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AN INTRODUCTION

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The Bible is not explicit with regard to demons and demon activity. Spiritual warfare is something we must learn first-hand. What we know from scripture is that the devil was present on Earth soon after the planet was created, for our ancestors Adam and Eve were persuaded by his smooth tongue to lose their primal relationship with Elohim. We also know that Cain lost his place in the family of God through his own rebellion and needed protection, presumably from demonic activity (Gen.4:1-15).

There was also a demon inspired insurrection at Babel which the Bible calls Mystery Babylon or the Great Harlot (Rev. 17). This movement led by Cush, his wife Semiramis and Nimrod (Genesis 11:1-9) in time became a powerful religious system that some have called the Great Apostasy, for it was grounded in apostate thinking, i.e. the subtle twisting of known facts. Scripture tells us that the kings of every nation have committed adultery with this harlot. The system is called a Mystery because its practices and influence are hidden. Biblical references are few. In one place Paul refers to rudimentary systems (*stoicheia*) grounded on apostate thinking (Col.2:8).

At the end of the age this system will come down with great rejoicing amongst the saints (Rev.18:20). In the meantime, we need to shun anything Babylonian (Joshua 7:20-21), and operate solely in what Jesus has said to us, as recorded in scripture, and what the Holy Spirit conveys to us on a day to day basis.



Semiramis



Semirais in the nations



Diana of the Ephesians



Semiramis and Nimrod in Syria Semiramus in diguise Semiramis in the Church

PULLING DOWN THE STRONGHOLDS

The Lord has ordained that **the pulling down of demonic strongholds and the Babylonian system is the responsibility of human agents empowered by the Holy Spirit – the sons of God.** Under the eye and the instructions of the Commander of the Lord's Host, of course, because sonship has no meaning other than obedience to the instructions of God. We are drawn to the task by the Holy Spirit, and we overcome the devil by the Blood of Jesus and the word of our testimony... and we love not our lives unto the death (Rev.12:11). Forward!

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

It is clear from experience that planet Earth is the universal headquarters of Satan and his demonic horde (e.g. Rev.12:4). The question is: 'where are they?'

First of all there is the seat of Satan. The devil is not omnipresent, he has to be somewhere. At the time of Jesus he was located at Pergamum (Rev.2:13). In recent times, a number of missionaries have been informed by the Holy Spirit that he has been located at Varanasi (Benares) on the Ganges River in India. Recent information from Varanasi suggests that there may have been changes; e.g. the Temple of Shiva is now open to visitors and Christians have conducted praise services there. If Satan has moved where is he? I do not know, but what I do know is that he is a defeated foe and the time for the total destruction of his operation is with us.

Second order demons (principalities) are scattered strategically. For instance, the prince of Islam is located in Madagascar, having been carried there by Indonesian and Malay people in the 12th Century AD. NB We should not be surprised that the demon is a long way from the people under its influence; demons hide because they are weak miserable creatures and very afraid of being discovered. An important principle in spiritual warfare is that *the demon is never located where the 'priests' operating under the demon's power are operating.*

Under each principality are 'powers', also strategically located. These are of three types: the Hindus call them Vishnu (the mediator = Nimrod), Shiva (the fierce god = Cush) and Devi (the woman = Semiramis). The Hindus carry the ancient knowledge in prescribing the Trinity to be Brahm, Vishnu and Shiva (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) but this has been corrupted by the Apostasy to be Vishnu, Shiva and Devi – the woman replacing Brahm. Every culture has a similar system; the names of the gods differ from place to place but their character is the same. In Australia we have: Rainbow Serpent sites = Nimrod; Woman sites = Semiramis; and Hidden One sites = Cush.

Ranked under the powers are the 'spirits of the air, the rulers of darkness' (Eph.6:12). These are demons that lead humans to commit acts of violence and indecency. They are of two main types: chaos spirits that break human relationships; and persuasive voices that control human thought. The Apostasy connection is to Bel the Confounder and Nebo, the Weeping Prophet. These are the demons that each of us, especially household leaders, have to deal with on a day to day basis if we want to live the ordered life prescribed by the Lord. Christian discipleship is mainly concerned with teaching people how to manage these demons. NB **Not children under 20 years**; they should live under protection (I Chronicles 27:23 and 21:1-8).

AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY

Australian aboriginal spirituality is an excellent example of rudimentary **apostate** understandings and practice. First of all it sees all of nature, plants, animals and humans empowered by the same great spiritual force, and this leads to the idea that humans have a moral obligation to treat everything equally. So far, so good! Secondly, they hold that there are unseen spiritual forces behind all of life that control nature and require

ceremonies and ritual to be enacted if human needs for food and survival are to manifest. Disobedience or neglect of these rituals may result in severe discipline from the spirit world. For instance, the Rainbow Serpent Spirit is responsible for the supply of water; failure to keep the rituals may result in drought, flooding and/or the Serpent consuming those humans responsible for the neglect.

The aborigine account of creation is called “The Dreamtime”. Every clan looks back to an ancestor, one of many ‘heroes’ of the earliest times. Such beings are thought to be part human, part plant, part reptile or another animal. In the Glasshouse Mountains area of South Eastern Queensland the hero’s name is Tibrogargan and his wife’s name is Beerwah. The totem of this area is the carpet snake (the name Caboolture derives from *Kabultur*, the Gubbi Gubbi word meaning ‘place of the carpet snake’). At the mouth of the River Murray, in South Australia, the hero’s name is Ngarrindjeri.



Rainbow Serpent painted on wall in Caboolture Hospital, Queensland

Discipline is maintained by assassins, Kurdaitcha Men (the name comes from the special feather slippers they wear). They kill people using special rods with which they penetrate the victim’s heart.



Kurdaitcha Man Assassin killing a sleeping man

Each clan has a totem that reflects their hero and is responsible for caring for the flora and fauna and sacred sites within a prescribed area in which the hero ancestor is believed to have lived and moved. Each totem has a ‘totem path’, which begins and ends at definite places. Spiritual

management of the path is maintained by spirit men and women. All totem pathways pass through Uluru, for the fair-haired Pitjantjatjara are the High Priests of the Australian aboriginal people.

Now the spirit men cannot operate without the clan ‘*sheringa*’, an object that has recorded on it important events in the history of the clan. Because the *sheringa* is so crucial, in times past, clan elders gave them to anthropologists like Mountford and Harney for safe keeping. Years later they were shocked to find that their *sheringas* had been placed in museums around the world and this led them to insist that the Australian Government recall all aborigine artefacts and place them back in clan hands. Once the *sheringas* were returned, the clans began building spirit centres at the ends of each totem pathway (with the help of Government funds!) and began praying the ‘whiteys’ out of the country! Unfortunately for them, some praying Christians had been active in pulling down the strongholds and the aborigine spirit men found that they were unable to access demon power. It is a sad fact that, on the day the Kevin Rudd apologised to the aborigine people, a *sheringa* was placed on the table in the Lower House of the Australian Parliament!!

ACTION PHASE

The first thing we need to know is that God has provided a **secure fortress** for His people. That fortress is called the Household and it works this way: ‘Christ is the head of every man, the head of the wife is the man and the head of Christ is God’ (I Cor.11:3). This scripture is about protection – not government! Once we get this structure right we are ready for the battle when God calls us.

The second thing we need to know is that ‘the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty **in the Holy Ghost**’, (II Cor.10:4). We cannot undertake spiritual warfare in our human ideas and methods. Firstly, we do not know what we are dealing with. Secondly, we do not know how to engage in the battle.

But we do have a few principles. The first job is to *address the strongman*, **when the Lord tells us** to do so! In 1985, Janette Mahoney and Robyn Light, two women from an assembly that my wife and I led in Adelaide for seven years, were instructed by the Lord to go to India. They were given clear advice as to where they were to go and what to do. They were shown

that the devil was at Varanasi and were instructed to drop a note in the Ganges River, at that place, telling Satan his time was up. The powers they learned, from advice supplied by the Holy Spirit, were each surrounded by **three centres** of priest craft activity. Each of these centres was visited and addressed by our ladies. NB: The principle of three is important. At the time of Jesus, Satan was at Pergamum and the Druids had three major sites in Europe: at Hallstatt in Austria, in the hills above the Rhone Valley in France and in the Italian Alps.



Pergamum, the Seat of Satan



Pergamum relocated to Berlin



Varanasi on the Ganges: the Seat of Satan 1985



Another case of addressing the strongmen that I know of concerns my son, Steve. In 2003 he was led to visit Madagascar to address the strongman over Islam. On the way home in an aircraft, he received a sovereign commission to minister in Indonesia, the world's most populace Muslim country.

Having addressed the strongman the Holy Spirit will lead us to deal with the Powers in a particular region. I was called to the Fleurieu Peninsula of South Australia in 2001. Over fourteen years, three of us were given specific instruction whereby we: (1) ordered a Rainbow Serpent demon underground near Mt Barker; (2) called down the angels in 2003 and eleven years later cast a Hidden One demon off the planet at a resort

called Wirrina; and (3) cast a Woman demon at Goolwa off the planet in July 2015, 13 years after we first addressed it.

Our main weapon against the general body of demons, the powers of the air and darkness, is **High Praise**. High Praise binds the 'kings with chains'. 'This honour has ALL the saints' (Psalm 149:6-9). This should be a regular event over the area for which we have been given responsibility.

Our second weapon is discernment (I Corinthians 12:10). We need to be quick to identify common **chaos spirits** found operating in human groups (including Christian families and churches, regrettably) like spirits of unbelief; spirits promoting fear; spirits of criticism; lying spirits; spirits of religion; spirits of worldliness. We deal with these by the Word of the Lord **which the Holy Spirit puts in our mouth** (Matt.16:19, Eph.6:17).

Persuasive voices: These are identified as a complex of self-righteousness, alliance, pride and an incorrigible nature, backed by demonic Influence (the Amorite Kings, Joshua 10:3). These are difficult to deal with as Joshua found! When you run into these you will know it!

TRAINING

It is God who trains our hands for the battle. We even need the Holy Spirit's instruction on how to put on the armour of God (Eph.6: 11).

My testimony is recorded in my book "The Way Things Are" (Way Books, 2015, pp.199-205). I make the point in this book that the critical factor for any warrior is **learning to enter the rest** in the battle (Heb.4:9-11).

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