

Spiritual Warfare

Book Review: The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare by Dr. Ed Murphy
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It is not my intention to be overly magniloquent in the writing of this book review however "**The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare**" by Dr. Ed Murphy is so absolutely horrible that it is impossible to some extent not to be! I was flabbergasted at its inclusion as the main text for this course. This book is so bad in so many areas that it is a daunting challenge to organize a logical response, which is compounded by the fact that this book itself is so amazingly disorganized. There are hundreds of examples to choose from so making the best specific choice is difficult, but this example will suffice. By the time the reader gets to chapter 46, (page 339) they will find the chapter title "The Nature of Power Encounters". I have no recollection of reading this term at any previous chapter. There is no mention of "power encounter" on page 339 other than the chapter title, no mention on page 340, and then finally the author makes the statement "By now the reader probably has a general understanding of how I have used the term power encounter", on page 341. How is the author expecting the reader to understand this term? Then on page 341 the term is discussed but not explained. Finally on page 342 the term is finally defined under the heading "What is Power Encounter?" Who organized a book this way? Not a single other author I have ever read has even come close, not even a children's book. This book is bad logically, it is bad literally, it is bad scholastically, but mostly it is bad scripturally. The author simply uses words in a manner contrary to their known meanings to further his personal agenda. For an example, page 435 shows a chart, yet Dr Murphy calls this chart a "schema" even though it doesn't look like a schema, it has no phraseology of a schema, there are no logical symbols, no explanations related to the chart, and the chart itself makes no sense. Forget the fact that NOTHING contained in the chart appears anywhere in the Bible!

This book is hugely a waste of time in that the actual content of the entire book could have been condensed into a book of about 80 pages or so. Simply slapping a front cover at the beginning of chapter 53 and a back cover at the end of this chapter would have made a dramatic improvement to this book as nearly all the rest of this book is a rambling and incoherent platform for the author to hear himself talk. Chapter 53 contains the actual content of the book, and there are a few lines contained within this chapter where it appears that the author has exhausted himself by creating worthless lines upon lines of fluff in the previous chapters, and decided to finally address the topic at hand. Even though the author has at last provided some content, the chapter is full of contradictions, misapplications of scripture, and faulty conclusions. The absolute arrogance of the Dr Ed Murphy almost leaps off the page and into your face time after time throughout the book, but nowhere else like it does in chapter 53. By the time the reader reaches chapter 63, it seems that real time and space has given way to The Twilight Zone, when the author states – "God's One Essential Qualification", where the author states "God is opposed to the proud". After reading chapter after chapter when Dr Murphy so arrogantly rewrites traditional Church doctrine based only on his interpretation of his personal experiences, he then warns about being proud. This must mean everyone else except Dr Murphy. The twisted and contorted use of vague words used to obscure the true meanings conveyed by the author finally disintegrates by this chapter also.

The Handbook of Spiritual Warfare is "organized" into chapters and subsections that seem to go on and on forever. There are far too many titles to mention in this format, but a quick browse of the contents shows a nearly incoherent attempt at any logical connection from one topic to the next.

This book also reeks of dishonesty, in each story presented. The Handbook of Spiritual Warfare is not just horrible because of the unbelievably poor research done by the author, or the countless fallacious statements and misleading content. It is quite simply horrible because it succeeds in establishing witchcraft practices where the supposed opposite side has failed. I was instantly reminded of an old Keith Green tract called "**How to witness (For the right side)**". This book is written with a tone of discovery and advancement, yet all of the information contained within has

already been “discovered” over and over and this same wrong information has been presented and contested for many hundreds, and in some cases thousands of years. Dr. Murphy attempts to invent new truth by mixing Mohammedanism, Witchcraft, and Christianity. In this case however, the unbiblical metaphysical mumbo-jumbo foundation for Dr. Murphy’s story is internalized in the people he claims are “demonized” and the obvious radical dualism between good and evil, and light and darkness. This created religion is necessary to Dr. Murphy because of his predetermined decision to believe what he believes irregardless of what the Bible has to say on this topic.

Dr. Murphy is not the only one that imputes reality into their theology simply by the action of their will. The entire deliverance movement is a new, made-up religion and has absolutely NO support in the Bible. Most false teachers don’t even attempt to disguise this fact, but Dr. Murphy does a better job than most at disguising (to a degree) his true meaning to avoid some of the controversy associated with making anti-scriptural doctrines and presenting them as truth. This excerpt from [demonbuster.com](http://www.demonbuster.com) will explain the position of the deliverance movement quite well.

***“Know this - EVERYONE has demons, ESPECIALLY CHRISTIANS. There is no Scripture that says this. It is just a matter of FACT. There is no Scripture that says you do NOT have demons. Jesus said the demons are living INSIDE of you, not OUTSIDE, and the demons call your body their "house". “
(<http://www.demonbuster.com>)***

Dr. Murphy’s version is simply different in that he states that demons are not “inside” of Christians, they are “inside” their “lives”. Dr. Murphy simply mixed some Christian concepts with the ever-on-going search for demons everywhere such as in ancient middle-eastern religions with a little Mohammedanism thrown in for bad measure. The evident philosophy portrayed by the writing in this book is much closer to the polytheistic religions pre-dating Mohammedanism than it is Christianity. The obvious defective roots of Dr. Murphy’s arguments are evident throughout this book, even though this particular mêlée has raged since the middle of the second century. It was shocking to say the least after enduring chapter after chapter of this Christianized occultism, to then read a warning against Christianized occultism.

Dr. Murphy relentlessly searches to discover demons around every corner, and will even concoct a few to quench his thirst to discover any hint of demonic activity. In Dr. Murphy’s theology, or should I say his mysticism, this demonically inspired spiritual battle transpires within people’s “lives”, especially within Christian’s lives, rather than the accidental contact of geographical based demons of traditional Middle Eastern religions. This word playing does not really explain Dr. Murphy’s points very soundly though. The Bible speaks of demons residing “in” or inhabiting people. These demons were cast “out” of people, NOT their “lives”. A simple reading of ANY Bible verse dealing with demonic possession shows a situation where a demon or demons are actually IN a human being, and NOT in their “lives”. Dr. Murphy conveniently avoids the situation in Mark 5:13 where demons were sent “out” of a man and sent “into” pigs which then ran into a lake and drowned.

Mark 5:13 He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

These demons did not go into the pig’s “lives”, but literally “into” the pigs. There are many references to demons being “inside” of people, not “inside their lives”, as he would have us believe. Dr. Murphy attempts to solve the problem of demons living in heaven by this charade. It doesn’t work.

“By the way, you DO NOT have to go through Deliverance to get to Heaven. But why would you want to keep all your problems (demons) if there was a way to get rid of them? Deliverance IS that way.” (demonbuster.com)

So, here if a Christian goes to heaven but they have demons inhabiting them, the demons will have skirted the entire law, they would have rebelled against God, and they would have been sentenced to eternity in a lake of fire being tormented. Well, demonbuster.com is just fine with this. Dr. Murphy attempts to avoid this problematic area by claiming that demons do not “possess” a person, but that they have invaded their lives. The Bible however tells us to live “holy lives”. Just how would we live holy lives if it were possible to have your life infiltrated by demons? The ONLY possible way around this dilemma is to rewrite the meaning of “in”. The word “in” means “within the confines of, or “within the area covered by”. Dr Murphy fluctuates between this meaning when it works for his argument, but then totally abandons this meaning if it conflicts with his intended meaning. I was reminded of President Bill Clinton wriggling through an argument of “it depends what the word “then” means”. The language is plainly clear when Jesus describes the demonic inhabitation of a person.

Luke 11:24-26 ²⁴ “When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ ²⁵When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.”

There is no confusion in this explanation that the demons inhabit a person, and not their “lives”. The argument of the definition of the word “possession” is irrelevant here as the concept being discussed is “inhabitation”. The explanation presented by Dr Murphy over and over in this book is necessary to support Dr Murphy’s assertion that demons can inhabit a Christian’s life. They cannot. Considering the care and infinitely detailed restrictions placed on the construction of the temple, especially the Holy of Holies, it is not just absurd for Dr Murphy to suggest that Jesus would be willing to be roommates with demons; it is insulting to the mind. When I reached the one quarter point of the book, I really did think that Dr Ed Murphy truly believed that Christians could not be possessed (in the sense of taking control of a believer from the inside) and that he believed that Christians could only be “demonized” (in the sense that some form of harassment could be directed towards Christians by demons, from the outside). I believed this less and less by the time I reached the half way mark. It became clear soon after that, and throughout the rest of the book, that Dr Murphy didn’t actually believe what he was writing in this book, and in fact used a great amount of effort to purposely mask his true meanings and to actually deceive the reader. Example –

Page 434 “If the believer repents and turns against the demons, many, perhaps all, will be expelled. (James 4:7-8). If not, they will remain there, often in hiding, for years. They will slowly begin to affect sensitive areas of the believer’s life, penetrating deeper and deeper into the very center of the believer’s personality without their presence ever being suspected.”

The word “expelled” means “To force or drive out”, “eject forcefully”. “To discharge from the body or some receptacle”. This is clearly NOT what Dr Ed Murphy is trying to obscure through his word trickery. A person’s life is truly not just theirs as everyone’s life is intertwined with the lives of others. A person’s life is made up of a person’s relationships, their activities, their possessions, and their actions. You simply can’t “expel” or “eject” something from an action, or from a relationship in the common use of the word “expel”. This betrays Dr Murphy’s true belief and understanding of the ability a demon has to inhabit a person’s body, and not just a person’s life. This fact is further proven by Dr Murphy’s assertion that a demon can penetrate a person’s “personality”, which is CLEARLY inside, or “within the confines of” a person, and NOT their “life”.

By the way, the verses used in this argument are completely misapplied as the Bible says to resist the devil and he will flee from you, not to resist demons and they will come out of you! These verses are speaking of resistance to the devil, and have absolutely NOTHING to do with casting demons out of a Christian!

James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Dr Murphy speaks incessantly of “sexual demons” throughout this book. How many different types of demons are there? What types of demons are there? We simply don't know. We are not told in the Bible. This apparently doesn't dissuade Dr Murphy. He simply takes the words of those he claims are demons and mixes them with teachings from Gnostic gospels and comes up with an entire hierarchy of demons which has absolutely nothing to do with either Christianity OR the Bible. Where is the Biblical support for these different types of demons? It is completely missing!

I would treat this book and Dr Murphy's words differently, if I thought this was a case of honest mistakes. It is not however. Each case presented, is presented falsely in two parts. The story always begins with a pleasant but false portrayal and then transforms into an outrageous story. Each story is retold including all the facts ONLY the second time around. This and other manipulative and wasteful practices make this book amazingly long without any purpose. Perhaps handbooks are meant to be long, but this one is just plain painful. There are also false premises presented in each chapter that deals with the subject of demons, in that there is no search to discover any underlying causes for unusual behavior. Dr. Murphy ALWAYS assumes there is some kind of demonic activity and then barges ahead without considering any other possibilities. There is no consideration to screen out an organic disorder, inappropriate psychological manipulation or any other possibility OTHER than demons. Example – page 493, “During one of the morning sessions, commotion broke out towards the back. A young woman suddenly jumped up, yelling and shaking her fist at me. I could not understand what she was saying, but I knew she was demonized”.

This is reckless, this is foolish, and this is dangerous. Dr. Murphy also bases his theology on words spoken by those he claims are demonized. What this means is that Dr Murphy bases his theology on the actual words of demons IF those he speaks with are truly inhabited by demons, or on the words of those with severe psychological problems by those not inhabited by demons. **NEITHER of these two groups should be considered to be valid, dependable, or scriptural sources of spiritual truth under any conditions.** Satan is known as the father of lies, and demons are under his control, making them liars as well. So why would an “expert”, especially one who has taken on the task of writing a “handbook” on the subject of Spiritual Warfare, listen to those that he knows are lying? Further, why would this expert include those words in the handbook designed to teach others about spiritual warfare? The answer is simple. Dr Murphy has an agenda that demons are everywhere, and that many of the daily problems that people have, especially Christians, are caused by demons. The urgency of Dr Murphy's agenda has clouded his judgment, and unfortunately the Bible has taken a secondary place in the theology of Dr Murphy. Because of this, I view the work of Dr Murphy as dangerous, and damaging to Christianity as a whole. I believe the research (if you want to call it that) is faulty, biased, and unscriptural. In many places it is not just unscriptural (not found in the scriptures), but anti-scriptural (contradicted by clear statements in the Bible) as well. While it is true that demons have succeeded in establishing occult practices such as witchcraft in some areas. Where these demons have failed in their task, writers like Dr. Murphy have succeeded in establishing witchcraft by tricking Christians into using these same occult practices, such as Christianized witchcraft in an attempt to fight against these demons.

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full 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. 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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

We are told here to put on the “full armor”, and to “stand your ground”, and to put on the “belt of truth”, and the “breastplate of righteousness”. We are also told to have our “feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace”, and to use the “shield of faith”, so that we can “extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one”, and to put on the “helmet of salvation” and to use the “sword of the Spirit”, which is the “word of God”. We are also told to “pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests”, to “be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints”. **We are NOT told to use witchcraft against witchcraft.** These are truly the words of battle, or Spiritual Warfare, but these are not magic words, or incantations, or any special techniques learned by any supposed “experts” on spiritual warfare. When witchcraft calls for magic words, Dr. Murphy requires magic words (“rhema”) to fight against them. When witchcraft calls for magic rituals, Dr. Murphy requires magic rituals (exorcism ritual) to fight against them. Jesus simply demanded that the demons leave. The disciples also demanded that the demons leave the bodies of those afflicted, except those cases which require prayer to be successful. The cases of demon possession in the Bible were dealt with immediately. Dr. Murphy sometimes requires months of rituals to remove the demons. In the Bible, all of the demons were cast out at once, while Dr. Murphy can only seem to get rid of one or two at a time over several months. In the Bible those suffering with demonic affliction were notorious for their condition but those treated by Dr. Murphy sometimes don’t even know they have a demon problem until Dr. Murphy enlightens them about their condition. Considering that EVERY case of demonic activity discussed by Dr. Murphy contradicts the accounts in the Bible, one would wonder why Dr. Murphy even bothers to claim any association with the Bible at all. The Bible does not forbid black witchcraft but allow “Christianized” or “white” witchcraft, it simply forbids ALL witchcraft. By deceiving Christians into the misguided activity of fighting spells and rituals with spells and rituals, Dr. Murphy succeeds in tricking Christians to ignore the Bible and to unwittingly do evil. We are warned not to eat meat sacrificed to idols in the temple of the idol so that we don’t participate with demons. It doesn’t say to grind up the meat and make hamburgers. We are to have nothing to do with it. In the same manner, we should not be fooled into debating with demons, when we know they lie. Even the term “exorcism” was borrowed from occult beliefs. The term “*exorcism*” means to “*bind with an oath*”, “*to conjure*”, or “*the casting out of demons by means of magical formulas and ceremonies*”. Jesus simply demanded that the demons come “out” of those afflicted because He had authority. The encounters Jesus had with those afflicted with demons took mere moments. The ones described by Dr. Murphy (and other demon “experts”) take hours, sometimes days, and in a few cases even longer. Matthew 12:27 says “*And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out?*” Casting out demons does not prove that the person is a Christian, but this seems to be the argument presented in this book, that those casting out demons are somehow super-Christians. The Pharisees, of whom Jesus called “vipers” could cast out demons, but they used magical incantations and religious rituals to do so. Jesus clearly contrasted the work He did by showing that He cast out demons with the power of God, but the Pharisees did it using false religious ceremonies and formulas. Dr. Murphy asks us to do nothing short of this but in this case these religious ceremonies and magic formulas are Christianized. In the early days of the Church, others tried using Christianized witchcraft to drive demons out of others as well. Acts 19:13 tells us “*Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.”*” This incident showed that the demons did not recognize those trying to use Christianized magic and in fact they gave the man attempting to “exorcize” them such a beating that he ran from the house “naked and bleeding”. The mere fact that it looks like someone is casting out a demon does not make that person “right” and as previously stated, it doesn’t even make that person a “Christian”.

At no time are we, as Christians called to use the techniques, the practices, the spells, the rituals, or the magic of the other side. We abide in Christ and the power of Christ battles for us. We are not to take our eyes off of God. Most of the incidents used as demonstrations in the book *Spiritual Warfare* are distractions from the truth of the Bible.

1 Corinthians 10:18-31 *Consider the people of Israel : Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 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. Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he? "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." If some unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake—the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

The stage is set for deception from the beginning pages. The presentation of the base story is fraudulent in that the description of Dr. Murphy's daughter describes an innocent young teen with fluffy and emotional descriptions but quickly turns into a story of how evil demons attacked this same girl. This time through, the actual facts are described, and the true sense of what supposedly happened is explained. This first false presentation and the following corrections in the second portrayal, betrays the blatant way this writer likes to present a biased picture for the purpose of manipulating his audience. In fact, any sound theological basis for this book is so lacking that I think the actor Eddie Murphy would have done a better job in presenting the facts, as facts, instead of building a house of false proclamations just to support the false assumptions stated later in the book. The only support the false conclusions listed later in the book rely on, are, of course, the false proclamations presented earlier in the book. The inclusion of this type of circular reasoning does not warrant the title "handbook", which implies a status of expertise this book in no way fulfills. The various conflicting statements contained in the book, about the book, betray the frayed logic and complete lack of understanding the author has regarding the position this book has in the field of spiritual warfare. For example, the first paragraph of the preface to the revised edition, states, "*since its appearance in 1992, the book still stands as the only beginning definitive study on this complex and all-inclusive area of human reality*", but then goes on to say in the last paragraph of this same page, "*to revise The Handbook further is not only unnecessary, but also impractical, since it would expand the length of the book, making necessary a second volume*". The preface states, "*I write this preface after finishing the book. I am comfortable with most of what I have written, yet uncomfortable with some of what I have written. I only wish time had permitted a rewrite of some of the exegetical section with more input from biblical scholars, but deadlines made this impossible*". Still the preface to the revised edition tells us, "*The other major change in this revision of The Handbook is the inclusion of the new closing chapter , "Dangers and Pitfalls of Spiritual Warfare"*". I mention these contradictions because there is not a first "major change" listed in this narrative, and the self-admitted shortcoming of the author in writing this book was not addressed, while other materials were included in the book rather than correcting the first shortcomings. The vague statement included in the book, "*By its very nature, this is a controversial book*", does nothing to dispel my apprehension regarding the content of this book, as every effort should have been made to scripturally support each claim made. I do not truly understand if this statement was included in the book as a disclaimer as an attempt to explain why the scriptural basis is so weak, or as an appetizer for those scanning the preface for titillating controversial topics, or just as a general statement regarding spiritual warfare as a

biblical topic. Certainly though, any author daring enough to present an authoritative Christian book on spiritual warfare, especially in the naming of this book "The Handbook" should have done the honest and detailed work to support the claims presented in the book to eliminate controversy not to merely add to the already existing controversy. This field, "spiritual warfare", has life and death consequences, and as such, this book should have received the highest degree of scrutiny, the utmost amount of labor, and an uncompromising level of integrity. I feel that this was not the case, and in many parts of this book the topics were dealt with in a careless and cavalier manner. Simply stating an opinion in the first paragraph or two, and then basing the rest of the chapter on that statement or statements, does not create a feeling of integrity or earnestness. In fact, it has quite the opposite effect. IF the statements at the beginning of each chapter were actually supportable with contextual scriptures, this would have been the order of the day. It was not. This leaves the reader wondering why this was not done. The only conclusion I could come up with is that there either were no grounds for scriptural support, or that the support was so weak that no honest effect would have been gained by their inclusion. In fact, many times the presentation is so dishonest that while reading several of the chapters, I got the same feeling as being schlepped by a used car salesman. I do refrain from calling this entire writing an outright fraud however, because there are several elements of the book that are doctrinally correct and truly based on scripture, but unfortunately, the un-Biblical sections and the simply made-up sections HEAVILY outweigh the correct ones. The false elements of this book make it extremely dangerous to immature Christians as they are still developing their own theology and some of the many false assumptions and teachings may find their way into their belief system. This disparity between the true and the false make this writing completely useless as a study tool as the content is terribly polluted with false teachings, useless analogies, and faulty reasoning.

This author apparently has absolutely no problem just making up stuff. Acts 16-19 tell a story of a demonically possessed young woman.

Acts 16:16 *Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. ¹⁹When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities*

We are only told that this young woman was a young woman, that she was a slave, that she attempted to predict the future, and that she earned a lot of money for her owners. Then we are told that a demon was cast from her. That's it. But the author writes additional information about this young woman on pages 324, 325, 326, 327, and 328. Somehow the author is able to explain to us that she was "a little girl", that she was "pitiful", that she had "frenzied cries", and that she was a "ventriloquist". He goes on to explain that she was possessed by the "famous Apollo python spirit", even though we have been instructed by the previous 43 chapter that demonic possession is impossible that that she must have been "demonized". We are also told that she was "widely advertised", that she went into a "semi-trance", that at times "her utterances were unintelligible", that "she gave a personal word to each inquirer", and that "she was not gifted at contacting the spirits of the departed as did others". The information included in the Handbook of Spiritual Warfare so far exceeds the information given to us in the scriptures that it rivals the absurdity of the Prayer of Jabez phenomenon. The entire industry that exists in pop Christianity in the form of books, videos, calendars, workshops, journals, posters, bookmarks, workbooks, Bible studies, websites, home groups, and other products and activities surrounding the "Prayer of Jabez" is based on a couple of phrases of only seventeen words in the Bible.

The use of language contained within this book, is extremely vague and non-explicit, and in fact creates a hidden harbor in which the author hides during the sticky parts of his writings. The

explanation that Christians can be “demonized” but not “demonically possessed” falls apart when the author tries to create geography out of social and time structures. The author even contradicts himself numerous times such as the previous statement. This is evident when he writes about the “places” demons have control in a believer’s life. If you can think of a vague or confusing figure of speech, this writer has surely seized upon it, and used it to confuse some simple concept to bolster his weak arguments.

The presentation of “Carolyn’s story” is just one of these incidents. Carolyn, a “sweet”, “responsive”, adorable, and “obedient”, “Christian” fourteen year old daughter of a minister is having a problem. Carolyn’s friend, a boy, gave her some occult material including a pentagram which she wore around her neck. She participated in transcendental meditation. She sometimes screamed, became rebellious, had haughty eyes and could not pray. The presentation of the character of Carolyn included the positive things about her, but the problem included the negative things about her. I’m reminded of the saying, “to the fool, all things come quickly”. When a problem became evident, there was absolutely no attempt to find the source of the problem, it was instantly assumed that she was possessed or as the author would explain it “demonized”. The first step would have been logically to determine what the problem was. It is possible that this fourteen year old teenager was acting like a fourteen year old teenager and her actions displeased her parents. This young girl is right at the point in her life where she is gradually separating from her parents and standing on her own. This transition is usually not flawless and many errors occur while attempting to find appropriate methods of demonstrating autonomy. This concept was not explored at all by Dr Murphy. It MUST be demons? It is possible that there was an organic problem that required an examination by a doctor. This was not done either. It is possible that there existed some demonic activity. It is also possible that this was simply the sinful nature of the teenager that had been repressed by the will of the teenager during less turbulent times. Now that the onset of strong hormonal changes and the psychologically negative homeostasis of becoming a teenager had overcome her ability to repress her frustration and she communicated her anger in an inappropriate manner. No! Absolutely not! This MUST be demonic activity. After all, Dr Murphy is not an “expert” on hormonal fluctuations; he is an “expert” on demons. Yep, must be a bad case of demons!

The author’s assertions and explanations of his qualifications regarding the writing of this book are as creative as they are false. But to further his argument regarding his qualifications by invoking an argument of “experience” is nonsense and contradicts other statements showing an absolute lack of understanding. If I were the author of this book, now that I had made such a statement, I would go on to make my argument based on my own proclamations. Unlike the author, I am not going to do this and will in fact actually use statements in the book to make my point. The author writes, *“For many, any theology of demons they have is built primarily on subjective experience”*, to describe one “side” of this argument, and then writes, *“On the other hand, there are others whose theology of demons is built on their own limited interpretations of Scripture with little or no experience in direct, ongoing confrontation with evil spirits”*, to explain the other “side” of this argument. Then, as if showing us the correct approach to this issue, he writes, *“The Scripture-versus-experience issue is unfortunate, unbiblical, and illogical. Never in Scripture are the two held to be mutually exclusive. They are always seen to be two sides of the same coin.”* Where does this conflict exist? There is no documentation of any conflict. This is a basic “straw man fallacy” where the writer creates a problem just so he can solve it. But does he? By creating a problem, and by showing how bad the two extreme sides are, he is portraying that he is using the middle ground to make HIS point. This idea is expanded in the discussion of World View by showing that western culture has excluded the middle argument between religion and science. So, now that the author has established himself as a balanced expert in this field, by not taking either of the bad extremes, experience only, and study only: AND, he has expanded his argument of superiority by showing us he is also an expert in this field because he is not taking either of the other bad extremes, religion only, or science only, he is definitely the man for the job. Really? The discussion of the necklace Carolyn wore betrays the truth, *“In the past I had noticed she had a small object hanging on a chain around her neck, but hadn’t thought anything of it. As I was praying with her, trying to resist the Devil on her behalf, my attention was drawn to*

that object. It looked like a Star of David. Where did you get that star, I asked. She told me the name of the boy who had given it to her. I knew him. He was a professing Christian but definitely not a committed believer. What is it supposed to symbolize? I inquired. I don't know what it symbolizes, she replied. It's just a kind of good-luck charm. It's found on the dust covers of some musical albums. All the kids wear them. The star turned out to be a pentagram, a symbol of the occult world. At that time I was almost totally ignorant of occultism, its symbols and practices. Yet somehow I knew that thing was an evil symbol. Its presence on her body served as an amulet, drawing evil spirits to her life."

So, our expert, a trained minister, started out not knowing what a Star of David is, or a pentagram? I personally find this completely impossible to believe. Perhaps he has never heard of Satanism, or the Pentagon, (the center of the United State's military leadership)? Perhaps he has never heard of Israel ? Perhaps he has never heard of Judaism? This must then mean that our expert has never heard of Wicca or witchcraft, or any other topic related to the occult. But now he is going to lead us, simply because he has taken the "middle" way between bad extremes? This is a terrible situation when a person so completely lacking in understanding decides to become an expert on the very things which he has ignored during his entire education, and in fact, lifetime. To use faulty examination methods to support his new education, and to even make declarations to the world as to why things are the way they are, is simply insulting to the mind. The author's statement , *"A knowledge of God divorced from the experience of God led to the Crusades, the Inquisition, and other chapters in the colonization of the heathen world by organized Christianity too shameful for words. "The Crusades, and the Inquisition were caused by mixing Pagan beliefs with Christianity. This resulted in Catholicism. The writer of this book does exactly the same thing in writing this book! Nearly every point in this book is written from the perspective of Christianized witchcraft!*

The author of this book says in chapter three that **"Satan's main strategy of temptation is deception"**. Yet the very approach taken by this author is also deception. Satan's followers use magic words called spells and incantations to accomplish their evil work. Dr. Murphy and many in the "word – faith" movement, attempt to accomplish a similar work by using "Rhema", or "Christian" magic words to defeat the magic words of the enemy. This opposite application of the same principles is nothing more than a Christian "spell" or "incantation", followed by the magic words, *"in the name of Jesus"*. DOING the will of God, FOLLOWING the teachings of Jesus, and using *"in the name of Jesus"* really makes sense to me. It is consistent, and it is scriptural. CONTRADICTING the scriptures, and DOING the will of the practitioner, and using the words *"in the name of Jesus"* is nothing more than a contrived, artificial, and false type of Christianized Witchcraft.

I recently watched a rather disgusting incident of a similar nature, while watching **Paula White**, a female televangelist, on television. She had just completed a rather hysterical fit where she was *"touched by the Spirit of God"*, which was quite obviously very well rehearsed. She would hunch her back over and throw her arms downward, and then bend her knees and throw her arms upward while making some false point. I thought for sure that she would fall off her amazingly high stiletto heels several times. She duplicated this action several times while repeating the same sentence until the audience finally responded in a manner she approved of. She then began explaining her lesson regarding the "word" of the lion. Apparently, Paula White has not watched many nature shows or she wouldn't have concocted such an obvious farce. It was her contention that lions eat rabbits. Apparently lions don't hunt in groups, and they don't use speed, or camouflage, and they don't hide in the tall grass in ambush for the rabbits. She apparently doesn't know that the female lions are responsible for most of the hunting done by the pride. *"The female lion captures most of the mid-sized prey (wildebeest, zebra, etc.) but the male typically catch the really big prey (buffalo & giraffe)."* <http://www.cbs.umn.edu/lionresearch/faq.html>

She claimed that when a big ol' lion wants to eat a rabbit, he simply puts forth his "word", or his "rhema" and this word confounds and terrifies the rabbit so that the lion can walk over to it and eat it. Even though this presentation was full-on idiocy at its fullest degree, hundreds of people

started clapping and waving their hands in the air due to the “truth” of her statements. Male lions keep other males away, and they mate. That’s it. Yet, even though many in the audience probably knew these truths, they were simply overcome with immature spiritual emotionalism, and they rose to their feet waving their arms in the air without taking even a second or two to consider the validity of the comments just made.

I do not believe that either Dr Murphy or those believing this nonsense are stupid; in fact I recently joined the International High IQ Society and have seen an amazing amount of just plain stupid arguments presented on the message boards there by people that have proven high IQ’s. Just because a person has an IQ of 150 doesn’t make them right when it comes to spiritual issues, it just means that they have an IQ of 150. The Holy Spirit illuminates the scriptures to those that seek the face of God. But there is a requirement. To discover truth you must look with an honest and open mind and heart. I have seen it all too often. If you believe there is no God, you will read the Bible looking for errors. If you believe God has a certain personality, you will look for passages to support your ideas. This has simply happened to Dr Murphy as well. One needs to read the Bible to determine what it says regarding an issue, not decide what you believe about an issue and then look for verses to support your beliefs. ESPECIALLY NOT to take verses in the Bible that are easily understood and to twist them to mean what you have already decided that you believe! Shame! Spiritual maturity requires thoughtful, scriptural, spiritual consistency over a period of time. It is not found in the charismatic words of a public speaker, or in some unknown magic words, or in spectacular demonstrations of demonic mastery.

Chapter five is absolutely bizarre and complete absurdity takes over. For some, the first four chapters of fiction may have been a strong enough argument to accomplish the “suspension of disbelief”, but I guess I’m a hard sell. I found the discussion between the author and the demon named “Fear” so absurd and so insultingly stupid that I had to read it in sections, with breaks in between to read several passages in the Bible, as a mental break from the idiocy. The following is a list of the “names of demons” from demonbusters.com, which also list “**Fear**” as the name of a demon.

Prejudice, Bitterness, Emulations, Deaf and Dumb, Anger, Evil Heart of Unbelief, Hatred, Murder, Resentment, Temper, Violence, Retaliation, Unforgiveness, Rebellion, Anti Submissiveness, Disobedience, Self-Will, Stubbornness, Strife, Argument, Bickering, Contention, Fighting, Quarreling, Control, Dominance, Possessiveness, Witchcraft, Retaliation, Cruelty, Destruction, Hatred, Hurt, Sadism, Spite, Accusation, Criticism, Faultfinding, Judging, Rejection, Fear of Rejection, Self-Rejection, Insecurity, Inadequacy, Ineptness, Inferiority, Loneliness, Self-Pity, Shyness, Timidity, Jealousy, Distrust, Envy, Selfishness, Suspicion, Withdrawal, Daydreaming, Fantasy, Pouting, Pretension, Unreality, Drugs, Indifference, Passivity, Sleepiness, Stoicism, Funk (Fear), Lethargy, Listlessness, Depression (Python), Death, Defeatism, Dejection, Despair, Despondency, Discouragement, Hopelessness, Insomnia, Morbidity, Suicide, Heaviness, Burden, Disgust, Gloom, Worry, Anxiety, Apprehension, Nervousness, Excitement, Headache, Insomnia, Nervous Habits, Restlessness, Roving, Tension, Sensitiveness, Fear of Disapproval, Fear of Man, Self-Awareness, Persecution, Fear of Reproof, Fear of Judgment, Fear of Condemnation, Fear of Accusation, Sensitiveness, Unfairness, Mental Illness, Hallucinations, Insanity, Madness, Mania, Paranoia, Retardation, Schizophrenia, Hearing Voices, Senility, Spirit of Satan, Confrontation, Distrust, Envy, Fears, Jealousy, Persecution, Suspicion, Confusion, Forgetfulness, Doubt, Skepticism, Unbelief, Indecision, Compromise, Confusion, Forgetfulness, Indifference, Procrastination, Self-Deception, Pride, Self-Seduction, Self-Delusion, Mind Binding, Confusion, Fear of Failure, Fear of Man, Occult Spirits, Spiritism, Spirits, Mind Idolatry, Ego, Intellectualism, Pride, Rationalization, Fears (All Kinds), Hysteria, Phobias (All Kinds), Fear of Authority, Deceit, Lying, Mockery, Arrogance, Beelzebub, Haughtiness, Importance, Self-Righteousness, Vanity, Affectation (Pretending), Playacting, Pretension, Sophistication, Theatrics, Covetousness, Discontent, Greed, Kleptomania, Material Lust, Stealing, Perfection, Anger, Criticism, Nightmares,

Frustration, Intolerance, Irritability, Pride, Vanity, Competition, Argument, Driving, Fear of Demons, Mockery, Impatience, Agitation, Criticism, Frustration, Intolerance, Resentment, False Burden, False Compassion, False Responsibility, Grief, Cruel, Crying, Heartache, Sorrow of Heart, Fatigue, Laziness, Shaman, Tiredness, Weariness, Witch Doctor, Infirmary, Death, Sting of Death, Inheritance, Curse Inheritance, Emotional Inheritance, Mental Inheritance, Physical Inheritance, Hyper Activity, Driving, Pressure, Restlessness, Backbiting, Blasphemy, Criticism, Mockery, Restlessness, Cursing, Backbiting, Belittling, Blasphemy, Course Jesting, Criticism, Gossip, Mockery, Railing, Addictive and Compulsive Behavior, and C Alcohol, A and C Caffeine, A and C Drugs, A and C Gluttony, A and C Medications, A and C Nicotine, A and C Sugar, A and C Eating, Frustration, Idleness, Nervousness, Resentment, Self-Pity, Self-Reward, Self-Accusation, Self-Condensation, Self-Hatred, Guilt, Condemnation, Embarrassment, Shame, Unworthiness, Sexual Impurity, Adultery, Incubus, Succubus, Bestiality, Exposure, Fantasy Lust, Fornication, Frigidity, Harlotry, Homosexuality, Incest, Lesbianism, Lust, Masturbation, Rape, Sodomy, False Religions and Cults, Bahaism, Buddhism, Catholicism, Christian Science, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Jehovah's Witness, Latihan, Mormonism, Rosicrucianism, Shintoism, Subud, Taoism, Theosophy, Unity, Urantia, Occult, Astrology, Automatic Handwriting, Card Reading, Charms, Conjuraton, Dungeons and Dragons, ESP, Fetishes, Fortune Telling, Handwriting Analysis, Horoscope, Hypnotism, Incantation, Levitation, Magic (Black, White, Yellow, Gray), New Age, Ouija Board, Palmistry, Pendulum, Tarot Cards, Water Witching, Witchcraft, Religious Doctrinal Error, Doctrinal Obsession, Fear of God, Fear of Hell, Fear of Lost Salvation, Formalism, Legalism, Religiosity, Ritualism, Seduction, Spiritism, Necromancy, Séance, Spirit Guide, Vagabond, Lodges, Societies, Social Agencies Using the Bible and God as a Basis but Omitting the Blood Atonement of Jesus Christ, Hexebus (A Cloning Demon), Leviathan, Umbrella Commission, Counsel on Foreign Relations, Buildergurgers, Rockerfellers, Rothchilds Group, Masons, the Skull and Bones, and the Trilateral Commission (The New World Order).

“The following is our SECOND BASIC DEMON LIST we cast out of EVERYONE we take through DELIVERANCE. We believe in leaving no stone (demon) unturned.”

Abortion, Abuse Accuser of the Brethren, Acne, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder), Affliction, Ahab, Aids, Anxiety, Arthritis, Asmodeus (Ruler of Lust), Asthma (Meriham), Alzheimer's Disease, Blackout, Blackwell, Blood Pressure (High/Low), Broken Spirit, Bronchitis, Cancer, Catatonic Stupor, Cigarettes, Ciliary Blepharitis, Ciliary Spasm, Claustrophobia, Cocaine, Cripple, Crying, Dejavu, Depression, Desperation, Devouring, Difficult Breathing, Distraction, Divination, Divorce, Drunk at Church, Electromagnetic Waves, Envy, Evil Eye, Father of Lies, Fear of Satan, Freemasonry, Frequencies (Very Low/High), Frequencies (Extremely Low/High), Grieving, Headache, Hernia, Hyperactive Disorder, In Hair, Insanity, Insecurity, Insanity, Insecurity, Jezebel, Jesus Only, Kundalini (Serpent Power), Awakening (At base of spine), Liar, Lust, Lying, Marijuana, Meibominitis (Oil Glands), Mind Control, Mind Occult, Mind Set, Music (Classical, Country, Heavy Metal, Jazz, Rap, Rock and Roll, Wrong Christian, Blues, All Other), New Age, Nightmares, Nose Bleed, Obesity, Osmodeus (Prince of Destruction), Osteoarthritis, Pain, Panic Disorder, Pathway, Personality Undevelopment, Perversion, Pino (Blood Pressure), Pneumonia, Presbyopia (Farsighted), Pretense Fantasy, Puno (Blood Pressure), Queen of Heaven, Respiratory Infections, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ritalin, Rottenness of Bones, Sacrifice of Darkness, Scars, Schizophrenia, Seduction by the Occult, Self Indulgence, Shiv-Deity of Destruction, Sinusitis, Skin Walking, Smoking, Social Phobia, Sprite, Sting of Death, Terminus, The Way, Thief, Torment, Trance, Triand (Blood Pressure), Tuberculosis, Uncleanness, Underdeveloped Personality (demons that keep us as children), Weeping, Whoredom, Vampirism.

I could find no explanation of which names were ok to use and which were not. Apparently if a person is writhing around on the floor and they say that their name is “Fear”, then it must be true.

But this list has several other “names” listed, so are we to assume that all of these names are acceptable? These names are not found in the Bible, and in fact, the meanings of all of these words are easily understood, most without ANY connection to demons. The name “Pain” is also on the list. Let’s do an experiment. Lift the front edge or legs of the chair you’re sitting on up about an inch. Now put your little finger under the foot and gently put the chair down on your finger. Now sit down on the chair. Is that “Pain”, the “demon” that instantly found a situation that offered it “legal” status to demonize you? Did your predecessors all practice the finger-smashing technique and pass this “demon” down to each generation of your family? Or, did you simply act foolishly by placing an undue amount of pressure on your little finger, and your nervous system sent you the message without any help from any demon. I think that the answer is quite obvious, but here I am writing this explanation down to refute the points put forth in the book Spiritual Warfare.

To show how clearly how both Dr. Ed Murphy, and the authors of Demon Busters have misapplied common language, and played with the normal means of words to further their biased conclusions, I have included several incidents using the word “fear”. Perhaps the disciples were all demonized in the boat near Gennesaret when they “cried out in fear”.

Matthew 14:26-27 *When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”*

I noticed that Jesus didn’t have a conversation with “Fear” even though it was evident the disciples were in fear. Jesus simply said “Don’t be afraid”. Why would Jesus say that if “Fear” were a demon?

Luke 1:12-13 *When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.*

When Zechariah was “gripped” with fear, why didn’t the angel recognize the fact that the demon “Fear” had a hold on Zechariah and do battle with the demon? Instead the angel also said “Do not be afraid”. It appears to me that fear must be an emotion and that it is possible for us to control fear with our will.

Luke 1:50 *His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.*

If “Fear” is a demon then God would only extend mercy to those afflicted by “Fear”. Unless of course, “Fear” is really only fear. Perhaps “Fear” is a newly created demon as he doesn’t actually show up anywhere in the entire Bible, but the emotion “fear” shows up some 255 times. If “Fear” were a demon, then he would have existed during Jesus’ life on earth, and he would have been addressed. Later, as the story continues in Luke 8:25, Jesus asks his disciples, “where is your faith”. Is “faith” a person also? NO!

Luke 8:25 *“Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”*

This verse shows that the disciples were in “fear” AND “amazement”. Does this mean that “amazement” is really a spiritual entity names “Amazement”? Perhaps “Fear” and “Amazement”, are twin demons? Perhaps they could sneak into the movies using the same ticket? Absolutely not! In fact, I find it amazingly stupid that I even have to explain this to another human being!

Dr. Ed Murphy is treading on dangerous ground in his communications with supposed demons. IF these demons are not real, and these situations are created by people with mental or emotional disorders then Dr. Murphy is both deceived AND deceiving others. If

these demons are real, then Dr. Murphy is allowing these demons to either partially or completely determine his theology because he takes them at their word. This is a no win situation.

Jesus did not have conversations like those discussed by Dr. Murphy and in each case there was minimum amount of conversation. In each of these cases shown in the Bible, the afflicted person was immediately relieved in a moment. In no case that I am aware of did the afflicted person need to return for additional encounters with Jesus. The only case I know of is when the disciples were unable to cast out a demon and Jesus explained that this kind of demon could only be driven out by prayer. Nothing in the accounts presented by Dr. Murphy are similar to those in the Bible. Dr. Murphy's accounts are much more similar to Bob Larson, (traveling exorcist and fraud extraordinaire).

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15 even compares the word spirit with the word fear showing CLEARLY that "fear" is an emotion and not a "demon"! NOWHERE in the Bible is the word fear used as the name of a demon!

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Hebrews describes "holy fear", which shows clearly that fear is an emotion as there can be NO "holy" demons! The author also writes, "As to how Satan himself was transformed from a good creature into the liar who then became the murderer of some of the angels and the entire human race, the Bible is totally silent. Where the Bible is obviously and consistently silent about such matters we do well also to remain silent."(page 32).

Ezekiel 28:13-17 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.

The Bible is NOT silent as to how Satan became evil. There are numerous verses which give us insight as to how his occurred. For a typological example, look at Paul's affliction, and the use of the word "huperairomai" (hoop-er-ah'-ee-rom-ahee) or to "be exalted above measure".

Gene Jackson writes in the Tennessee District Bulletin, "The old craze of casting demons out of believers is probably the most dangerous and damnable of all these doctrinal aberrations. ..."Casting demons out of believers" does damage that lasts a lifetime. I have absolutely no patience with those who despise the blood of Calvary's Lamb and attempt to cast a demon out from under that precious sacrifice. You can cast all the demons out of sinners that you can find. (And if you'll move out of your regular zone of fellowshipping with believers, you can certainly find a demon-possessed segment of society.) But you are not going to find a demon in a believing child of God, who is under the blood of the Cross of Calvary. Not in a million years. Don't allow such nonsense in your church (June 99).

Matthew 7:15-23 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people

pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

The scriptures clearly tell us that simply casting out demons in the name of the Lord does not make the practitioner "Christian". The various passages in the book Spiritual Warfare, regarding demons, do not treat the situations the same as the Bible does, and in most points actually contradict the Bible. I find it extremely interesting that Dr. Murphy makes no distinction between demonic possession and possession by evil spirits. Dr. Murphy spends a great deal of effort in creating a smokescreen of explaining that the terms demon possession and demon possessed are poor terms and the term we should use is really demonization. Great. What did this accomplish? Again, Dr. Murphy creates a problem, namely what are the correct terms to use regarding demonic activity. Who brought up the problem? The term demonic possession is normally used to describe a situation where demons are "in" the person afflicted. This only becomes important when the claim is of Christians being "possessed". Non-believers ARE possessed by Satan, not to say they are inhabited by demons though. Believers ARE possessed by God. Dr. Murphy takes great pains to avoid to actual question, namely that of LOCATION! While explaining the Greek words for demon, spirit, evil, etc. he refuses to deal with the words "in", "out", and "cast". If a demon is harassing a person from the outside, this is a completely different situation than a demon inhabiting the victim.

Matthew 9:33 "the demon having been cast out".

Matthew 11:18 "He hath a demon".

Matthew 17:18 "and the demon went out of him".

Mark 7:26 "that the demon he may cast forth out of her daughter".

Mark 7:29 "the demon hath gone forth out of thy daughter".

Luke 4:35 "Be silenced and come forth out of him"

It is clear that the argument of using the term demonization is better than demon possessed only when describing a situation where a demon is harassing someone. It makes little difference though when a person has a demon inside of them.

This nonsense, or "***the most dangerous and damnable of all these doctrinal aberrations***", as Gene Jackson, goes on and one chapter by chapter until I reached page 151. The few sentences on the previous page seemed to be in line with the Bible, and then as I read through the material on page 151, I thought to myself that I finally found a page in this really stupid book that actually makes sense, AND is in line with the Bible. It didn't last long. As I got to the bottom of the page, the topic of "sexual demons" came up again. I believe it is fair for Christians, left without any clear evidence in the Bible, to lean towards certain beliefs, based on their best guess. But to state in unfaltering certainty that something is either a fact or that it is doctrine when there is nothing in the Bible to support that claim is wrong. To make this claim in the face of scriptures that contradict that claim is false teaching, plain and simple. What is the biblical support for sexual demons? Page 151 says, "Bondage to masturbation is spiritual warfare. The desire may first come from within, warfare with the lusts of the flesh. It can also come directly from without, warfare with a sex-crazed world. Finally, it often comes from above, warfare with sexual demons who tempt us to unwise or illicit sexual activity (1 Cor 7:5). Let see.

1 Corinthians 7:5 - Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

There it is, the support for “sexual demons”. There is no special designation for sexual demons. There isn’t even a mention of demons. There is simply a statement advising us to not give Satan a means to tempt us. It doesn’t say the sexual Satan, or the sexual messengers of Satan. It just says Satan.

I was reading the Handbook of Spiritual Warfare, and a Mensa newsletter on the same day, and I was taken by a new word I learned from the Mensa newsletter. *Iatrogenic*, (*adj*), “*induced in a patient by a physician’s activity, manner, or therapy. Used especially of an infection or other complication of treatment.*” I was taken by the similarity of reading the definition of this word, and the various statements made by Dr Murphy in this book. I truly believe that a normal Christian, with a solid theology, that may be having a simple and common problem, could very well end up in a much worse situation after following the teachings contained in this book. This would make the teachings contained in this book, *iatrogenic* in nature. IF we accept Dr Murphy’s interpretation of 1 Corinthians 7:5, then we must maintain this interpretation for the entire passage of 1 Corinthians 7:2-5,

“But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. ³The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴The wife’s body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. ⁵Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”

Verse 2 says that “since there is so much immorality”, and Dr Murphy says that sexuality immorality comes from sexual demons. The rest of verse 2 explains that to prevent sexuality immorality, “each man should have a wife and each woman should have her own husband”, which would mean that getting married would provide resistance to sexual demons, yet Paul told us that it would be better not to be married. Yet he also told us to resist Satan. This shows us that the argument used by Dr Murphy is faulty.

Matthew 9:33 says - *And when the demon (daimonion {dahee-mon'-ee-on}) was driven out (ekballo {ek-bal'-lo}), the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”*

Matthew 17:18-19 says - *Jesus rebuked the demon (daimonion {dahee-mon'-ee-on}), and it came (exerchomai {ex-er'-khom-ahee}) out (apo {apo'}) of the boy (autos {ow-tos'}), and he was healed from that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”*

Matthew 12:43-45 says - *“When an evil ((akathartos {ak-ath'-ar-tos}) spirit (pneuma {pnyoo'-mah}) comes (exerchomai {ex-er'-khom-ahee}) out of (apo {apo'}) a man (anthropos {anth'-ro-pos}), it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.”*

Matthew 4:8-11 says - *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

Matthew 9:33 says “demon”, and Matthew 17:18 also says “demon”, but Matthew 12:43 is right between these two verses but Matthew uses the words “evil spirit” instead. Matthew 4:8 is just

before Matthew 9:33 and uses the word "devil". Why? Let's look at what the authoritative *The Handbook of Spiritual Warfare* has to say about this. Page 22 says, "Furthermore demons, evil spirits, and fallen angels (all synonymous in this book) seem to fall into at least four different classifications not three as often affirmed." So, the Bible uses different words for these beings, or un-beings, but Dr. Murphy says they're all the same. The classifications mentioned in *The Handbook* are; Firstly, those "demon spirits" that carry out Satan's evil purposes, can operate on earth, the heavenlies, or inhabit the bodies of mankind. The second classification are rebellious "angels" that are bound in the abyss to be released at a future date. The third classification are fallen "angels" that are so evil that they are not permitted to exist on earth or in the heavenlies, and are bound forever in tartarus, or incorrectly translated as hell. Finally the fourth classification are "angels" who are bound within the earth, four of which are mentioned as being bound at the Euphrates .

DEMONS (Gr. *daimonia*). Evil spirits (Matt 8:16 ; Luke 10:17 , 20; cf. Matt 17:18 and Mark 9:25). The immaterial and incorporeal nature of both Satan and his demon hosts is discussed by Paul (Eph 2:2; 6:12) and John (Rev 16:14).

As purely spiritual beings or personalities, demons operate above the laws of the natural realm and are invisible and incorporeal. However they may be glimpsed (2 Kings 2:11 ; 6:17). John in apocalyptic vision saw the awful last-day eruption of locust-demons from the abyss (Rev 9:1-12), as well as the three hideous frog-like spirits that emanate from the satanic trinity (the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet) in the Tribulation to muster the world's armies to their predestined doom at Armageddon (16:13-16).

As spirit personalities, demons have an intellectual nature through which they possess superhuman knowledge. Scripture features the shrewdness of demons. They know Jesus (Mark 1:24), bow to him (5:6), describe him as "the Son of the Most High God" (5:7), entreat him (Luke 8:31), obey him (Matt 8:16), corrupt sound doctrine (1 Tim 4:1-5), conceal the truth of Christ's incarnate deity and sole saviorhood (1 John 4:1-3), and comprehend prophecy and their inevitable doom (Matt 8:29). Demons are consulted by spiritistic mediums, who allow themselves to get under the control of evil spirits for oracular purposes (1 Sam 28:1-25; Acts 16:16), as is seen in both ancient and modern spiritism, erroneously called "spiritualism."

In their moral nature all demons (as fallen angels) are evil and depraved, in distinction to the good spirits (the unfallen angels), who are sinless. They affect their victims mentally, morally, physically, and spiritually, and are frequently described as "unclean" (Matt 10:1; Mark 1:27 ; Luke 4:36 ; Acts 8:7; Rev 16:13 KJV; NIV renders "evil"). They cause fleshly uncleanness and base sensual gratification (Luke 8:27), and gross carnality and sexual sin (2 Tim 3:1-9; Rev 9:20 -21).

Demons possess terrible physical strength, imparting it to the human body (Luke 8:29) and binding their victims as with chains and with physical defects and deformities (13:11 -17) such as blindness (Matt 12:22), insanity (Luke 8:26 -36), dumbness (Matt 9:32 -33), and suicidal mania (Mark 9:22).

Demons are of two classes--those who are free, with the earth and the air as their abode (Eph 2:2; 6:11 -12; Col 1:13), and those who are imprisoned in the abyss (Luke 8:31 ; Rev 9:1-11; 20:1-3). The abyss is only the temporary prison; their final end will be the "lake of fire" (Matt 25:41), the eternal abode of Satan, demons, and unsaved human beings.

EXORCISM (Gr. *exorkizo, to adjure*). The expelling of demons by means of magic charms, spells, and incantations. It was a common practice among ancient heathen. In Acts 19:13-16 the profane use of Jesus' name as a mere spell was punished when the demon-possessed man turned on the would-be exorcists; these "vagabond Jews" were pretenders. Christ, however, implies that some Jews actually cast out demons (Matt 12:27)--some probably by demonical help, others (in the name of Jesus) without saving faith in him (7:22). He gave power to cast out demons to the

12, the 70, and to the other disciples after the Ascension (Matt 10:8; Mark 16:17 ; Luke 10:17-19; Acts 16:18). The Bible never mentions Christians "exorcising."

Demonic:

Saul (1Sa 16:14 ; 18:10).

False accusation of:

Against Jesus (Mk 3:21 ; Jn 10:20), against Paul (Ac 26:24-25; 2Co 5:13).

See *Demons, Possession by*.

Demons General:

Worship of (Lev 17:7; Dt 32:17; 2Ch 11:15 ; Ps 106:37; Mt 4:9; Lk 4:7; 1Co 10:20 -21; 1Ti 4:1; Rev 13:4). Worship of, forbidden (Lev 17:7; Zec 13:2; Rev 9:20).

Testify to the deity of Jesus (Mt 8:29 ; Mk 1:23 -24; 3:11 ; 5:7; Lk 8:28 ; Ac 19:15).

Adversaries of men (Mt 12:45). Sent to cause trouble between Abimelech and the Shechemites (Jdg 9:23). Messages given false prophets by (1Ki 22:21 -23).

Believe and tremble (Jas 2:19). To be judged at the general judgment (Mt 8:29 , w 2Pe 2:4; Jude 6). Punishment of (Mt 8:29 ; 25:41; Lk 8:28 ; 2Pe 2:4; Jude 6; Rev 12:7-9).

Possession By:

instances of--

Saul (1Sa 16:14 -23; 18:10 -11; 19:9-10). Two men of the Gadarenes (Mt 8:28 -34; Mk 5:2-20). The mute man (Mt 9:32 -33). The blind and mute man (Mt 12:22 ; Lk 11:14). The daughter of the Syrian Phoenician (Mt 15:22-29; Mk 7:25-30). The child with seizures (Mt 17:14-18; Mk 9:17-27; Lk 9:37-42). The man in the synagogue (Mk 1:23-26; Lk 4:33-35). Mary Magdalene (Mk 16:9; Lk 8:2-3). The herd of pigs (Mt 8:30 -32).

Jesus falsely accused of being possessed of (Mk 3:22 -30; Jn 7:20 ; 8:48 ; 10:20).

Exorcised--

Cast out by Jesus (Mt 4:24 ; 8:16 ; Mk 3:22 ; Lk 4:41).

Power over, given the disciples (Mt 10:1; Mk 6:7; 16:17). Cast out by the disciples (Mk 9:38 ; Lk 10:17), by Peter (Ac 5:16), by Paul (Ac 16:16 -18; 19:12), by Philip (Ac 8:7). The disciples could not expel (Mk 9:18 ,28-29). Sceva's sons exorcise (Ac 19:13 -16). The parable of the man repossessed (Mt 12:43 -45). See *Devil; Satan*.

Corinthians 10:18 *those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar.* When the people of Israel ate part of the sacrifice made at the altar (Lev 7:15 ; 8:31 ; Dt 12:17 -18), they participated in the worship of God, who established the sacrifices and whose altar it was. Likewise when the pagans sacrificed, they did so to demons (vv. 20-21). Paul denies that the idol is anything, i.e., that it is a real deity (v. 19). Nor is a sacrifice offered to a so-called god anything, because the idol is nothing and the god being worshiped is no god at all. In reality, demons (not gods) were the objects of idol worship. God's people are warned that if they do eat meat sacrificed to idols, they should not eat it with pagans in their temple feasts, for to do so is to become "participants with demons" (v. 20).

DEMON-POSSESSED (16)

Mt 4: 24the **d**, those having seizures, and the paralyzed,

Mt 8: 16When evening came, many who were **d** were brought

Mt 8: 28two **d** men coming from the tombs met him.

Mt 8: 33including what had happened to the **d** men.

Mt 9: 32While they were going out, a man who was **d** and Mt 12: 22Then they brought him a **d** man who was blind and

Mk 1: 32Jesus all the sick and **d**.

Mk 5: 16what had happened to the **d** man--and told about

Mk 5: 18the man who had been **d** begged to go with him.

Lk 8: 27When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a **d** man

Lk 8: 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the **d** Jn 7: 20 "You are **d**," the crowd answered. "Who is trying
Jn 8: 48 you are a Samaritan and **d**?"
Jn 8: 52 "Now we know that you are **d**! Abraham died and so
Jn 10: 20 Many of them said, "He is **d** and raving mad. Why
Ac 19: 13 Jesus over those who were **d**.

DEMON-POSSESSION (1)

Mt 15: 22 My daughter is suffering terribly from **d**."

DEMONS (49)

Dt 32: 17 They sacrificed to **d**, which are not God-- gods
Ps 106: 37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to **d**.
Mt 7: 22 and in your name drive out **d** and perform many miracles?'
Mt 8: 31 The **d** begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send
Mt 9: 34 "It is by the prince of **d** that he drives out demons." Mt 9: 34 "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out **d**."
Mt 10: 8 drive out **d**.
Mt 12: 24 "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of **d**, that
Mt 12: 24 that this fellow drives out **d**."
Mt 12: 27 And if I drive out **d** by Beelzebub, by whom do
Mt 12: 28 But if I drive out **d** by the Spirit of God, then
Mk 1: 34 He also drove out many **d**, but he would not let
Mk 1: 34 but he would not let the **d** speak because they
Mk 1: 39 preaching in their synagogues and driving out **d**.
Mk 3: 15 and to have authority to drive out **d**.
Mk 3: 22 By the prince of **d** he is driving out demons."
Mk 3: 22 By the prince of demons he is driving out **d**."
Mk 5: 12 The **d** begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs;
Mk 5: 15 possessed by the legion of **d**,
Mk 6: 13 They drove out many **d** and anointed many sick
Mk 9: 38 "we saw a man driving out **d** in your name and we
Mk 16: 9 out of whom he had driven seven **d**.
Mk 16: 17 In my name they will drive out **d**; they will
Lk 4: 41 Moreover, **d** came out of many people, shouting, Lk 8: 2 Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven **d** had come out;
Lk 8: 30 he replied, because many **d** had gone into him.
Lk 8: 32 The **d** begged Jesus to let them go into them, and
Lk 8: 33 When the **d** came out of the man, they went into
Lk 8: 35 they found the man from whom the **d** had gone out,
Lk 8: 38 The man from whom the **d** had gone out begged to
Lk 9: 1 authority to drive out all **d** and to cure diseases,
Lk 9: 49 "Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out **d**
Lk 10: 17 "Lord, even the **d** submit to us in your name."
Lk 11: 15 "By Beelzebub, the prince of **d**, he is driving
Lk 11: 15 he is driving out **d**."
Lk 11: 18 I say this because you claim that I drive out **d**
Lk 11: 19 Now if I drive out **d** by Beelzebub, by whom do
Lk 11: 20 But if I drive out **d** by the finger of God, then
Lk 13: 32 "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out **d** and heal
Ro 8: 38 neither angels nor **d**, neither the present nor
1Co 10: 20 No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to **d**, 1Co 10: 20 and I do not want you to be participants with **d**.
1Co 10: 21 the Lord and the cup of **d** too;
1Co 10: 21 table and the table of **d**.
1Ti 4: 1 spirits and things taught by **d**.

Jas 2: 19 Good! Even the **d** believe that--and shudder.
Rev 9: 20 they did not stop worshiping **d**, and idols of
Rev 16: 14 They are spirits of **d** performing miraculous Rev 18: 2 She has become a home for **d**
and a haunt for.

Time and again Dr. Murphy plays word games. He claims there are demons in the "lives" of believers. Apparently this is done to satisfy Biblical statements that speak of demons being cast "out" of people, or that a person had a demon "in" them. While this may satisfy those quickly skimming through the materials presented, it clearly is contrary to the use of the words, "in", "from", "out of", "had", and several others.

The stories in the so-called handbook are also quite fraudulent. The first case involves a teenage girl, who was raised in the Church without involvement in the occult. Yet this girl had rather severe responses when questioned about Christian issues. The second story involves a young man who is an atheist, and has no involvement in the occult. This young man, however, has such violent reactions when confronted with Christian issues, that he "levitated" upwards, and was "thrown backwards" over a park bench.

The third story talks about a young man that is involved with a witchcraft coven whose main activity is the active hatred of Christians. Yet this young man is able to attend Church with his friends, sing Christian songs, listen to sermons, and to have fellowship with his "Christian" friends. Apparently he is able to participate in all of these Christian activities without any of the violent reactions as those with lesser participation in the occult, such as the previous two stories. Yet, these stories are presented within this handbook to teach us the truths regarding our handling of situations involving those that are demonized. Every story contradicts each other story in both the lessons presented, and the ideas behind each story.

This "handbook" deteriorates so seriously by Chapter 16, that virtually every page reeks of unscriptural teachings, and blatantly contradicts the Bible. There are numerous teachings regarding "sexual demons" mentioned here, which I haven't been able to correlate to any incidents in the Bible. I find it incredibly interesting that Chapters one through sixteen are presented to solidify the experience of Dr. Murphy as a renowned expert in the field of Spiritual Warfare, to the point that he even ridicules those that study the Bible in their offices wearing their suits. Yet, here in Chapter 17, five of his "pastor friends" had to leave their Churches due to adulterous affairs. This technique is typical throughout the entire book. Evidence is presented for its temporary use, and even though later evidence eliminates the validity of the original evidence, it is not only NOT abandoned, but used later in the book. This is the only writer I have ever encountered that presents conflicting evidence, and uses each side of the argument to try and prove his points. This writer seems to place sexual dishonesty on a higher level of importance than the dishonesty of integrity.

His frank discussions regarding sexual relationships with his wife in chapter seventeen are interesting but they seem to dominate his thinking as to whether a Christian is being honest. This discussion comes between false presentations of spiritual issues, morality issues, and other misleading evidence presented merely to prove the biased point of the author rather than an honest look into the issues. Dr. Murphy goes on to state that if he had fallen sexually, that his relationship with God would be broken. He would be "forgiven", but his relationship with God "would never be the same". What of falling spiritually, or teaching things that flat out contradict the teachings in the Bible? Apparently this type of falling has no effect on Dr. Murphy even though the entire New Testament equates falling sexually with falling spiritually.

I was shocked to find that I agreed with something Dr. Murphy was presenting in chapter eighteen but then again, it is a very large book. The rest of the book is similar in nature and the continuation of writing identical comments corresponding with the rest of the book, would do nothing except to make my evaluation of this book as unreasonably long as the book itself.

I think that this entire book can be summarized by one paragraph located on page 286. Dr Murphy states – *“When we are dealing with a realm about which we are ignorant, we must be slow to criticize just because we are uncomfortable with some of the things that often accompany deliverance ministry. This is not grounds for rejection. For example, true believers having demons is a biblical abnormality. But if the reality the abnormality to be true, I must deal with that reality. I must not further damage the victim, driving them to total despair and even suicide, by rejecting their claims to true faith in Christ.”*

The portion of Matthew dealing with The Sheep and The Goats in Matthew 25:32-46 deals with this situation.

Matthew 25: 32 *All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”*

Dr Murphy’s explanation that he will accept a person’s claim that they are a true believer even though they are exhibiting characteristics that are contrary to the Bible is the most dangerous claim contained within this book. The story about the Sheep and Goats shows that some people will go through their lives thinking that they are Christians, when in fact they are not. “Suicide”, and “total despair” are treated as the worst possible conditions a human can face, and Dr Murphy seems to be willing to avoid these two negative conditions at all cost. I am not! I believe that eternal punishment is the absolute worst condition a human can ever face, and allowing those maintaining a false confidence regarding their false faith to continue is certainly NOT doing anyone a favor.

Dr Murphy contradicts himself on nearly every page of this book. He claims that we shouldn’t reject a situation that is “a biblical abnormality” but on page on pages 307 and 308 he also explains that *“they did everything in His name. By using this expression, it becomes evident that the disciples spoke and acted like Jesus, in His place, and in His authority, as did the prophets of Yahweh in the Old Testament (see Acts 4:7-10).”*

Dr Murphy cannot in all honesty claim a biblical abnormality which contradicts the teaching of Jesus, while at the same time encouraging us to speak and act like Jesus.

On page 430 Dr Murphy states – ***“I am affirming that under rare and unusual conditions of sin, either the sins of the individuals in question or that of others against them, some believers become demonized.”*** Yet Dr Murphy is able to list hundreds of these “rare and unusual” situations throughout his book, and even describes situations where many leaders of OC International and Partners International had to step down due to sexual immorality brought

about by the direct result of Satanist groups and the results of demons. If these situations were truly "rare and unusual" they would not occur on nearly every page of his book! Clearly Dr Murphy is attempting to push his agenda which is completely contrary to the teachings in the Bible, and it is quite clear that there is a gross and overwhelming attempt by Dr Murphy to deceive the readers of his book, *The Handbook of Spiritual Warfare*. This book is nothing more than a Christianized Witchcraft book complete with a set of magic spells at the end of the book, otherwise known as "The Daily Affirmation of Faith", the "Warfare Prayer", and finally the "Group Deliverance Prayer". These so-called "prayers" are not earnest expressions from the hearts of believers, they are written words for believers to repeat, and they are religious rituals to be performed by believers to rid themselves of demons.

My final complaint is that a book written about Spiritual Warfare must by definition, be based on the warfare between angels and demons, the spirit and the flesh, and good and evil. Yet this book, some 626 pages long, which is separated into sixty-four chapters, devotes the majority of nearly every page to demons, with angels only appearing on pages 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 84, 160, 195, 201, 220-227, and 417-419. This means angels are mentioned on only 18 of the 626 pages. This makes it appear that angels are discussed on 2.8% of the total pages. This is bizarre at best, as according to the Bible, there are two times more angels than there are demons, and no angels are recorded as being "bound" yet there are several passages that describe at least some of the demons as being bound. This is however, a rosy picture. Page 19 is speaking of "*fallen angels*". Page 22 explains "*evil angels*", and "*rebellious angels*". This means that the total of 18 pages dealing with angels is now reduced to only 16. Page 23 explains "*evil angels*" and "*wicked angels*". Page 24 asks "*How could sinless angels sin?*" That's it. Page 84 explains the "*agnostic position*" on angels given by *James D.G. Dunn*, and then Dr Murphy asserts, "*Since we are in the area of opinion, I will give mine. I believe Dunn is correct.*" This leaves only 13 pages that speak of angels. Page 160 talks about sculptures of angels being used as religious art. Page 195 states "*...in some sense men and women resemble God and the angels...*". Page 201 talks about Cherubim in the Garden of Eden. Pages 220-227 contain various rambling explanations which include passages speaking about "watchers" and angels from the Bible, various writers, and "Jewish apocalyptic and non-canonical Christian literature". These pages also contain a type of explanation of "sexual demons". Pages 417 to 419 explain angels as mentioned by "Catholic (Encyclical) Epistles. That's it!

So, it seems that this expert, Dr Ed Murphy sees demons everywhere but angels almost nowhere, yet demons are fallen angels. This "handbook" only mentions angels, AS angels (the messengers of God), in less than 1% of the entire book. Yet demons, the fallen messengers of God, are mentioned on nearly every page, even to the point of explaining different types of demons, various names for demons, and many other bits of so-called information, NONE of which are included in the Bible. For each demon that Dr Murphy supposedly does battle with, there are two angels doing battle for God. Daniel 7:10 tells us that there are a LOT of angels – "*A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.*". Matthew 26:53 states – "*Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?*" Again, there are MANY angels that can respond in just a moment. Hebrews 12:22-24 "*But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*"

Dr Ed Murphy would have Satan, all of the demons, and our own flesh doing battle with us, yet leave us stranded without suitable spiritual support because we are doing battle with demons around every corner with the tools of his experience, a couple of canned prayers contained in the back of his "handbook", and apparently some religious rituals performed by his associates over

great periods of time with extremely questionable tactics that are either completely missing from the Bible, or are directly in opposition to the teachings of the Bible.

The Bible teaches us about history, genealogies, names, law, ethics, love, prophecy, folk heroes, war strategies, typologies, dietary and sanitation insight, Christian doctrine and theology, poetry, songs, salvation, heaven and hell, the resurrection, thoughts on wisdom, church structure, advice on how to live a happy life, leadership examples, marriage advice, God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, angels and demons, good judgment, witnessing, the origin of the nations, child raising, societal guidelines, worship and prayer guidelines, welfare, future events, and even money advice not to mention many hundreds of other topics. The argument presented by Dr. Ed Murphy that the Bible is completely SILENT on Christians being demonically possessed, but that it does happen and we should believe it because his personal experience proves it, is absurd to a degree that defies definition!

In reality, God is in charge of everything, and two thirds of the angels are doing battle for God and carrying out His will. We have all the Christians living in the world today on our side of this battle, and every demon in existence is restricted to certain deeds that will not exceed our ability to resist. We also have the Holy Spirit to watch over us, to strengthen us, and to help us resist evil, both demonic and fleshly.

The Handbook of Spiritual Warfare is one of the worst examples of false teachings being packaged in the format of a "Christian" book that I have had the misfortune to read.

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