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Demons have PhD's in spirituality, whereas many Christians are in grade school. Question: What was Jesus casting out of people throughout the New Testament?

"And make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."

EPHESIANS 3:12 (KJ)

Spiritual PHD. Do not live in denial of spirits. Scriptures: Matthew 10:1; Mark 1:27, 3:11, 5:13, 6:7, Luke 4:36, Luke 6:18; Acts 5:16, 8:7; Revelation 16:13. I've been working on the web site this morning fixing links and ran across this devotional which never got published. April 1, 2008. I just got off the telephone with my son Marcus. We often have great spiritual conversations concerning a great many things. He's a doctoral candidate and as such when he spoke of people having issues with tithes and offerings, I told him this.

"Marcus, It has been some 2,000 years since Jesus was here. You are a doctoral candidate right?" "Yes," was his answer. I said, "When a person starts school they are in either Kindergarten or Elementary school. Imagine that there are levels of spiritual development. Now issues of paying tithes and offering are

elementary or middle school issues; rudimentary, simple issues which are basic issues. Jesus said, *"This you ought to have done,"* Which means pay your tithes and give offerings and get on with the real Kingdom business. The Church is stuck in a "spiritual loop," hear "spiritual traps," concerning tithes and offerings and other basic issues not because of the need for money to survive in today's society; but because the antichrist wants it that way. The antichrist has engaged and dispatched teraphims and mammonites into the church. (Judges 17:5, 18:14, 18:17,18:18, 18:20; Hosea 3:4) (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:9, 11, 13)

I continued, "Demons, unclean spirits and such are on the spiritual level of a PhD candidate or have already graduated. Unclean spirits know Father God exists and they know how they took advantage of ancient peoples before the days of Jesus and how to take advantage of people today. Not only do they want to kill people, they want to make them suffer, have fear, and to live in anguish and grief.

Unclean spirits are cognizant of people's spirituality (Matthew 17:20), Christian's power, ("And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." Colossians 2:15), Father God's Power, Christ's Power in us ("Verily, verily, (When you see "verily," this means this is an absolute truth. Thanks Pastor Rhodes.) I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12 (KJ)), and what they can and cannot do on earth and to us since Jesus' arrival and departure, and our acceptance of Christ into our lives.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:" Colossians 1:16 (KJ)

Many Christians on the other hand are either: 1) not in school: parked in front of the television (tell-lie-vision), 2) in kindergarten: not believing unclean spirits exist, 3) in elementary school: believing in their own goodness or righteousness (following law of reciprocity); 4) in middle school: believing unclean spirits exist, but are not really sure how to communicate that message to one another; 5) in high school: believing unclean spirits exist, but do not know how to deal with them, often getting beaten up by them, not knowing they have to not only study the Word, but do the Word daily; and of course there are those Christians, 6) in university and working on their doctorates: who really know what is going on spiritually, mentally, and physically and dwelling in the Righteousness of Christ, doing Kingdom work along with meditating on the Word of their Heavenly Father.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*." Ephesians 6:12 (KJ)

Christ Jesus is our Rabboni, our Saviour, our Friend and the Holy Spirit will teach you and reveal to you all things as according to the Father's Will for our lives. We only have to ask, believing, waiting in expectation, and see it when it comes and walk in it when it does. (Matthew 21:21) Peace and Love in Christ Jesus!

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