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Discerning Demons Presented as Angels

Introduction

I want to begin this paper with four situations I have seen or been involved with.

- a) When in Santa Fe, USA I had the privilege of staying with a Christian brother who, by birth, was a full-blooded Navaho Indian. He told me that one of the things the visitors love to see is the Indian dances and one of the things visitors do not realize is these dances are calling on demonic powers. The dances certainly looked beautiful with the colours, the feathered headgear, the brilliance of the footwork etc. Such entertainment would be delightful to many, but that did not change the fact that it was demonic.
- b) Then in Los Angeles, I went to Venice Beach. I saw many palm readers and fortune tellers who were nice people, dressed appropriately for the L A weather, yet they were all working with demons.
- c) Then overseas I heard two men speaking about prophecy, both were appropriately dressed. The problem was, how could I discern the demonic from the other gentleman, for one was satanic and the other was from God, yet both were seeking to tell the future.
- d) A few days after 9/11 when the twin towers were destroyed, I flew back to Canada. When in line for customs, a woman behind me was speaking about her horoscope. I asked her, "on the morning of 9/11, of those who died, how many of their horoscopes warned them that that was to be the day of their death?" She had no answer. The reason is that these articles in papers etc. are all satanic and none of them can give an absolute assurance of a specific thing that would befall an individual. I learnt that appearances do not always convey the truth of what a person is, especially spiritually.

Recently I bought a new electric kettle and it came with a booklet of instructions. The writers of it assumed I knew nothing about nothing so very thoughtfully in the first pages made a table of contents for such as myself. I am sure there is an individual, a delightful, good-looking, ever so generous individual who one could trust with their life, working in the company which made my kettle. However, this individual could be a twisted individual who cares nothing about your life or those who love you, and who wants to sabotage the company and ruin it. In his twisted mind he leaves out a word in the instructions. Instead of it reading "do not put this plug in water" he omits the word "not" so that it reads, "do put this plug in water." By the use of a single word the whole meaning has changed, and instead of safety, it presents a very real danger. That is exactly the way Satan and his associates work.

The scriptures are our God given, and only guidebook.

To help us discern which angels we are being guided by, we need to consider the characteristics of each. Satan presented himself in Eden as:

- a) The promiser of all one could desire (Gen. 3:5), a person who knows more than you.

- b) A being who is not frightening, but angelic. (2 Cor. 11:14)

That which Satan does not present Himself as, but God reveals him as:

- a) A liar and a murderer (Jn. 8:44)
- b) A destroyed foe (Heb. 2:14)
- c) Deceitful (Eph. 6:11)
- d) Subtle (2 Cor. 11:3)
- e) Proud (1 Tim. 3:6)
- f) Vicious (1 Pet. 5:8)
- g) Disguised as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14)
- h) Blinds people's eyes to the truth (2 Cor. 4:4)

The Scriptures of truth reveal how wickedness, violence, and selfishness came into the world. It was not by some base sin but by the rejection of the command God had given, and the warning of its consequences. There may have been discussions between Adam and Eve about why they could not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but the fact remained that God had told Adam not to eat, and that ought to have been the final criteria for any decision. Satan appeared to Eve, not as something frightening.

Eve felt freely comfortable speaking with the devil for what she saw was someone so intelligent, so far beyond her in intelligence, after all, she was just a human, this was an angel of light. How could she know he was a confidence trickster, for such never reveal their true character? He approached like a good salesman, pointing out the loveliness of the fruit and how beneficial it would be intellectually. In fact, just by partaking of it she would be like God!

Eve sets aside the warning and command of God. Follow the narrative as a drama:

Satan:

“Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Gen. 3:1). That was exactly what God had said for there were two trees they were not to eat of. Satan appeared to agree with God’s word.

Eve Says to the serpent:

“We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” (Gen. 3:3)

Narrator:

Notice what Eve does. She adds to what God had said. God did not say, “ye shall not touch it”, she changed God’s word, and God did not say “lest ye die” but, “thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:17).

The Serpent to Eve:

“Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Gen. 3:4, 5)

Narrator :

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened.” (Gen. 3:6)

[The Results](#)

Eve gave the fruit to Adam and plunged all future generations into a life of spiritual blindness and spiritual deception. Quickly Adam and Eve realized they had lost something, the comfort of being in fellowship with God. It was because instead of listening to the command of God, she communed and listened to a demon masquerading as an angel of light, who presented himself as her spirit guide and comforter. Satan soon had her realize that life could be wonderful without God. There could be music, singing poetry, the fine arts, they could be farmers and workers of metals (Gen. 4:19-23). Who needs God when so many delightful things are all around them and Satan said, “Ye will not die”, that is, there are no consequences for discarding the laws of God. She did not trust the God she had possibly never directly heard, but knew what He had said, and instead trusted that which she could hear and see and seemed so intelligent.

[How can I discern?](#)

How can I know if the thoughts of my mind, the musings of my heart, the things I experience are being conveyed to me by a demon presenting himself as an angel, one who comforts me and makes me feel strong and comforting by his words

and apparent kindnesses, or is deceiving me? He makes me feel good etc. In this age, God communicates to humanity through the scriptures and will never ever direct an individual to ignore the teachings and warnings of the scriptures.

The first thing is the decision of whether this is an angel from God or a demonic from Hell. To answer this some questions need to be pondered and answered:

- a) How did this demonic angel first come to me? Was it in a time of distress and loneliness or by a conviction of my sin before God? Did he make me feel comfortable in his first coming to me?
- b) Did I feel the comfort of knowing the loved one was somewhere up there, playing golf, sitting at the bar, or having a drink? That understanding was never from God, for while the devil and his associates deceive, God never does. The stark reality is, whether I like the truth or not, every individual who has died is in one of two places. There is no purgatory in the afterlife. It is not a mystical oblivion of existence but a very conscious being in Heaven or doom in hell for eternity. Satan will seek to prevent an individual from seeing reality, that life ends and then where do we go?
- c) There are all sorts of ways in which demons (fallen angels) seek to assist people in the eradication of the power of God in resurrection. They determine to be cremated with their ashes cast into the sea, or cryonics which is, freezing the body in a container, or the decomposition being hindered by the sealing of the body in a lead coffin or casket. Does anyone think that God, who made the way to make metal can be curtailed by it, or that what happens to the body is irrelevant for it is the spirit of a man that never dies? There has never been a dead person. There have been millions of dead bodies but their spirits are all alive.

[The Characteristics of Demonic Beings](#)

We have observed that demons masquerading as angels can affect what we call mental disabilities. Demons have intellect which is shown by:

- a) them knowing who Jesus is (Mk. 1:24)
- b) they know their future (Matt. 8:28-29)
- c) they know who Paul is (Acts 16:16-17; 19:15)
- d) that there is one God (Jam. 2:19)
- e) demons even have a counterfeit system of doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1, 3)

All these facts show that fallen angels or demons have intellect.

Demons have:

- a) emotions such as anger, fierceness and fear (Matt. 8:28; Jam. 2:19).
- b) demons each have a will, be it to make requests (Matt. 8:31), to obey commands and orders (Mk. 1:27; Lk. 4:35-36) as well as the will to leave a person (cf. Matt. 12:43-45).

Demons have all the attributes of personality (intellect, emotion and will) and are real. The evidence is obvious in the universal degrading of morals, the increase of violence, the deceitful manifestations in government and the acceptance of corruption in governments. These are all evidences of a worldwide demonstration of demonic activity.

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