cooperation before attempting to facilitate deliverance from a demon. If there is any hesitation, offer additional prayerful counseling before going any farther. As you begin to pray for deliverance, the demon may take over the victim's personality for periods of time. Make sure the victim is whole-heartedly in favor of deliverance before the demon begins to intervene in the victim's use of spiritual and mental faculties.

If the victim is a child, make sure you have the same permission and pledge of cooperation from a parent or guardian, as well as the child's consent, before beginning the deliverance process.

E. Verify the Victim's Salvation

Make sure the victim has accepted Jesus Christ as a Personal Savior. Jesus Christ has the power to create the universe but He will not invade the soul of a human being against that person's will. In the process of the victim's accepting Jesus Christ as personal Savior and asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit, the resident demon may quietly withdraw without a struggle.

F. Get On-Site Help

Get on-site help from other evangelical praying Christians who believe as you do about the Holy Spirit and demons. In addition to on-site help, or if on-site help is not available, enlist the long-range prayer support of other praying Christians.

Make sure the on-site helpers are both male and female, even when the victim is a

child. The reason for the male/female rule is very simple. Demons have an intense interest in illicit human sexuality. They may attempt to stir up sexual attractions among you (you, the victim, and the on-site helpers) of a heterosexual or homosexual nature.

In this same regard, if any of the on-site helpers have ever been delivered from homosexuality, such persons should excuse themselves from any on-site participation in the deliverance. Demons have no preference between heterosexual and homosexual lust feelings that they can stir up among humans.

G. Expect Spiritual Warfare

Expect resistance from the subject demon as well as other demons. Under normal circumstances, a demon will keep a low profile within the soul of a victim for many years and may not reveal its presence to a person without spiritual discernment. However, once you have let the demon know you're aware of its presence by your prayers, it will show its true colors. Even though the victim may be a close acquaintance or relative, you may hear a barrage of foul and abusive language. The voice of the victim may become coarse and guttural as the demon takes over the victim's powers of communication.

Make no response to anything the victim says while under the demon's control. Pray for the spiritual assistance of the Holy Spirit and the physical assistance of the holy angels but say absolutely nothing to the demon.

The demon may cause the victim to struggle violently, especially if you need to apply physical restraint to ensure the safety of all concerned. Make sure the restraint is passive. It will be a good idea to make sure the size and number of on-site helpers are adequate to provide passive restraint in a safe and effective manner.

H. Curb Your Ego

Don't overestimate your importance in the process. Your role (and that of the onsite helpers) is to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit through prayer. You are a catalyst in the overall deliverance process and nothing more. If deliverance is achieved, to God be the glory.

I. Don't Communicate with Demons

Don't attempt to communicate with a demon or Satan. Talk to the Holy Spirit and let Him do all the heavy lifting.

Avoid such statements as these:

"Demon, tell me your name. . . . Demon, I command you to release (victim's name).

... Come out this instant."

Neither you nor any other human has the power and authority to command a demon to do anything. All demons have names but these names are none of your business.

Instead of wasting your time trying to talk to the demon, pray in this vein:

"Blessed Jesus, cover us with the power of your blood. Please deliver (victim's name) from this demon. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill (victim's name) right now. Heavenly Father, send your holy angels down to help us with this struggle, in the Name of Jesus." It's not necessary to memorize this prayer and recite it word for word. Just pray extemporaneously, asking for the help of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and holy angels.

J. Be Patient

Don't expect instant results or even deliverance during the first session. If the first session is not successful, provide additional prayerful counseling and enlist additional prayer support from both on-site and off-site helpers. Then, try again.

K. Plan for On-Going Support

Be prepared to provide post-deliverance support and counseling. Make sure the victim has a praying helper on call for the first few days after the deliverance. The demon may attempt to re-enter the victim and prayerful support needs to be instantly available.

3. A Special Message to Sex Criminals

If you have committed sex crimes (such as rape or child molestation), or if you have suppressed urges to commit such crimes, the chances are very high that you are suffering from possession by a lustful demon. Nothing can give you permanent relief except deliverance through the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no cure in treatment. If you are arrested, convicted, and incarcerated, the relief will only last as long as you're locked up. As soon as you're out of jail, the demons will be right back, prompting you to resume your criminal activities.

By the way, the Holy Spirit may not keep you from being arrested for crimes committed before you were filled with His power. And if you are arrested, the Holy Spirit may not keep you from being tried, convicted, and incarcerated. But, if you are truly filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, the demons will be evicted and you will be free and clean as long as you continue to pray for the help of the Holy Spirit.

4. Attention Parents of Young Children

Here's a special message for parents of young children. Please share this with your kids. Paraphrase it if you can; read it if you must.

If any grown-up person has been doing anything to you in the private places of your body, tell Mommy or Daddy about it right away. And if any grown-up person has been making you do things to the private places of that person's body, tell Mommy or Daddy about it right away.

Parents, if your child of whatever age reports sexual molestation by an older person, pay immediate attention to what you are hearing. You see, the demon-infested persons who do these kinds of things are able to keep on doing them because of fear and shame. Not their own fear and shame but the fear and shame in the minds of the children they are molesting, as well as their parents.

5. Defensive Spiritual Warfare

Achieving freedom from demon possession is just the first step in a successful Christian life. You will need to be on the defensive as far as future involvement with demons is concerned. In Eph. 6:10-18, the Apostle Paul gives an action plan for dealing with Satan's demons and for taking a defensive stance in the spiritual warfare which always rages between Christians and demons. What kind of warfare is Paul talking about? He tells us, very clearly in 11-12:

"Put on the whole armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

In addition to describing a Christian's armor here in Ephesians 6, Paul also gives a very basic defensive command-- the word "stand".

"Stand" is an ancient military command to form a hollow square with all weapons pointing toward the outside so the enemy cannot approach from any angle. Listen to Paul's instructions in this regard:

V.11: Take your stand; V.13: Stand your ground; V.14: Stand firm. And above all, in verse 18 we are told to: Pray in the Spirit.

This is the true secret of success over Satan and his demons-- prayer in the Spirit.

You may need to do it dozens of times a day. Often it may be no more than three words: Come, Holy Spirit!. You may want to use the words of Bill Gaither's song: "Come, Holy Spirit, we need you. Come, sweet Spirit we pray. Come in your strength and your power. Come in your own gentle way."

6. Find a Good Church

Not all churches will have the ability to serve as a spiritual resource for persons who have been delivered from demons. If your church doesn't teach about the power of the Holy Spirit and how He can protect you from Satan and his demons-- find a church that does. Although you may not choose to leave your old church entirely, (at least not at first), you need to learn more about the Holy Spirit and to be around people who are filled with the Holy Spirit. No Christian of any degree of spiritual maturity can last long without the constant protection and power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a doctrinal option. He is an absolute necessity!

If you don't know where to find a church that teaches about the power of the Holy Spirit, get your phone book and use these names of international denominations for a start:

- a. Assemblies of God
- **b.** United Pentecostal Church
- c. Church of the Nazarene
- d. Wesleyan Church

7. The Legal Implications of Demon Possession

Demon possession provides some serious questions for the criminal justice system. Should a person who commits a violent crime while under the influence of one or more demons be punished for that crime? Will demon possession become a ploy for a crafty defense counsel? Should a demon-possessed person be considered legally insane, and therefore not to be held accountable for his or her crimes?

More than one born-again Christian has gone to prison for crimes that were committed before that person accepted Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. Demon possession is a moral and not a legal issue. Demons gain access to a person through activities done while the person was in full control of his/her faculties.

Demons are evicted through the power of the Holy Spirit. The law is not involved. Just as Ted Bundy was executed for his crimes, even after professing a faith in Jesus Christ, a demon-possessed person may be required to pay for crimes committed

while under the influence of a demon.		

Epilogue

Demon Possession Handbook may seem abrasive in places. Some may even claim it is homophobic. However, you have my assurance that it was written in the spirit of Christian love. My only purpose is to warn you of the dangers and share the solution.

In fact, the solution to the problem of demon possession that I outline in Part 3 is not original with me. I just adapted what was written thousands of years ago by the divinely-inspired authors of the Holy Bible.

- a). There are two forces of supernatural power in the universe: God and Satan.
- b). Satan is very pestiferous. However, of the two, God is by far the more powerful.
- c). At the end of all time, Satan will be put in his place -- to burn forever in the Lake of Fire.
- d). God won't have to do it. Jesus and the Holy Spirit won't have to do it. God will merely deputize an angel, and the angel will do it. This is proof of the comparative power of God and Satan.

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To God be the glory.

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Appendix A: Plan of Salvation

The true purpose of life and living is summarized in these 10 facts:

1. In the beginning, Almighty God created the entire universe, including the little speck in the cosmos we know as Planet Earth.

Genesis 1:1.

- 2. God was surrounded by angelic creatures who worshipped Him because it was their nature to do so. However, He wanted entities who would love Him because they wanted to, not because they had to.
- 3. Human beings were created for the express purpose of worshipping God. We were created in the spiritual image of God so He could have someone to talk to.

Genesis 1:27.

- 4. God deliberately created us with something theologians refer to as a "free moral agency". This means we could worship God because we wanted to. It also means we could reject God because we wanted to.
- 5. The penalty for disobeying God and breaking His laws was death. Not just death in the physical sense, but death as eternal separation from God.

Genesis 2:17

6. Our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, broke God's law and incurred the death penalty for their sin.

Gen. 3:6

7. However, God had mercy, and didn't impose eternal separation from Him immediately. Instead, He set up a system of sacrifice where animals would die on the altar for our sins. From the time of Moses until Jesus was born, animals died on the altar of God so humans wouldn't have to die for their sins.

Leviticus 1:4

8. But animal death was only a temporary system of salvation. The ultimate sacrifice was to be His own Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was born in a barn as the Lamb of God.

Luke 2:1-20; John 1:29; Revelation 5:9-10.

9. When Jesus died on that Roman cross, He paid the death penalty for all of us who accept Him. Everyone who had watched in faith as animals died on the altar of God as their sin sacrifice was saved by the blood of Jesus on the cross. And, all of us who look back to the cross and accept Jesus as our personal savior are saved by His blood, also.

Acts 4:12.

- 10. The Bible clearly predicts that some day, Jesus Christ will return to Earth and rapture all persons (living and dead) who have accepted sacrificial blood as their salvation from sin. In a Biblical context, "rapture" means the instant removal of all persons living and dead who have accepted God's plan for their salvation by means of holy sacrifice. For background information, read the novel, Gone.
- All the Old Testament prophecies about the first coming of Jesus were fulfilled, right down to the place where He would be born. There is no reason to believe that the New Testament prophecies concerning His second coming will not be fulfilled in equal detail.

Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

When you accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior, you are born again, just as Jesus taught Nicodemus in the third chapter of the Gospel of John. Therefore, you are a "baby Christian", regardless of your chronological or mental age.

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Appendix B: Glossary of Terms

Angels, Fallen. Another term for demons which refers to the most logical origin of demons, as described in Revelation 12:7-9. They are known as fallen because they rebelled against God and were hurled out of Heaven to earth as a result.

Angels, Holy. The supernatural beings that did not rebel against God, and become fallen angels or demons.

Astrology. The study of the heavenly constellations for the purpose of predicting the future for persons born under a specific sign of the zodiac.

Astronomy. The legitimate science of studying the heavenly bodies.

Channel. The alleged ability of a psychic to communicate with the dead; usually associated with belief in reincarnation; crystals may be used to enhance the process.

Deliverance. The process of helping a person become free of demon possession through prayer for the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit. The on-site helper during deliverance is only a catalyst. The Holy Spirit is the active agent and does all the real work. Evangelical deliverance should not be confused with exorcism, which is a precise liturgical ritual practiced with the sanction of the Roman Catholic Church.

Demon oppression. Sometimes used as another term for severe temptation by Satan. Some evangelicals use this term interchangeably with demon "possession." [The author advises against this confusion. JFC]

Demon possession. The action of a demon taking over the mind and soul of a human that is not being protected by the Holy Spirit. Possession may be intermittent through a demonic time-sharing process that allows a single demon to contaminate many people almost simultaneously. A single instance of demon possession may last no longer than a few seconds, but with devastating results, as in the case of a mass murderer with an automatic weapon. See "Time-sharing."

- **Demons.** Evil supernatural beings that serve Satan and work against humans. The word probably comes from the ancient word "da" which means "the knowing ones."
- **Devil.** A word used in the King James Version to represent either Satan, the primary agent of evil, or an individual demon. See "demon."
- **Discernment**. The ability of persons who are filled with the Holy Spirit to detect the activity of demons based on the presence in victims of the known symptoms of violence, lust, greed, and an unnatural power of persuasion.
- **Evil spirit.** A word used in the King James Version of the Bible to represent an individual demon. See "demon."
- God, the Father. The first Person of the Trinity; the chief executive officer of the entire universe. All supernatural power, holy and evil, originates with Him.
- God, the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity; when Jesus died and went to Heaven, He sent back His Holy Spirit to serve humans in three ways: (1) help us understand the Bible and what it teaches about God and Jesus Christ; (2) help us do the will of God in our lives; and (3) help us resist the evil power of Satan and his demons.
- God, the Son. The second Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. He came to earth so He could die as the supreme sin sacrifice for all humans. He is the Lamb of God.
- Gospels. The first four books of the New Testament. The word "gospel" means "good news."
- **Greed.** One of the primary symptoms of demon possession, along with violence, lust, and an unnatural power of persuasion.
- **Guardian angels**. Holy angels in their capacity as the protectors of humans who believe in prayer and pray to God for physical and spiritual protection.
- King James Version. The most popular Protestant translation of the Bible; commissioned by King James of England and completed in 1611.
- *Living Bible*. A paraphrase of the King James Version of the Bible by Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, Tyndale House, Wheaton, IL, Copyright 1971; useful for people who are studying the Bible for the first time.

- Luke, the Physician. The author of the third gospel; a recognized authority on Biblical demon possession.
- Lust. One of the primary symptoms of demon possession, along with violence, greed, and an unnatural power of persuasion.
- NAMBLA: the North American Man/Boy Love Association. NAMBLA (pronounced "NAM-bluh") is an organized group of pedophiles that is dedicated to promoting the normalization and legalization of men having sex with boys. NAMBLA members may be respected members of the community with stature in such fields as education and medicine.
- **New International Version (NIV)**, Zondervan Bible Publishers, Grand Rapids, MI, Copyright 1978. This is a scholarly modern language translation from Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and is equally suitable for first-time readers and advanced Bible students.
- New Testament. The second major division of the Bible; the first is the Old Testament. In this context, "testament" means covenant or contract. The Old Testament states that persons that obey the Law of Moses as handed down by God will have eternal life. The New Testament states that persons that accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lamb of God will have eternal life. See "sacrifice".
- Pedophile. A person that makes sexual involvement with children a compulsive way of life. Photography plays a large role; pictures are taken of children in sexual situations whom they have molested; these pictures are treasured, exchanged with other pedophiles, and often find their way into super-slick child pornography publications. Computer electronic mail bulletin boards are used to facilitate activities. The North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) is a major organization of pedophiles.
- **Psychic.** A person who claims to have supernatural powers to do such things as predict the future, solve mysteries, communicate with the dead, or heal the sick. If a person really has this kind of power, it comes from Satan and his demons. This is true even though the intent of such an individual is benign.
- **Reincarnation.** The theory that a soul occupies successive bodies down through the centuries. Psychics use a process called channeling to communicate with persons from other eras.
- **Resurrection.** The Biblical doctrine that we will be raised from the dead with a glorified body when Jesus returns to earth.

- Sacrifice. The central theme of God's plan for allowing humans to escape the death penalty for our sins. In the Old Testament, animals died so we wouldn't have to die for our sins. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ died as the Lamb of God and became the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.
- **Satan.** The major source of evil power in the universe. Satan derives his power from God, who grants it to him on a temporary basis. Ultimately, God will destroy Satan and bring an end to all evil power. See Revelation 20:10.
- **Spirit guide**. A euphemism for demons used by psychics and persons who are involved with such activities as mind control. Persons who use "spirit" guide may not know its true meaning.
- **Spiritual Warfare**. The constant spiritual battle that rages between God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Angels, on the side of good, and between Satan and his demons on the side of evil. Human beings are in the crossfire and are in danger unless they are shielded by being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Supernatural**. Anything that is above the laws of nature. There are only two sources of supernatural power: God and Satan. If a phenomenon is not of God, it is of Satan. There is no "neutral" supernatural power.
- **Synoptic.** The literal meaning is "seeing together". The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are considered to be the synoptic Gospels because they report many of the same incidents in the life of Jesus.
- **Time-sharing**. The process whereby a main-frame computer works with many users simultaneously. This book uses the analogy of time-sharing to explain how a fixed number of demons may be able to trouble millions of humans around the world.
- Trinity. The three-fold nature of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Unnatural power of persuasion**. One of the primary symptoms of demon possession, along with violence, lust, and greed.
- **Violence.** One of the primary symptoms of demon possession, along with lust, greed, and an unnatural power of persuasion.

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Appendix C: Glossary of Evangelical Terms

This glossary includes terms commonly used in evangelical worship and publications and is presented here to augment the definitions listed in Appendix B.

- Accepting Christ; Born Again; Conversion; New Birth; Salvation; Saved. A conscious and climactic act of believing that Jesus is the Son of God and that His sacrificial death for our sin holds the power to free us from the guilt, domination, and punishment of sin.
- **Addiction.** A chemical and/or psychological need to use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs. All three are addictive for the same reasons. For some strange reason, our culture has elected to consider alcohol and tobacco as *legal*.
- **Adoption**. The process of reinstating us in the favor of God as a brother of Jesus Christ and the son of God.
- **Age of accountability.** The age beyond which a child will be held responsible for his/her relationship with Christ.
- **Altar.** A railing at the front of the church, between the platform and the pews, that is used as a place of prayer.
- Altar Call; Altar Invitation. The part of the service when worshippers are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar for prayer.
- **Anoint.** The prayer of healing by a minister, usually accompanied by touching oil (a symbol of the Holy Spirit) on the brow amid a chorus of oral prayer.
- **Baby Christian.** The term used for a person who has recently accepted Jesus Christ as a personal savior.
- **Backslide**. According to Wesleyan doctrine, the ability to fall from the bornagain state because of sinning, as illustrated in Ezekiel 18:21-24.
- **Baptized in the Spirit.** According to Pentecostal doctrine, a special filling of the Holy Spirit usually associated with the gift of speaking in unlearned languages. Acts 2/

Baptism, adult. Complete immersion as a testimony of the fact that Christ has washed away all sin.

Baptism, infant. Bringing a baby or young child before the altar for sprinkling with water; replaced by "infant dedication" in many evangelical churches.

Benediction. The concluding prayer in a worship service.

Book store. A retail outlet that specializes in Bibles and Christian music, literature, and gifts.

Bulletin. A folder that includes the order of service and a listing of activities. A bulletin is usually handed to visitors as they are seated by an usher.

Camp meeting. A series of outdoor revival services held in a rustic setting.

Calvinist. The school of evangelical thought developed by John Calvin that is characterized by the following concepts: (a) God has already decided (predestined) who will be saved and who will be lost and there is nothing we can do to change that; (b) a Christian is filled by the Holy Spirit when born again instead of in a separate act of sanctification; (c) all Christians sin daily in word, thought, and deed, and must ask for daily forgiveness; (d) if a born-again believer returns to a life of sin, that person will not go to Hell if death or the rapture comes before repentance; and (e) he/she is eternally secure. Major denominations: the various branches of the Baptist Church.

Canon. The sacred writings that have been accepted as the official books of the Bible.

Charismatic. See "Pentecostal".

Christian. A person who has been born again and who is living according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Comforter. A term for the Holy Spirit found in the King James Version of the Bible.

Communion. A symbolic re-enactment of the Last Passover Supper when Jesus shared bread and wine with His disciples the evening before He was crucified. The Last Supper was simultaneously the last celebration of Passover and the first celebration of Communion.

- **Concordance.** A word index of Bible verses.
- Conference, district. All the churches of one denomination within a given geographic area.
- **Congregational singing.** The part of a worship service when everyone sings together.
- **Consecration**. Consciously turning your life over to Christ.
- **Conviction.** A state of anxiety brought on by the Holy Spirit, associated with the knowledge that there is a need to accept Christ and achieve forgiveness for sins.
- **Dedication, church.** A special service for consecrating facilities to the service of God.
- **Dedication, infant.** A special service when parents bring a baby to the altar and promise they will train him/her in the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- **Demons.** The fallen angels who were thrown out of Heaven with Satan for rebellion against God; from the ancient word da, meaning the "knowing ones".
- **Demon possession.** The presence of one or more Satanic demons within the body and mind of a human being.
- **Denomination.** A group of churches held together with a form of central government.
- **Devotions.** Personal daily prayer and Bible reading.
- **Doctrine.** A statement of what the Bible teaches and the church believes.
- **Eternal security.** According to Calvinist doctrine, the inability of a born-again believer to miss Heaven because of sinning.
- **Evangelical**. Any religious activity with an emphasis on encouraging others to accept Jesus Christ.
- **Evangelism.** The act or process of encouraging persons to accept Christ.
- **Evangelist.** A minister who makes a career of preaching in revivals and camp meetings.

- Faith. Accepting the teaching of the Bible as fact even without "proof".
- Family altar. A time when the family has devotions together, including Bible reading and prayer.
- Free moral agency; will. The ability to choose good or evil without direct intervention by God or Satan.
- Full-gospel. To be associated with Pentecostal activities, as in Full-Gospel Business Men's Association.
- **Fundamentalist.** A media term for any person or group with a strong commitment to a religious belief; evangelical.
- God, the Father. The Chief of the Godhead who is holy, all powerful, all knowing, and present everywhere.
- God, the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Godhead revealed to us on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2.
- God, the Son. Jesus Christ, the second person of the Godhead who came to earth to die as a sin sacrifice for us.
- Gospel music. Christian songs with an evangelical emphasis.
- **Gospels.** The first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.
- **Greek.** The language in which most of the original New Testament was written.
- **Healing.** The power of God to alleviate physical problems.
- **Heaven.** The literal place reserved for the eternal joy of all persons saved by the blood of The Lamb.
- **Hebrew**. The language in which the original Old Testament was written.
- Hell. The literal place reserved for the eternal punishment of Satan, demons, and sinners.
- **Hypocrite**. A person who appears to talk better than he or she lives.

Inspiration. God's blessing on the Bible's authors that enabled them to write what they wrote.

Intercessory prayer. Praying for someone else.

Invocation. The opening prayer of a service, calling in the Holy Spirit.

Justification. Total forgiveness by God.

King James Version. A popular translation of the Bible completed in 1611.

Lamb of God. The title Jesus carries in heaven because He died for our sins.

Liturgy. Any form of worship.

Living Bible. A modern language paraphrase of the Bible published by Tyndale House.

Manual. A book of denominational doctrine and regulations.

Membership. Vowing to accept a denomination's doctrine and live by its regulations.

Message. The presentation of the sermon by the pastor or evangelist.

Minister. The spiritual and administrative leader of a local church.

Missionary. A person who serves the Lord in another country as minister, doctor, nurse, teacher.

New Testament. The second section of the Bible that contains the new contract we have with God.

NIV. New International Version, a popular modern language translation of the Bible published by Zondervan.

Offering. Putting money in the plate when it is passed.

Offertory. Music that is played during the offering.

Old Testament. The first section of the Bible that contains the old contract with God.

Pauline Epistles. Letters that the Apostle Paul wrote to his new churches.

Pentecostal. The school of evangelical thought developed around the fact that on the first day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was given, the observers were able to hear Peter preach in their native languages. Pentecostal, or charismatic, doctrine is characterized by the following concepts: (a) the Christian should be baptized in the Holy Spirit after being born again, and (b) a Christian who is baptized in the Holy Spirit will receive special gifts such as the ability to speak in unlearned languages (tongues), interpret a message given in tongues, and/or pray for the sick with the "laying on of hands". The modern Pentecostal movement grew out of the three-year Azusa Street (Los Angeles) revival that began in 1906. Major denominations: Assemblies of God, United Pentecostal Church, Foursquare Church. Many non-Pentecostal churches have pockets of charismatic worshippers, including denominations not usually associated with Evangelicals.

Plan of Salvation. God's accepting animal deaths and then Christ's death as payment for man's sin.

Platform. The raised area at the front of the church.

Prayer. Talking to God.

Prayer Service. A mid-week service devoted to prayer and Bible study.

Predestination. According to Calvinist doctrine, the fact that God has already decided who will go to Heaven and who will go to Hell.

Protestant. A Christian who is not a Catholic. Martin Luther was the original Protestant because he *protested* against the evils of the organized religion of his day.

Pulpit. The lectern at which the minister stands.

Quarterly. A study guide for Sunday school classes which is issued every three months.

Rally. A special service for promoting a specific aspect of the church's program.

Rapture; Second Coming. The unannounced return of Jesus to take all Christians to heaven to be with Him forever.

Regeneration. Being born again.

Responsive reading. A leader and a group taking turns reading verses of scripture.

Restitution. After salvation, paying back what is owed and asking forgiveness where needed.

Revival. A series of services with an emphasis on spiritual growth and evangelism.

Sacrifice. The death of animals in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ in the New Testament because God requires the death penalty for sin.

Sanctification. According to Wesleyan doctrine, a second (after being born again), definite, instantaneous work of grace that removes the inbred carnal nature through an act of the Holy Spirit, thereby making it less likely [but not impossible] for the believer to sin again.

Sanctuary. The portion of a church building used for worship services.

Satan; Devil. The primary evil supernatural being who wants everyone to sin and go to hell forever where he will be.

Scripture. The writings in the Bible.

Seekers. Persons who come forward for prayer during an altar invitation.

Sin. A willful violation of God's laws as set forth in the Bible.

Standards. Bible based guidelines developed by a denomination regarding behavior and interaction.

Sunday School. A Christian education program that meets for an hour each Sunday morning.

Temptation. An urge to do something wrong as brought on by Satan and his demons.

Testimony. A public statement of having accepted Jesus Christ as a personal savior.

Text. A portion of scripture used by a minister as the basis for a sermon.

Tithing. Paying ten percent of personal income to the work of the Lord.

Tongues. Speaking in unlearned languages. See "Pentecostal".

Trinity. The Godhead made of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Tureen dinner. A fellowship meal comprised of casseroles brought by the participants. Also known as "potluck supper."

Vacation Bible School. A summer Christian education program lasting one or two weeks.

Vestibule. The foyer or entryway of a church building.

Wesleyan. The school of evangelical thought developed by John Wesley which is characterized by the following concepts: (a) the Christian should be sanctified by a filling of the Holy Spirit after being born again; (b) a Christian who is sanctified is better equipped to resist Satan's temptations to sin, and (c) if a bornagain believer returns to a life of sin (backslides), that person will go to Hell if death or the rapture comes before repentance. Major denominations: Church of the Nazarene, Wesleyan Church. Persons who follow the Wesleyan doctrine are also known as Arminians.

Witness. Telling another person about how to accept Jesus Christ as a personal savior.

Youth for Christ. A Christ centered youth organization for high school students.

Youth Society or youth group. A church's program for young people.

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Appendix D: Dr. James Dobson and His Interview with Ted Bundy

One of the most infamous sex criminals of all time is Ted Bundy. According to his own words, Bundy believed his descent into the horrible pit of sexual assault and murder was fueled by an addiction to violent obscenity. What makes Bundy's case of immense interest to evangelical Christians is an execution-eve interview conducted by Dr. James Dobson, president of *Focus on the Family*. This interview took place Monday, January 23, 1989, 2:30 P.M. EST, at the State Penitentiary in Starke, Florida. Bundy called Dobson and offered the interview with the understanding that it would be used to warn the public of how his horrible downfall actually took place.

There are several important points made during the interview, which are reinforced with five direct Bundy quotes:

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Point 1: Bundy was not born a monster. He began life as a normal person.

"... there was no physical abuse or fighting in the home... I led a normal life ... "

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Point 2: Obscenity is progressively addictive.

"... You reach that jumping off point where you begin to wonder if maybe actually doing it will give you that which is beyond just reading about it or looking at it..."

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Point 3: There is a cause-and-effect relationship between using obscenity and criminal sexual behavior.

"... I've met a lot of men who were motivated to commit violence just like me. And without exception, every one of them was deeply involved in pornography..."

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Point 4: Bundy was eventually driven by an evil supernatural

force. Although he never named this force as demon possession, his descriptions of it, and the obvious results, point to a classic case of intermittent (time-sharing) demon possession.

"... have been possessed by something so awful and so alien, and then the next morning wake up from it, remember what happened ...

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Point 5: Despite the influences of obscenity and demonic forces, Bundy recognized his need to be accountable to society and God for his behavior.

"... I deserve, certainly, the most extreme punishment society has and society deserves to be protected from me and from others like me, that's for sure."

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Appendix E: A Special Message for Gays and Lesbians

And Those Who May Think They Are or Who Are Leaning That Way

Perhaps you are dissatisfied with your sexual orientation and would like to be straight. Or, perhaps you are straight now but feel urges to try homosexual activity. Or, perhaps you are perfectly happy the way you are, but want to see what this is all about.

Consider these facts:

1. God loves [agape] you, and I love [philos] you, too.

You've probably heard Bible-bangers use this phrase and you've said, "Yeah, right!" in a sarcastic frame of mind. However, the English word "love" is not adequate to describe the emotions that are involved when love is used. In the Greek that was spoken in Bible times, there are three main words to express the concept of "love": agape, philos, and eros. Let's look at them one at a time.

Agape [uh-GAH-pay].

This is God's love for us and our love for God.

Philos [FEE-loss].

This is fellowship love we have for our friends.

Eros [AIR-oss].

This is sexual love.

2. God is our manufacturer, and has provided a user manual we call the Holy Bible.

Any responsible manufacturer knows the operating parameters of his/her product. Therefore, he/she outlines the guidelines for use and maintenance that are necessary for proper, trouble-free operation.

3. Failure to operate a mechanism according to the specifications in the user manual will cause problems.

Sometimes these problems will develop over a long time. Never adding or changing the oil in your new car is an example. You may be able to drive tens of thousands of miles before the engine will stop.

Sometimes, these problems will occur in a shorter time. If you never put gas in your new car, it will go about 300 miles before stopping.

And sometimes, failure to observe the manufacturer's specifications will cause your new car to stop instantly. Throwing your car into reverse at 65 mph will tear out the transmission, or lock up the wheels, or throw you into a skid that results in a major crash. Or, all of the above.

Failure to add gas and change oil -- or putting your transmission into reverse -- aren't wrong because the user manual says they're wrong. On the contrary, the user manual says they're wrong because they *are* wrong. What gives the manufacturer the authority to decide for customers at large what is right and wrong? The answer is obvious.

All thinking people know the Bible forbids homosexual relationships. Although God forbids homosexual relationships and activities, He fully endorses sex between married persons.

Consider these concepts:

God didn't manufacture you in direct violation of His own user manual.

You were not born a homosexual. You became one after birth.

Satan has used his demons to contaminate your normal, God-given sexual desires.

From ancient times, demons have had an intense interest in all illicit sexual behavior. Most idolatrous and pagan forms of worship involve illicit sexual activity, including the classic temple prostitutes. [I am defining "illicit" as any sexual activity that is outside the bounds and bonds of marriage.] Demons have no sexual preference as long as it is illicit: rape, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, incest, child molestation, group sex, bestiality, obscenity -- they love it all. It's hard to tell what is cause and what is effect. Where illicit sex is already practiced, they flock to that site as observers and catalysts. Where it is not happening, they attempt to infest those vulnerable to evil supernatural powers with lust.

You became homosexual . . . when one or more of Satan's demons, probably using the time-sharing technique described in Part 1, detected your susceptibility to demonic influence. This susceptibility could have been brought on by any one, or a combination of the causes described in Part 2 of this booklet. Perhaps you were drawn into homosexual activity by a same-sex friend who was also troubled by a time-sharing demon.

That's enough talk about the problem. There is a solution.

It's outlined in Part 3 of this booklet. This solution is not based on the teachings of a particular church, denomination, or sect. It's simply based on what the Bible teaches on the power of good and evil. According to the <u>Bible's Plan of Salvation</u>, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the holy angels want to have you with them in Heaven for eternity. But Satan and his demons want to damn your soul to Hell with them forever.

This conflict between holy power and evil power produces spiritual warfare. You and I, -- all humans -- are in the crossfire.

The solution: enlist Holy power to overcome the evil power as described in Part 3.

My prayer is that you will seriously consider this solution before you zap to another part of cyperspace.

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Appendix F: Scripture Relating to Demon Possession

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All scripture verses should be read within the context of the whole passage: who said it, to whom was it said, why was it said, what happened before and after. Therefore, the following verses should be studied from the Bible, within their context.

St. Matthew Regarding the Power of Jesus Christ Over Demons

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Chapter 8

- 28 When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demonpossessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way.
- 29 What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"
- 30 Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding.
- 31 The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."
- 32 He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water.

Summary of Luke's Writings about Demons

The Holy Bible has many references to demons and demon possession. However, Luke, the author of the Gospel According to St. Luke, was a physician by training. Therefore, his references to demons are especially significant.

Demons knew who Jesus was: Luke 4:33-35; Luke 4:41.

33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are-- the Holy One of God!" 35 Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. . . . 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

Difference between those who were sick and those who were demon possessed: Luke 7:21.

21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.

Some had multiple demons: Luke 8:2; Luke 8:30.

2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out... 30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Demon caused violence and epilepsy in a child: Luke 9:38-42

38 A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. 39 A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. 40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." ... 42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

Demon caused speech disability: Luke 11:14

14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.

Demon caused physical disability: Luke 13:10-13

10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

The Apostle Paul's Instructions Regarding Spiritual Warfare as Recorded in Ephesians, Chapter 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Book of Revelation, Regarding the Origin and Future of Satan

Satan's Origin:

12:7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 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. . . . 17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring -- those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Satan's Future:

20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, . . . 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Selected References to Demons in the New Testament of the Holy Bible

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All scripture verses should be read within the context of the whole passage: who said it, to whom was it said, why was it said, what happened before and after. Therefore, the following verses should be studied from the Bible, within their context.

Before reading about demons, read this passage about God's holy angels from . . .

Psalm 91:11-12: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Matthew 8:31: The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

Matthew 9:33-34: And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

Matthew 10:8: Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 17:18: Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

Mark 1:26: The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Mark 1:34: and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

- Mark 1:39: So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.
- Mark 3:15: and to have authority to drive out demons.
- Mark 5:8: For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"
- Mark 5:12: The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."
- Mark 5:15: When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.
- Mark 6:13: They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.
- Mark 7:26: The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.
- Mark 7:29: Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." . . . She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
- Mark 16:17: And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
- Luke 4:33: In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ... Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.
- Luke 4:41: Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.
- Luke 8:2: and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magadalene) from whom seven demons had come out;
- Luke 8:29: For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. . . . Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" . . . "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him.
- Luke 8:32: A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons

- begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission... When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.
- Luke 8:35: and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.
- Luke 9:1: When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,
- Luke 9:42: Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.
- Luke 10:17: The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."
- Luke 11:14: Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.
- John 10:21: But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"
- Acts 19:15: 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.
- 1 Cor. 10:20: No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. . . . You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.
- 1 Tim. 4:1: The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.
- James 2:19: You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe thatand shudder.
- Rev. 9:20: The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood -- idols that cannot see or hear or walk.
- Rev. 16:14: They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of

God Almighty.

Rev. 18:2: With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.

Appendix G: Feedback from Readers

- I came upon your site while doing occult related research and went through the excerpts from your book. I'm an investigator certified in occult crime control "prevention, investigation and analysis", much of which time is spent profiling. The excerpts are an excellent reference and resource, both professionally, and personally. ... many questions were raised that were tough to find answers to without a lot of Bible searching. ... Your writings cut to the chase. With topics and answers which are easy to understand, and scripture references to back it up. It is a definite asset to students, practitioners and investigating researchers like myself. I truly appreciate your work. Keep it up!
- I am very interested in this site for there are many things I have learned from this site. . .
- Hi. I was reading your website. It's very insightful.
- Hello... I think your site is a GOD-send!!
- Thank you for your candid as well as direct advice on demon possession. All
 the information was based on the Bible which made all your teaching and
 advice truly credible.
- I think this site is great, and have learned much from it.
- I wanted to thank you for your site and all that's in it. Sunday morning at church someone came to me and said that she knew that one of her friends was demon possessed. She told me she didn't know what to do and (I guess) was asking for my advice. I told her that I believe it says in the Bible that we have the power to cast out demons and showed her the place at the end of Mark where it said that. The past few days I've been searching for information about that. I did a search from crosswalk.com and came across your web-site that way.
- Thanks. I am consuming your site.

- This is the most wonderful thing I have found on this computer since I've had it!
- I ... want to say how much I enjoyed both your articles on deliverance and <u>Biblical perspective on sex</u>! Very well written and based on the Word.
- I enjoyed your book on demons and possession. Having been through deliverance myself, I know first hand that they are real.
- I was studying for a class on "Kids that kill" and came across your site. I thank God for you. I am saved. I attend [an evangelical church]. . I really have a desire for our youth who some have gotten over on the enemy's territory and will not or won't come back. I am also a deputy sheriff and see our babies being destroyed daily by each other, The reason I took this class was to learn how and why for their behavior. Once this is done I can go minister the love of Jesus and pray. Now that I have your site at hand I am going in for war. I know I will never reach all but who is put in my path I will minister the love and the blood. (soon I will get the disk) I know because of the anointing they will be a powerful took in my work. Thanks for taking the time to share the power of our lord and Savior. My prayers will be with you always.
- I have been doing research on demonic possession and I would like to extend my sincere respect for the site you have put together on demonic possession. This site seems to cover a great deal, if not almost all, of the many aspects of demon possession. I also, wanted to express my thanks, as this site has greatly aided my research.
- I think you have done a tremendous job educating the average person on the subject of demon possession and the pitfalls of pornography, etc., and that you are to be commended for this. Keep up the good work! May God richly bless you.
- Thanks for your handbook about Demon Possession. You are a terrific and helpful writer. (Please remain humble and helpful.) I appreciate the way you include the different opinions as to exactly how and when one may be filled with the Holy Spirit, yet you point the reader to the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus and the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit. I am probably a cross between Christian church and free will Baptist. I hope you've had a chance to read Billy Graham's autobiography, "Just As I Am". You seem a lot like him, in your love for people and God. Thanks for the Ted Bundy Interview. I believe our young people need to know that pornography

is progressively addictive. Question: What specific steps have you taken to get so many visits to your terrific site? God bless you and your work for him.

- I must say that I am truly impressed with your website! Great work! Before reading the information I found here, I had just seen the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, in Demon Possession. I am a Christian woman that is currently pursuing a career in law enforcement. With all of the garbage accessible on the Internet, it's extremely important to do what you all have done with your page, which is to inform the populace about things that are more than likely occurring in the very neighborhoods in which they reside. ... Keep up the great work in keeping the public informed! God bless you all!
- I want to thank you for publishing the Demon Possession Handbook on Internet. I have experienced demonic time-sharing during several deliverance-sessions. We thank our Lord Jesus Christ that there is power and authority in His name! We can witness about many (physical and mental) healings by casting out demons. Jesus is the same as well in the USA as in Holland! We pray that the call of Jesus on you may be a blessing for many more, and they also can proclaim that Jesus really is Lord!
- Just a note to say that I am in complete agreement with the content and principals contained in the publications on your *DiskBooks* website. I especially appreciate the insights you present in the Handbook for Demon Possession, chiefly with regard to the relationship between demonic activity and the tragic victimization of our children. Our collective society needs to remove the blinders, and wake up and smell the revelation! Thank you for your generosity in making this ammunition available to us who are committed to the battle. May God's anointing continue to be upon you.
- Yours is the FIRST I HAVE seen that deals with the subject TRULY on a SCRIPTURAL basis as to what Demon possession is.
- Demon Possession Handbook and <u>Bible Sex Facts</u>: I really enjoyed your web site about demons and also about sex in marriage.
- I want to thank you for the time and effort you put into the Demonic Possession handbook, and for making the handbook available on the net. The handbook was extremely helpful to me, particularly your list of the 4 symptoms of demonic possession and the description of the cause of possession -- the absence of the Holy Spirit.

- I work as a corrections officer and also a 911 operator. I am a Christian and I do agree with all you have shared.
- I really enjoyed reading your material on "demonism." Could you please tell me how I could get hard copies of your materials?
- I could hardly believe what I have been reading regards demon activity today. Not that it's at all new to me. On the contrary, having grown up spiritually under the ministry(s) of Watchman Nee, Mrs. Jessie Penn-Lewis, Kenneth Hagin, Derek Prince, Win Worley and some others. . . For the straightforward style of instruction that your site presents in many files I'm looking over, I applaud your service to those on the world wide web. Thank you.
- I've stumbled upon your site, The Demon Possession Handbook, and while I have not had the opportunity as of yet to read extensively, I feel the need to tell you that what I've read so far is so CREDIBLE --it's really good stuff! One of the problems I have with similar sites is that they tend to be a little on the "hysterical" and "zealot" side, and that is certainly off-putting to someone unfamiliar with the subject, just reading out of curiosity. I'm sure there is a good mix of people that visit your site. There are those that already have at least some knowledge of demon possession, who enjoy the straight-up facts offered on your site. More importantly, in my opinion, though are those that visit vour site out of curiosity and no real knowledge of the legitimacy of the subject, but gain a healthy and credible knowledge while visiting. Just think of the vast numbers of baby Christians and curious non-Christians that are nodoubt turned-off by hysterical, over-zealous "fanatics" that lure the uninformed onto their site by tantalizing titles! What damage is done! Your site is SO well grounded, and I just had to THANK YOU for that! I'm sure that it will make more than a few people re-evaluate some "innocent" areas of their lives, Praise God! Keep up the good work!
- I just read your book on possession and God. It was riveting and it opened my eyes to many complacencies in today's society. I am a Christian who loves and worships the Lord and His Son, Jesus Christ. I do not, however, behave as well as I should and God knows I should. Reading this book though has helped clear my head of the demons that taunt me on a daily basis. My eyes have once again been opened to God.
- I found your article interesting. When the OJ Simpson thing started, I got this gut feeling,,, that the reason for the double murder had to do with demon possession. People would comment on the "look" in OJ's eyes. It just hit me like a ton of bricks that this is what it is. Another story in the news is the Marv

Albert trial. The "biting" thing struck me as something straight from Hell -something demonic. These are the two right off the top of my head but I have
had other times when this has come to my mind. Just when you think you
have heard the worst story on the news, there's another one -- all, in my
opinion, having to do with demon possession. Maybe even the kid from
Paduka who killed 3 classmates while they were praying.

- Thank you for helping me realize that possession is not an all or nothing situation
- Hi, you're an awesome Christian. I'm with you, man. I'm doing a report on demons. On my bibliography, I need to know what city and state you are from or where something was published.
- Finally! Someone who tells what I want to find. I read the whole site of Demon possession, and I wonder if you would allow me to translate all this into French. I'm a native French speaker, so there is no problem with that. I think it would be great if your work could reach more people. [Yes, be my guest, and thanks. JFC]
- Your article was very informative from a Christian point of view. I am a social worker in a psychiatric facility.
- Thanks for your most interesting page on the demons. Most churches don't like to talk about it.
- I read with great interest, your on-line book on deliverance from demon possession. In general, I found myself in agreement ...
- I found your book very interesting! Having just been called into the ministry as an evangelist with a deliverance emphasis, I am looking for all the info I can. Thank you for your time and ministry!
- I appreciate your efforts in assembling this booklet. I am a pastor, and I am planning to do a series on demons and demonic activity this month leading up to Halloween. I am confident your material will be able to supply much needed information. I assume that it is OK to use the material? [Absolutely. JFC]
- I just visited your site when doing some research on religion and, even though I am not a Christian, I must say that your site was quite refreshing.

- I found your page while looking for references on the occult, especially, cosmic consciousness, levitation, etc. I am only 13 and I must say that your page has shed a completely new light on what I will choose to be a safe practice in this art if I do even continue.
- I am researching a BBC documentary series (3 one-hour films) on the History of the Devil and I am interested in the spiritual warfare movement and the concept of deliverance. Would it be possible to call me or to e-mail at this address? I would like to talk to you further.
- MY APPLAUSE!! As a religious demonologist I am so happy to see a page just as this. Your page is very informative. Keep up the good work
- I just wanted to say thank you for putting this kind of info on the web. You won't hear too many preachers or members in the body of Christ speak of these things. They are very real and casting demons out of people was a ministry of Jesus. I think this is forgotten about in most churches. I'm not saying everything wrong that a person does is the direct cause of a demon but I think we as Christians should be aware of demons and their influence.
- Found your demon possession site interesting.
- I must say, this is one of the best comprised sites I have visited with regard to Christianity and the spirit worlds! GOOD JOB FOLKS! You back everything up with scripture and make some very well founded key points
- First, I'm impressed with your *Demon Possession Handbook*. It is completely rational and keeps from going overboard on the "demon behind every bush" phenomenon. Congratulations on a tough subject well done.
- Very interesting site. As a student of theology, specializing in Satanism and the occult, I have never heard of "time sharing demonic possession." It's an interesting concept, to say the least.
- Your deliverance handbook is EXCELLENT!
- You have a very interesting site.... There are indeed many causes for demonic influence and outright possession.

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