

Pastor Russell's Sermon

IS SPIRITISM ONLY DEMONISM?

Are Mediums Deceived as Well as Their Followers

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Spirit Communications Through Mediums Come Not From Dead Humans, but From the Fallen Angels, Says Pastor Russell—In the Bible He Traces Their History—Satan Himself Poses as an Angel of Light—The Bible is the Torch of Liberty and Intelligence, the Fox to Superstition, Ignorance and Demonism.



Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 16.—The Opera House was crowded today to hear Pastor Russell. He spoke twice. We report one of his discourses from the text, "The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in lasting restraints under the thick darkness for a judgment of the Great Day." (Jude 6.) He said:

Last Sunday we discussed the fall of the angels, and saw that they succumbed to the leaven of sin, which was first introduced by Satan's pride and rebellion, and was continued and increased by man's disobedience and fall from Divine favor. Some might be inclined to say, Why preach about the angels and their fall? Why not rather confine our consideration to man? The answer is that man's fall had to do with the fall of the angels, as we have seen, and that since then the fallen angels have had much to do with man's further perversion mentally, morally, physically. St. Paul was not in error when he declared, "We wrestle not with flesh and blood (merely), but with principalities and powers—wicked spirits in high positions."—Eph. 6:12.

I am aware that many amongst the millions who read my sermons in the newspapers will be inclined to laugh at what may be designated my superstitious belief that fallen spirit beings are in close proximity with humanity—a continual power for evil, seductive and ensnaring. God and Truth opposing. I have no practical knowledge of Spiritism, because, obedient to the Divine command, I would avoid everything occult. My knowledge of Spiritism comes mainly through the Bible, but is well supported by the testimony of many whom I have rescued from the thrall of Spiritism—a considerable number of these mediums.

We should either take the Bible account as a whole, or should reject it as a whole. It is my constant effort to bring my own thoughts and words and conduct and those of others into full alignment with the Divine instructions of the Bible. I believe any other attitude to be dangerous in the extreme.

The fallen angels in the Bible styles *demons*—rendered in our Common Version, devils. We charge these demons, and not our forefathers, with having perverted the true Message of the Gospel. This thought is substantiated by the Apostle, who refers to their insidious teachings as "the doctrines of demons." By every means they seek to put darkness for light and light for darkness. In the doctrines of the Dark Ages, now discarded, these demons blasphemed God by teaching that He had prepared a torture chamber and was overcasting the everlasting torture of nearly all humanity—all except the very Elect—at the hands of fire-proof devils with pitchforks.

Thus the human mind was turned against the Almighty in dread. Thus humanity learned to think of Satan and his associates as in some far-off place. Now, as greater illumination comes, and humanity gradually ascertains that the theory of a great torture place beyond the bounds of time and place was a hoax, these demons would lead such seekers in an opposite direction, and convince them that as there is no such torture chamber, neither are there any demons.

But the Bible all the while has been telling us that these evil spirits are near us, in our atmosphere; and that they have power over us in proportion as we yield our wills to their suggestions and our minds to sin. So far from telling of Satan's being far off, the Apostle declares that he goes about through the earth, seeking whom he may devour; and that his host of fallen angels are a present power for evil throughout the world. Similarly, Jesus tells us to pray, "Deliver us from the Evil One." He says that Satan was "a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth."—John 8:44.

Cast Down to Tartarus. St. Peter tells us that the fallen angels at the time of the Deluge were cast down to Tartarus. This word *tartarus* is used only once in the Bible, and is mistranslated *hell*. It is generally conceded to refer to the earth's atmosphere, though it may be used in the figurative way, such as we use the word *limbo*, a prison, a place or condition of restraint.

We are not to confound the Bible story of the fall of the angels and their restraint in chains of darkness with the symbolical figure of Revelation,

where Satan and his angels are cast out of heaven. The Revelation picture is purely symbolical, as all admit. It does not refer to literal Heaven at all, but in a figurative way describes matters which happened on earth—matters which found their fulfillment centuries ago, at the time the Roman Empire was overthrown, and Papacy set itself up, claiming earthly and Heavenly power and authority as the Kingdom of Messiah, operating through the popes as Messiah's vicegerents.

Satan's First Lie Perpetuated. At some length, Pastor Russell showed that the very name Satan signifies *opponent of God*, and that this name is well deserved, because he who was formerly known as Lucifer has arrayed himself against God and in opposition to every feature of the Divine Plan. The Almighty could have destroyed Satan at any time, but He has permitted him for the past six thousand years to go on in his course, in order to demonstrate the evil character of sin, and to give opportunity, on the contrary, of demonstrating the beauty of holiness. Eventually, when the lesson shall have been taught to angels and to men, Satan and all who love sin will be utterly destroyed in the Second Death.—Revelation 21:8.

Note the persistency of Satan, said Pastor Russell, and his effrontery. God distinctly told Adam and Eve that disobedience would bring upon them the penalty of death. Satan contradicted the Almighty point-blank, declaring, "Ye shall not surely die." And when our race found the truth of God's statement borne in upon them by death, Satan still sought to pervert the Word of God and the minds of men by telling humanity that they do not die really, but in appearance only; that in reality a dead man is much more alive than a living one.

This absurdity has been repeated to our race century after century, until today mankind, as a whole, believe Satan's lie and entirely discredit the Word of God. The way back to God and to sanity of reasoning is the repudiation of Satan's falsehood and the acceptance of God's Truth. The dead know not anything. Their souls come to honor and they know it not; to dishonor and they perceive it not of them.—Ecclesiastes 9:5; Job 14:21.

Satan's original lie is the basis of all the superstitions of religion. If mankind believed God—that the dead are dead, and that their only hope of a future life is based on the resurrection—it would clear the world of a thousand superstitions. How could the dead suffer tortures in a Protestant hell or in a Catholic purgatory, if the dead know not anything, as the Bible declares? If the Truth prevailed, where would come in prayers and masses for the dead? And where would come in the belief of spiritists and others that they have communications with their dead friends—if, as the Bible says, "The dead know not anything?"

Demons Personate the Dead. On the basis of human credulity—the supposition that the dead become more alive when they appear to die—the demons have advanced their deceptions, and sought to enthrall humanity. Invisible to men, yet fully informed respecting all human affairs, they can readily personate the dead. The fallen angels, since the Deluge deprived of the power to materialize, use as channels of communication such individuals as they can deceive into being their servants—mediums. Many of these are noble characters, and many of them the reverse; but vicious or ignorant or good, the demons use such as they can control, none being too debased for their service.

Working on the credulity of their dupes, they use the lips or the pencil of the medium to describe the dead one, who is supposed to be very anxious to communicate with the living. And the description generally fits well to the dupe's last knowledge of the person—age, sex, clothing, all. So deluded do people become that they fail to remember that the children of two or ten years would, ten years later, if alive, be twelve or twenty years of age, and proportionately larger, and certainly not content to wear in a spirit land the same clothing they wore when last seen by the dupe. The demons' power to discuss matters known only to the dupe and the deceased carries conviction.

And all the teachings of all the denominations, that the dead are not dead, are helping on with the deception. The venerable minister, deceived by the doctrines of the Dark Ages, tells his hearers at the funeral that their deceased friend is hovering over them; and that if he could speak, he would say, "Weep not for me." The medium and the clairvoyant announce that they are under spirit control, and that the departed one can speak through them. Is it any wonder that the deception is a powerful one with many? The antidote for all the doctrines of demons is the Message of the Word of God:

(1) That the dead are really dead; (2) That Christ died on our behalf; (3) That at His Second Coming and Kingdom, "there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust."—Acts 24:15.

Demons Cast Out of the Possessed. Let those who deny that there are invisible evil spirits explain what Jesus meant when He gave His disciples power over all manner of disease, and over unclean spirits. Let them explain what the Apostles meant when they returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in Thy name." It is for them to explain, too, what really took place at Gadara, where the Scriptures declare Jesus cast a legion of these evil spirits out of one man. That legion, permitted to go into the swine, were sufficient in number to craze the entire herd.

what St. Paul meant when he turned to rebuke the young woman who had the power of divination, and commanded the evil spirits to come out of her. (Acts 16:16-18.) Let them explain why her soothing prognostications were at an end, when once the evil spirit was gone forth. Let us also remember that there is not a suggestion anywhere in the Bible that these evil spirits were ever human beings in any sense of the word, or at any time. Let us all remember that these are the same evil spirits dealt with at the time of the Deluge.

Immediately after the Flood, they began their attack upon humanity, their attack upon the Truth, their endeavor to make humanity believe the lie—that the dead are not dead. To whatever extent they succeeded in so deceiving humanity they prepared mankind proportionately to be their dupes. The goal of their ambition is possession, and everything else is necessary.

Spirit mediums recognize the demon character of the spirits communicating through them; and they dread them and warn each other against the danger of allowing their wills to come completely under spirit influence, knowing that surely the result will be possession, demonization. And this in our day is called insanity, although many physicians realize the difference, and candidly say that not one-half the cases in an insane asylum are due to functional disorder. The majority are cases of possession by evil spirits.

Suggestion, Diversion, Impression, Possession. These are the four steps along which those who do not put themselves under the guidance of the Lord are in danger of being led by the demons. And every step of the way should be fought with a determination of the will, if the "wiles of the Adversary" would be escaped. The vacant, unoccupied, mind is the more open to suggestions of the demons. The purposeful, earnest, energetic, have a protection in their activity.

But if suggestions, or imaginations, have been entertained, the second step may soon follow—diversion. The mind will be diverted from the lines of thought—study, prayer, or what not. The power of suggestion becomes so strong as to interfere with proper thinking and reasoning.

This leads on to the third step—impression. Some are naturally more impressionable than are others, and can receive promptings, or suggestions, from the evil spirits with so little difficulty that they do not realize the source of the impression, but rather wonder if it is a power of their own. Really it is the outside power impressing them, and more and more bringing them under occult influence.

Finally comes the last stage—possession—when the evil spirit gets full power and control of the will, and ignores the human will entirely. This is not always accomplished without more or less of a struggle—sometimes covering years. In the struggle, sometimes through mediums, the spirits will seek more and more the confidence of the dupe. If he be inclined toward evil, the leadings will be that way. If he have a religious tendency, he will be counseled to pray or read the Bible, then be chided, the object always being to bring him into full submission of his mind, in a manner that none should yield himself, except to the Almighty; whom the evil spirits sometimes personate in their speech.

Witches, Wizards and Necromancers. Many today laugh at the stories of witchcraft handed down from the past. Quite probably some executed as witches may have been good people, misunderstood by their neighbors. This does not, however, alter the fact that witches, wizards and necromancers are not mere myths. The Bible tells us of them as realities, and explains the demon power operating through them.

In olden times, the Wizard Law forbade any witch, wizard or necromancer (one claiming to have communications from the dead) to live in the land of Israel, or to practice their black arts. (Deuteronomy 18:9-14.) Through the Prophet the Lord asks the people why the living should seek unto those who peep and mutter and claim to have communication with the dead (for wisdom, knowledge, guidance, etc.), and not unto the living God? "Should not a people seek unto their God?"—Isaiah 8:19, 20.

We all remember the story of the Witch of Endor, and how King Saul, when he could not have communication with the Lord, sought communication with Samuel the Prophet, who was dead. Saul saw nothing and heard nothing. The witch described to him an old man with a mantle, and Saul recognized the description as corresponding with that of the Prophet Samuel. The witch was guided by the demons, however much she might have supposed that the visions she saw and the words she heard were from the dead Prophet. The prophecies were all from the evil spirits, the demons. (1 Samuel 28:7-19; 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14.) So in all heathen lands, the demons have had to do with the people.

The lesson to God's people is full loyalty to God, strict attention to His inspired Words through the Prophets and the Apostles. These are the only sure protection against the wiles of the Adversary. How glad we are that the lessons to angels and to men, built upon God's permission of a reign of sin and death for the past six thousand years, will soon be finished! How glad we are to know of a surety that the end will justify the permission of all the evil which has come to pass! How glad we are to know that eventually all the blinded ones will be enlightened and that eventually all the wilfully evil shall be destroyed, and that without remedy!

Let us also have an explanation of

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With his brother, Dr. Charles Friedmann, and Charles E. Finlay, Dr. Friedmann this afternoon will select suitable quarters for a laboratory.

Dr. Friedmann has promised propositions of Ohio and Tennessee to instruct them regarding his remedy and to give them a supply of the gems. He said he regretted not having time to visit patients in the west, adding: "Let the people be patient. When the government has tested the treatment, stations undoubtedly will be established in the west and elsewhere where all sufferers will receive treatment."

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.

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himself, as I have done in this instance, to veto the bill as a whole and thus delay needed appropriations. Further, the measure carries an emergency clause which deprives the people of this state of their constitutional right to invoke the referendum upon any part thereof.

"Good business and the best interests of the taxpayers of this state demand that such appropriations as are covered by this bill be classified and presented in smaller units. I know of no greater service you can render to your state than that of presenting these appropriations in the manner here suggested and thereby set an example for future legislators.

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between the porphyry and a black diorite, a splendid mineral bearing formation. The main body of ore is low grade, running from \$3 to \$19 per ton, and samples taken at random from the ore car, worked by cyanide test, above \$7 per ton. The ore has been undercut, that is a drift has been run up the ledge quite a distance, and there is ore enough in sight to keep the cyaniding plant, which the company expects to install this year, running for ten years from the overhead slope now opened. This plant, once in operation, should easily produce \$700 a day for years to come. Not only this, but with the ledges cut at this great depth, showing their permanency, the amount they may be made to yield is only a question of the size of the plant for handling the ore. There is ore enough in sight, or certain, to keep a plant handling 1000 tons a day at work for years to come, and this would mean an output of \$7000 a day. The ore carries, besides its \$7 a ton gold, from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a ton silver. Besides this immense body of low grade, the rich stringers following the walls and splitting through the ore body will greatly enhance the average value, though it is not taken into consideration at all in making estimates. The writer has had a good many years experience in the mines, and unhesitatingly pronounces the ore of fine character, bright and lively. Ogle Mountain, from all indications, is going to make the mining world sit up and take notice, and will put the Northern Cascade range on the mineral map.

WORKS THE MINISTERS FOR AN EASY THING

Deception by an attempt to convince certain local ministers that he was a "godly fellow," resulted in the utter downfall of one of the most brazen forgers ever coming to the notice of Sheriff Esch last night when that official arrested F. Campbell at the request of Sheriff Tom Word of Portland.

Varieties in the line of making an easy living are unlimited in Campbell's case, according to the record forwarded to Sheriff Esch from Portland. From the reports of the prisoner's past conduct, he has been in the habit of obtaining his livelihood by working upon the sympathies of ministers of the gospel and others connected with the churches. After serving a long term on the rock pile in Portland, Campbell obtained a sum of money by forging the name of Sheriff Word, of Multnomah county, to a check. He then came to this city.

Not content with "taking the name of the law in vain," by forging an officer's name to a check, Campbell came to Salem and immediately began operations in the local ministerial circle. He put up the talk that he was an ardent believer in Christianity and that at present he was destitute of funds and was very hungry. He was promptly aided by the local ministers and to show his gratitude he attended a Salem church last night and upon leaving carried away with him an umbrella belonging to Mrs. James Godfrey.

Upon being advised that Sheriff Word's former protégé was in the city, Sheriff Esch went hunting. The forg-

er was found in a local restaurant sitting at a table loaded to the breaking point with choice viands and, declares the sheriff, was on the point of "digging in" when the arrest was made.

"Campbell has been raising the dickens in Portland, according to Sheriff Word," said Sheriff Esch today, "but when a man goes so far as to forge a sheriff's name to a money check, he must be painfully in need of the money."

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