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The Calling of Matthew

Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

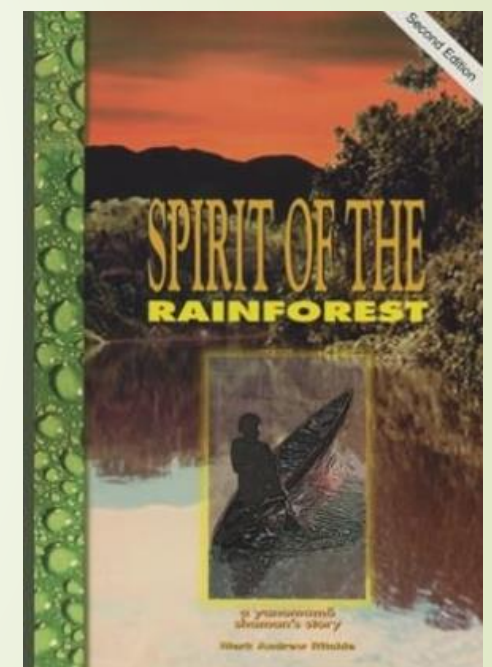
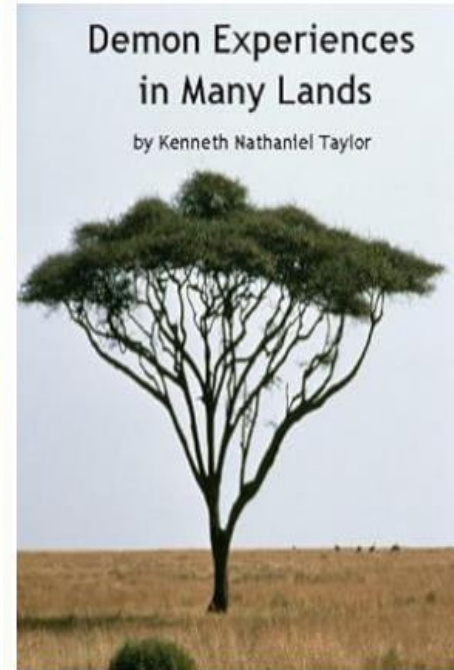
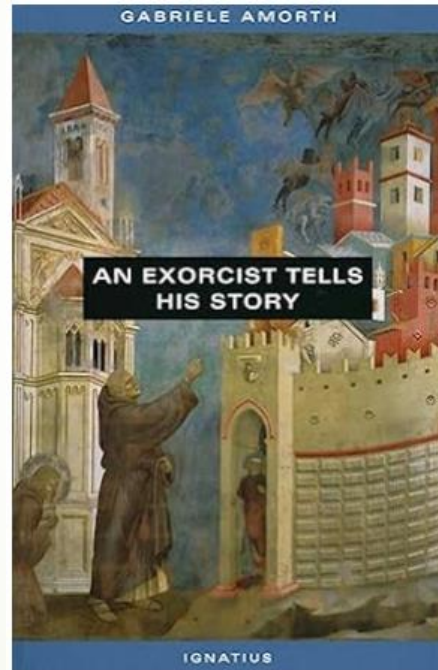
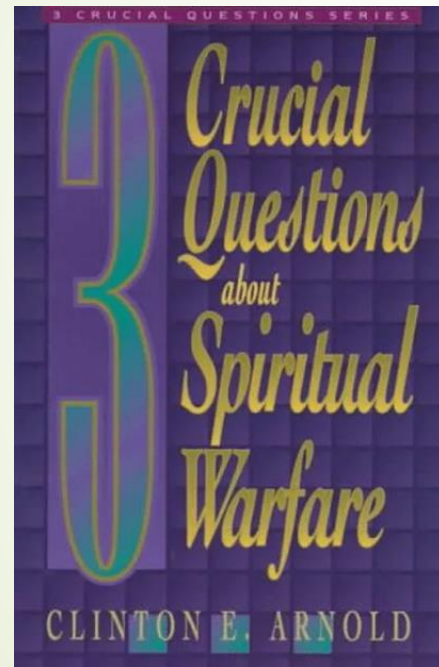
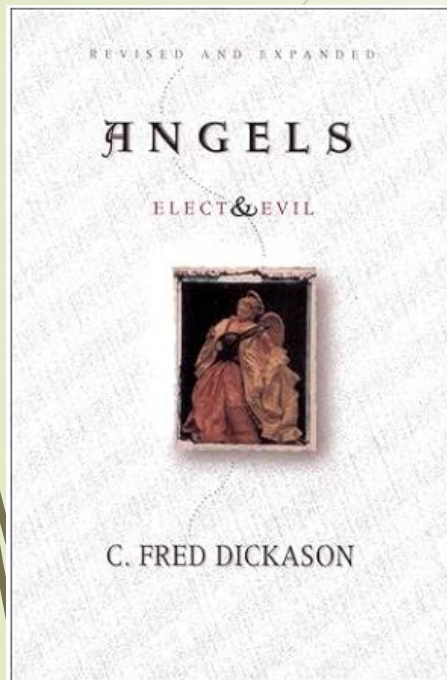
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- 32** And He said to them, “Go!” And they came out and went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters.
- 33** And the herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.
- 34** And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they pleaded with Him to leave their region.

What is Demon Possession?



Angelology in context of Theology

PRIMARY “Dogma”

- Trinity
 - Theo. Proper
 - Christology
 - Pneumatology
- Soteriology



SECONDARY “Doctrine”

- Bibliology
- Anthropology
- Hamartiology
- Ecclesiology
- Sanctification

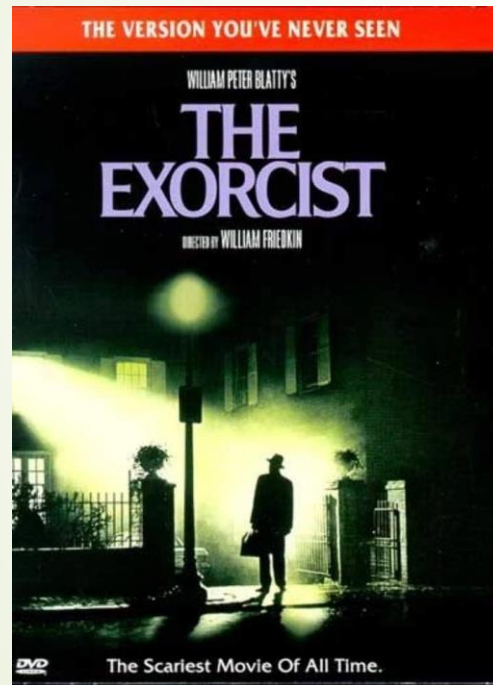


TERTIARY “Opinion”

- Angelology
 - Demonology
 - Diabology
- Eschatology



What is Demon Possession?



- Foreign Creature visibly overtakes a human host
- Causes visible metamorphosis

What is Demon Possession?

- δαιμονιζομαι (Demonization)
 - to influence towards control
 - do not own the host, but controls due to the passive nature of the host who entertains their presence

“Possession” not in Greek Text!

Ezekiel 28:1-11 (NASB)

- 1** The word of the Lord came again to me, saying,
- 2** “Son of man, say **to the leader of Tyre,** ‘The Lord God says this:
“Because your heart is haughty
And you have said, ‘I am a god,
I sit in the seat of gods
In the heart of the seas’;
Yet **you are a mortal and not God,**
Although you make your heart like the heart of God—
- 3** Behold, you are wiser than Daniel;
There is no secret that is a match for you!

Ezekiel 28:12-18 (NASB)

12 “Son of man, take up a song of mourning **over the king of Tyre** and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord God says:

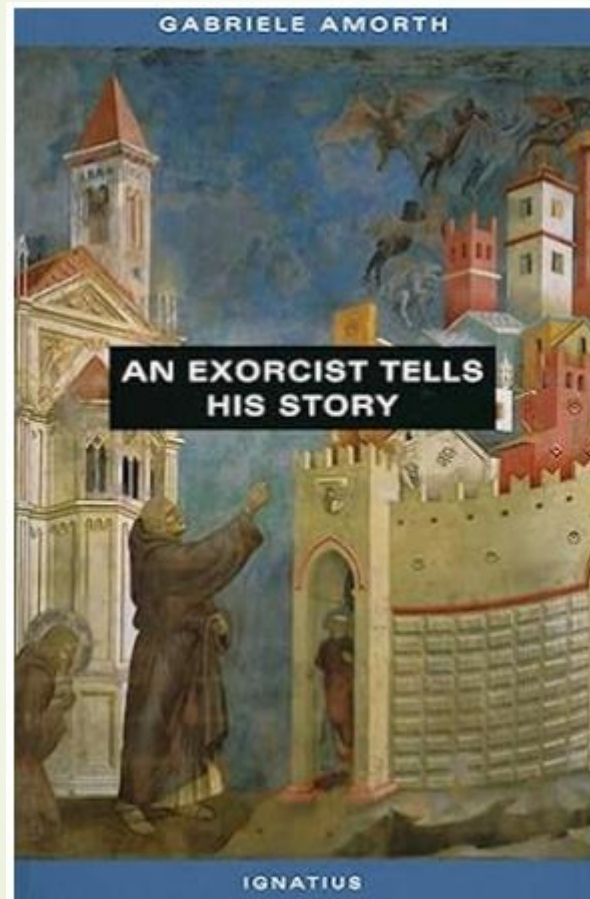
“You had the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering:
The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,
Was in you. **On the day that you were created**
They were prepared.

Ezekiel 28:12-18 (NASB)

- 14** You were the anointed **cherub** who covers,
And I placed you there.
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.
- 15** You were blameless in your ways
From the day you were created
Until unrighteousness was found in you.

Angelic Hierarchy



- Seraphim
- Cherubim
- Arch Angels
- Angels
- Virtues
- Principalities
- Thrones
- Powers
- Dominions

Source: Amorth, Fr Gabriele. An Exorcist Tells His Story.

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Ezekiel 28:12-18 (NASB)

16 By the abundance of your trade
You were internally filled with violence,
And you sinned;
Therefore I have cast you as profane
From the mountain of God.
And I have destroyed you, you covering cherub,
From the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:12-18 (NASB)

17 Your heart was haughty because of your beauty;
You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.
I threw you to the ground;
I put you before kings,
That they may see you.

Ezekiel 28:12-18 (NASB)

18 By the multitude of your wrongdoings,
In the unrighteousness of your trade
You profaned your sanctuaries.
Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you;
It has consumed you,
And I have turned you to ashes on the earth
In the eyes of all who see you.

Revelation 12:7-9 (NASB)

- 7** Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.
- 8** But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.
- 9** The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, **and his angels with him.**

Characteristics and Activities of Demons

- Demons (as angels)
 - Reflect intelligence (2Cor 11:3), will (2Tim 2:26), and emotions (James 2:19)
 - Oppress and possess human beings, causing sickness, mental anguish (Matt 4:24; 8:28-33; 9:32; 12:22)
 - Give extraordinary powers to those they indwell (James 2:19; Acts 16:16; Matt 8:28; 17:15)
 - **Promulgate deceptive doctrines** (1Tim 4:1-3)
 - Sought to be worshipped (Rev 9:20-21)
 - Can work miracles (Jn 10:21; Rev 16:14)

Characteristics and Activities of Demons

- **Powerful demons can deceive nations (Dan 10:4-12:13; Rev 16:13; Isa 24:21)**
- **Some very powerful fallen angels are already in the abyss, to be let loose in the Great Tribulation (2Pet 2:4; Jude 6; Rev 9:1; 16:14)**
- **Inhabits deserted places (Isa 34:14; Lk 8:29; Rev 17:3)**

1 Enoch 10:11-14

- 11** And the Lord said to Michael: “Go, inform Semyaza, and the others with him, who have associated with the women to corrupt themselves with them in all their uncleanness (Gen 6:2-4)
- 12** When all their sons kill each other, and when they see the destruction of their loved ones, bind them for seventy generations, under the hills of the earth, until the day of their judgment and of their consummation, until the judgment, which is for all eternity, is accomplished.(2 Peter 2:4), (Jude 1:6)

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- 13** And in those days, they will lead them to the Abyss of Fire; in torment, and in prison they will be shut up for all eternity. (Psalm 140:10), (Revelation 19:20), (Revelation 20:10)
- 14** And then Semyaza will be burnt, and from then on destroyed with them; together they will be bound until the end of all generations. (Revelation 20:15), (Psalm 68:2), (Psalm 73:27)

Genesis 6:1-4

- 1** When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,
- 2** **the sons of God** saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.
- 3** Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”
- 4** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Revelation 20:11-15 (NASB)

- 11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them.
- 12** And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
- 13** And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one of them according to their deeds.
- 14** Then **Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire**. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- 15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

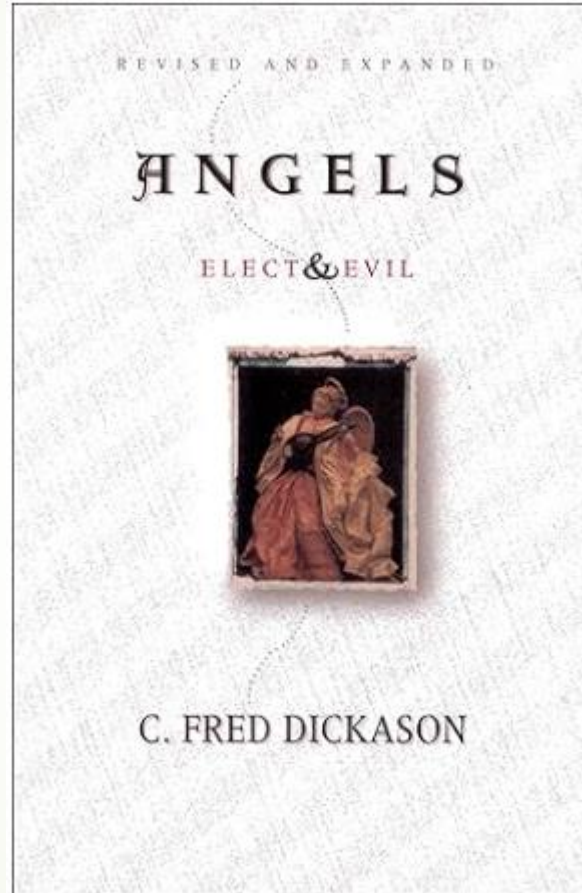
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Why do demons cohabit in humans (+ produce offsprings)

- **to pollute human bloodline and prevent the coming of the Messiah**
- **to hide from judgment**

Symptoms of “Possession” (Mark 5:1-13)



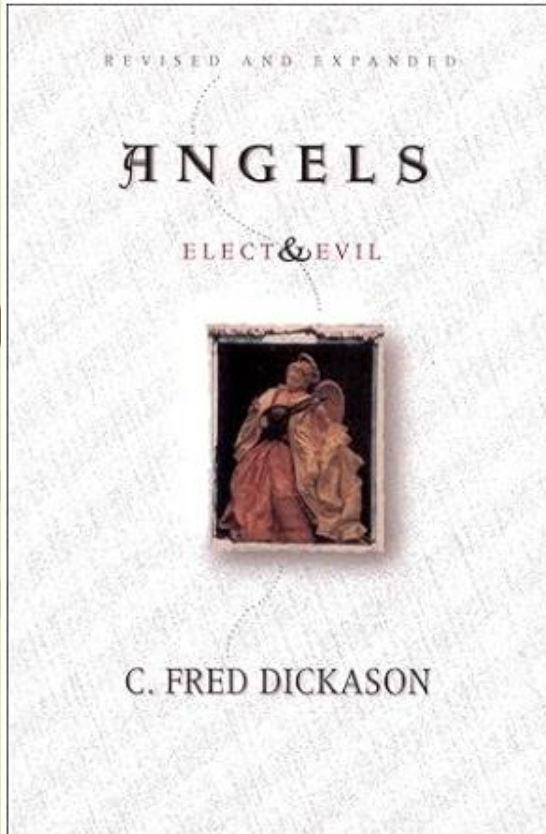
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Mark 5:1-13 (NASB)

- 1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the region of the Gadarenes.
- 2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him.
- 3 He lived among the tombs; and **no one was able to bind him anymore, not even with a chain,**
- 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces; **and no one was strong enough to subdue him.**

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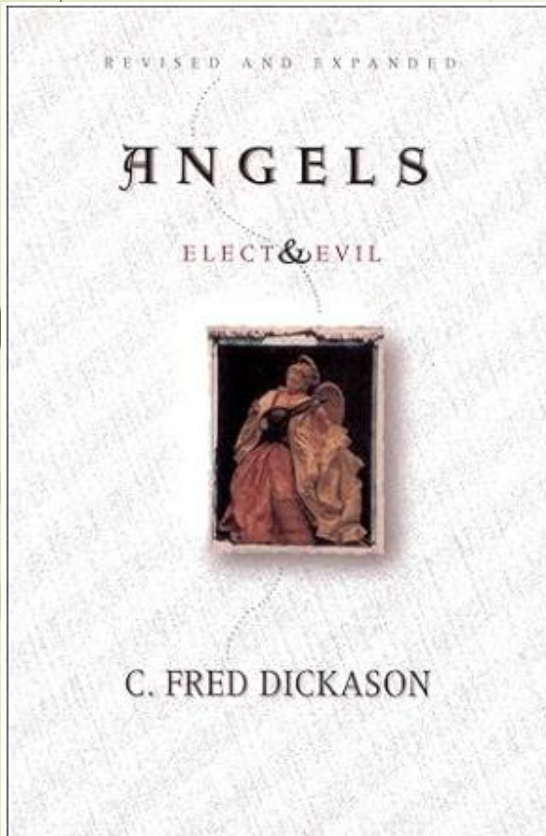
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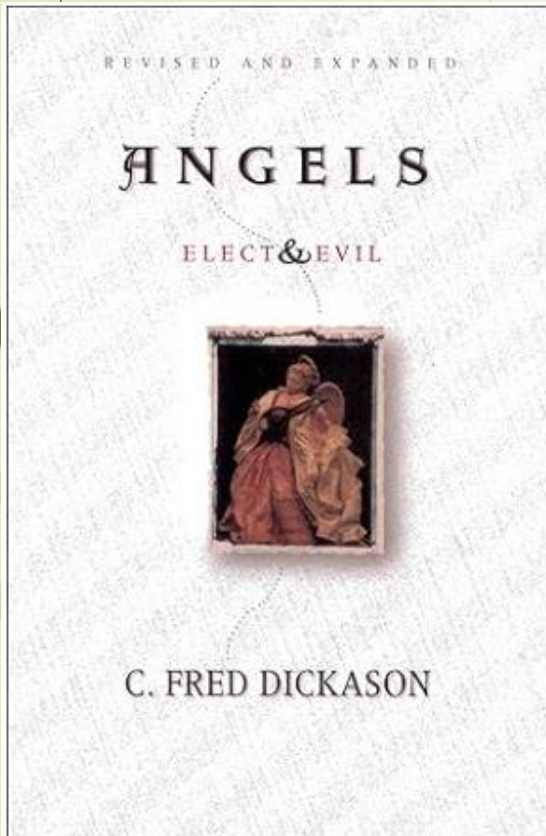


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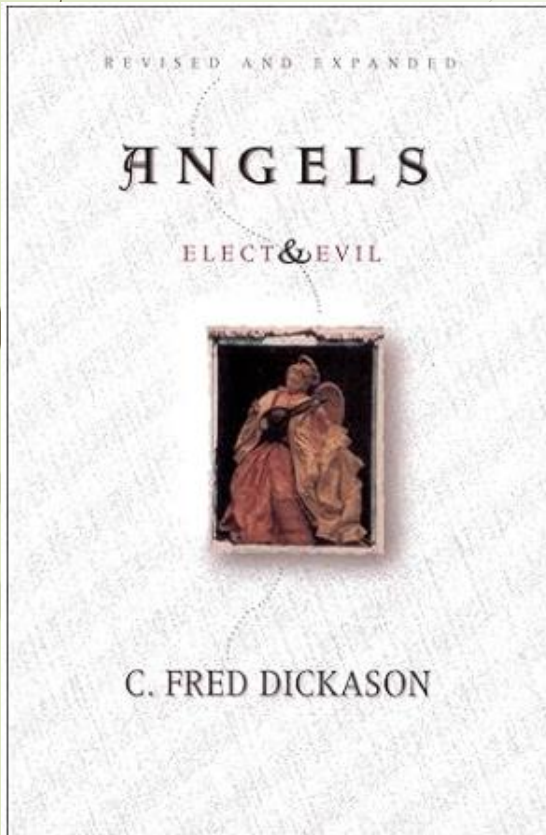


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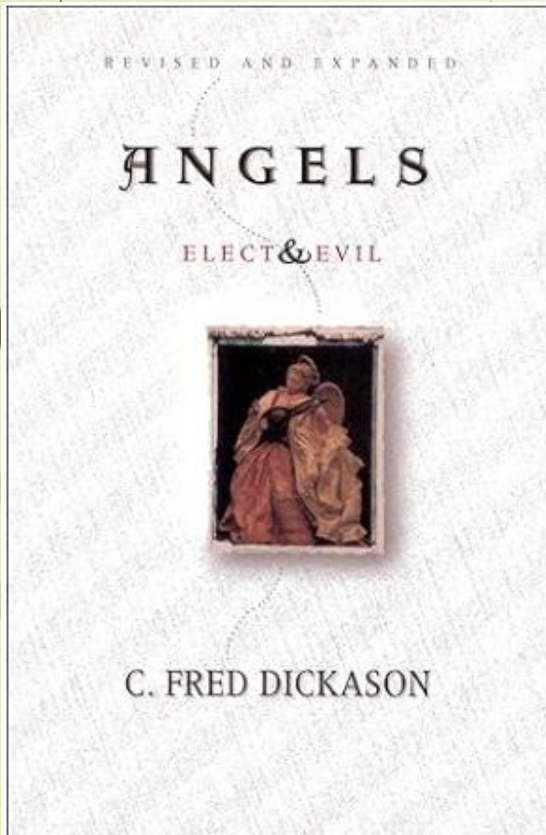


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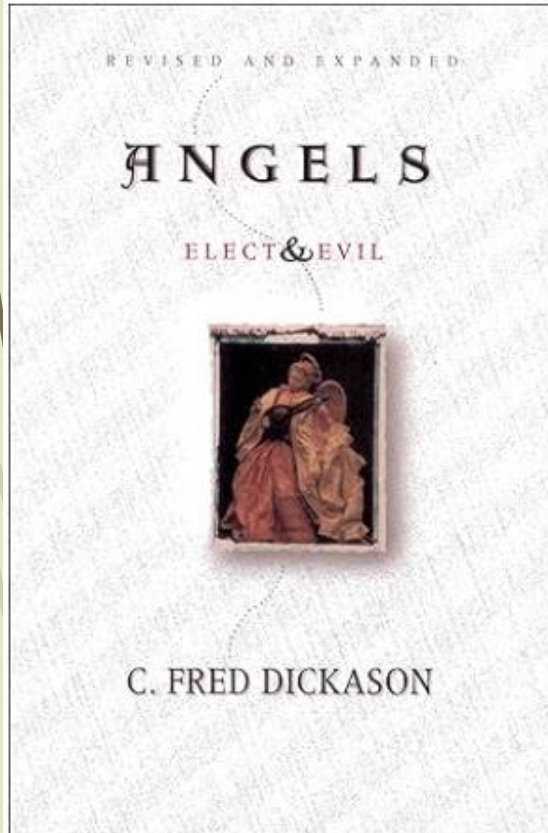
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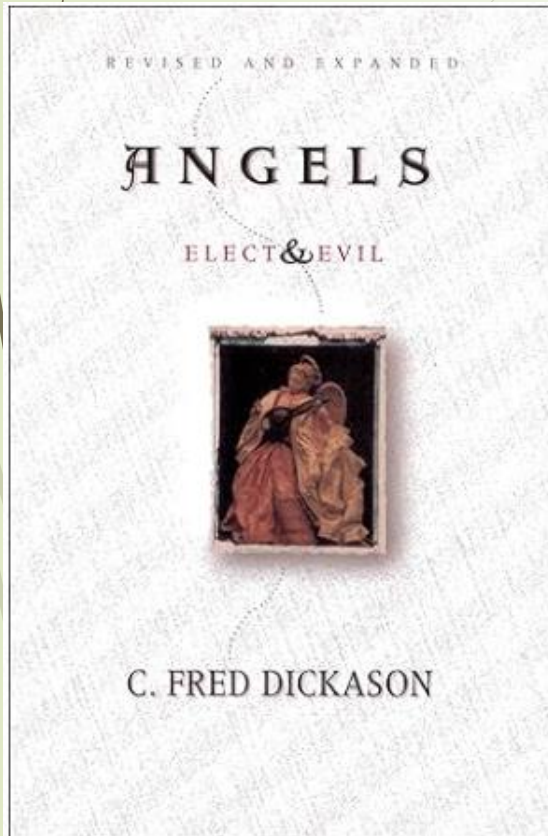


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- 10** And he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the region.
- 11** Now there was a large herd of pigs feeding nearby on the mountain.
- 12** And the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us into the pigs so that we may enter them.”
- 13** Jesus gave them permission. **And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the pigs; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea.**

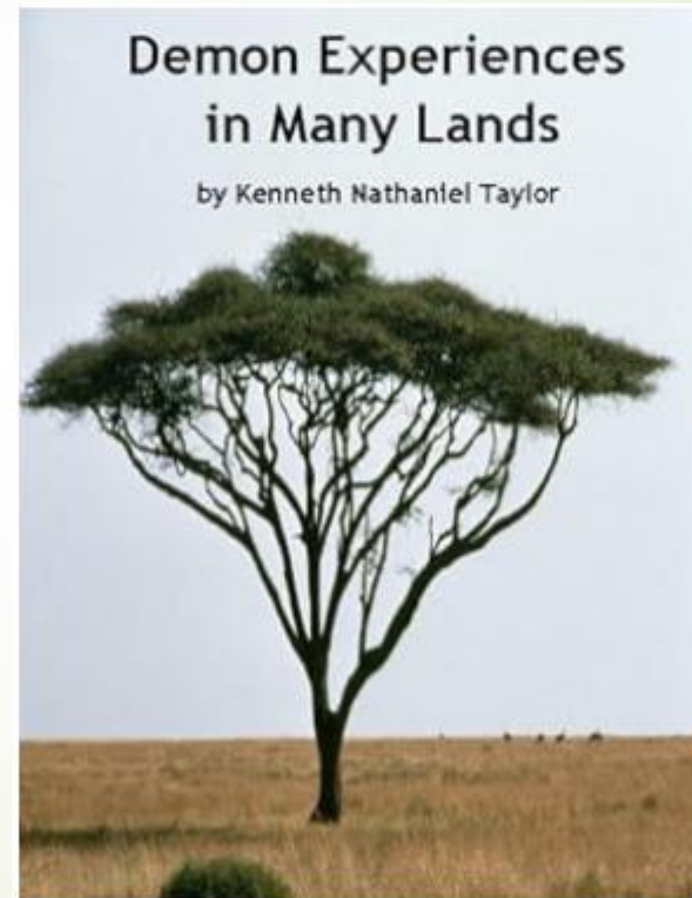
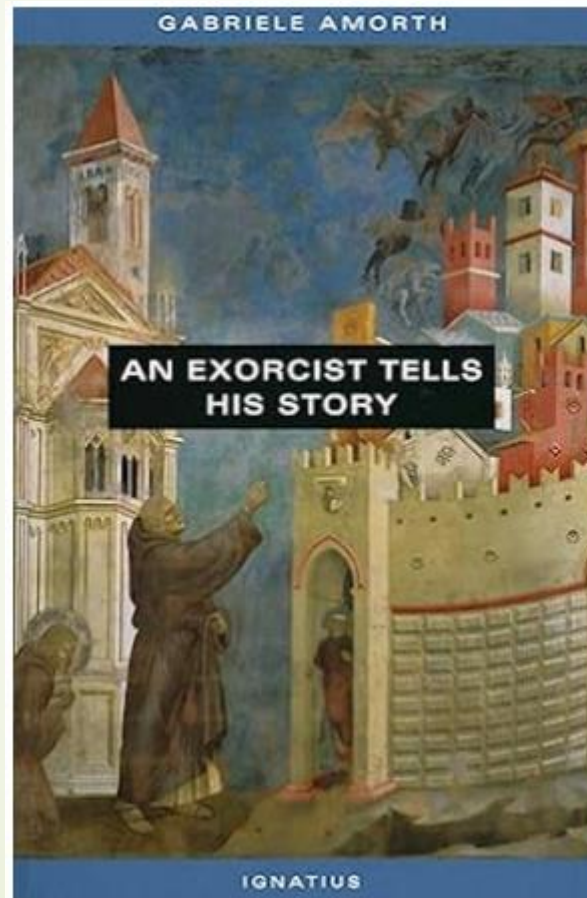
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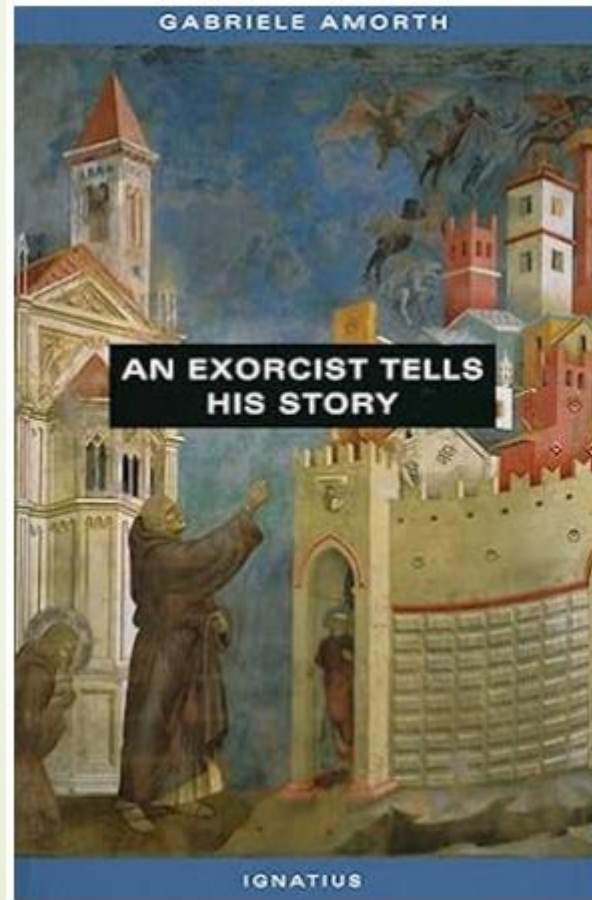
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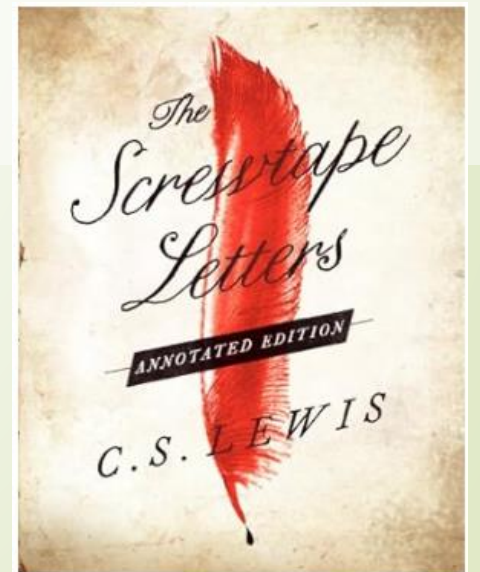
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- Those possessed by God's permission
- Those who are victims of an evil spell
- Those who harbor a grave and hardened sinful condition.
- Those who associate with evil people or places

Final Thoughts

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight”





Questions