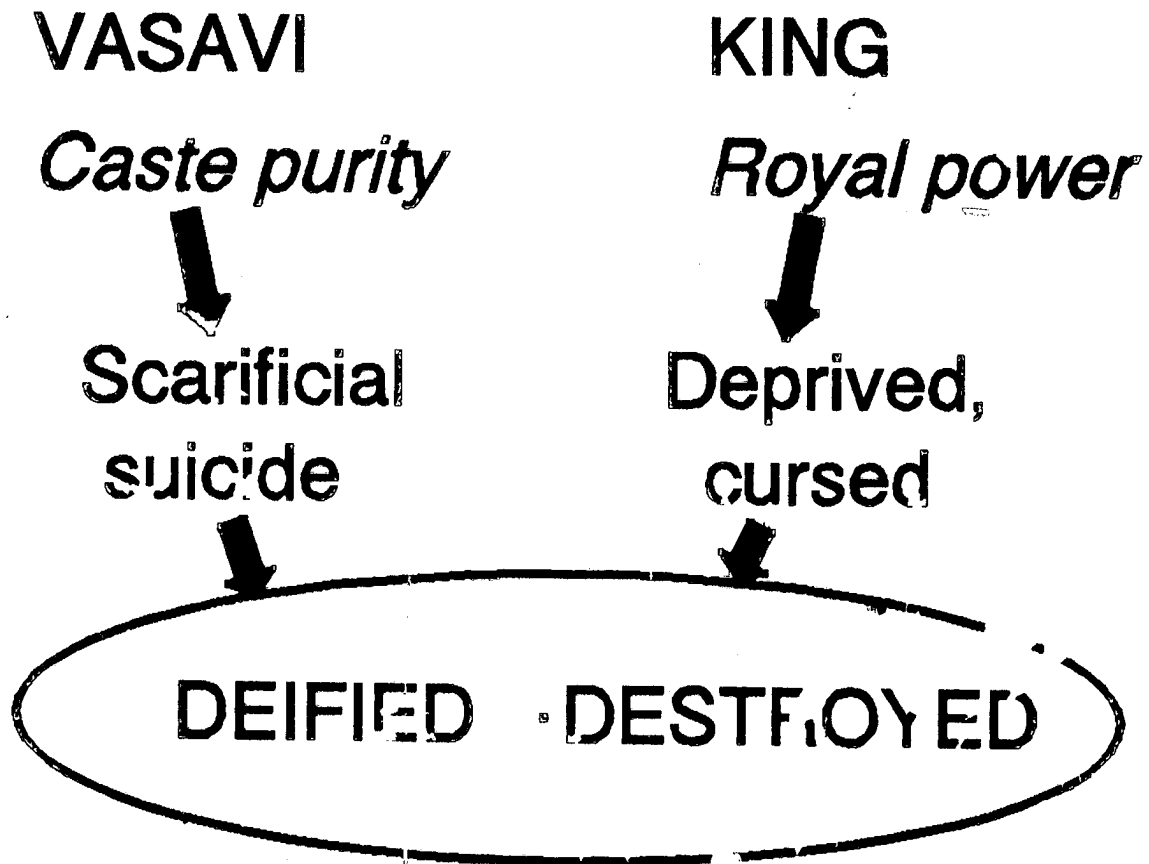


# Myths

## MYTHS

- Popeye and Bluto, Underdog
- Sleeping Beauty, Red Riding Hood
- American Westerns: Cowboys and Indians, Sheriffs and Bandits
- Heros and Hero worship  
- Horato Alger, Moses, Abraham
- Dangun Myth, Ramayanam
- Marxism, Evolution, Captitalism
- Biblical

# VASAVI KANYAKA MYTH (India)



**TENSION:** *Between caste and rulers, purity and power.*

**MORAL:** *Keeping caste purity is more important than gaining power, luxury and glory.*

# DANGUN MYTH (Korea)

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GOD  
*(Divine)*



BEAR  
*(Nature)*



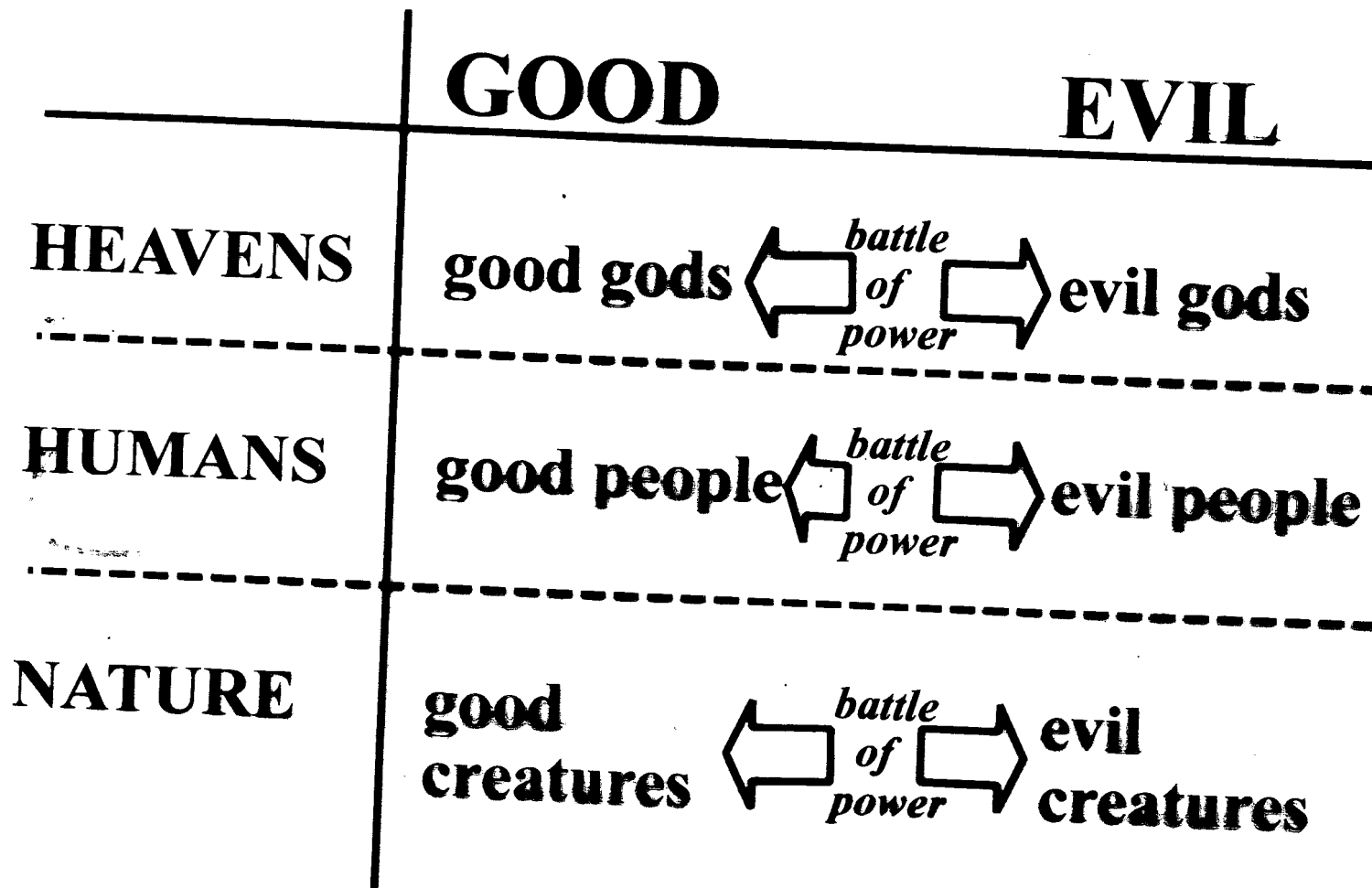
DANGUN  
*(Human)*

*Resolves the tension between  
divine and natural worlds.*

# INDO-EUROPEAN WORLDVIEW

- cosmic dualism: good/evil
- supreme value is order:  
chaos is evil
- goal: take control in order to establish order
- means: use force to win the battle and take control
- morality: pragmatism and notions of 'fairness'
- result: we become like our enemy

# INLO-EUROPEAN WORLDVIEW



## **II. WORLDVIEW OF THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD**

- 1. Us and Others**
- 2. We must battle to rule the world to establish peace and justice**
- 3. Our opponents are our enemies**
- 4. The battle is one of power and violence**
- 5. One must win and the other lose**
- 6. The battle must be 'fair'**
- 7. Myth of redemptive violence**

# **WHY HAS THE ISSUE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE EMERGED IN THE LAST DECADE?**

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- *middle ages: seen as real*
- *modern dualism: relegated it to the heavens*
- *contemporary challenges:*
  - young churches raise the issue
  - modern entertainment and post-modernity open the door
  - myth of redemptive violence sets the stage



# WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

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- *the battle is real*
- *we are all involved*

# **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

- power encounter
- prayer walks
- casting out territorial demons

# TYPES OF POWER ENCOUNTER

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1. Burning old fetishes, amulets, charms and idols

2. "Elijah" type confrontations

- Elijah <-----> Prophets of Baal

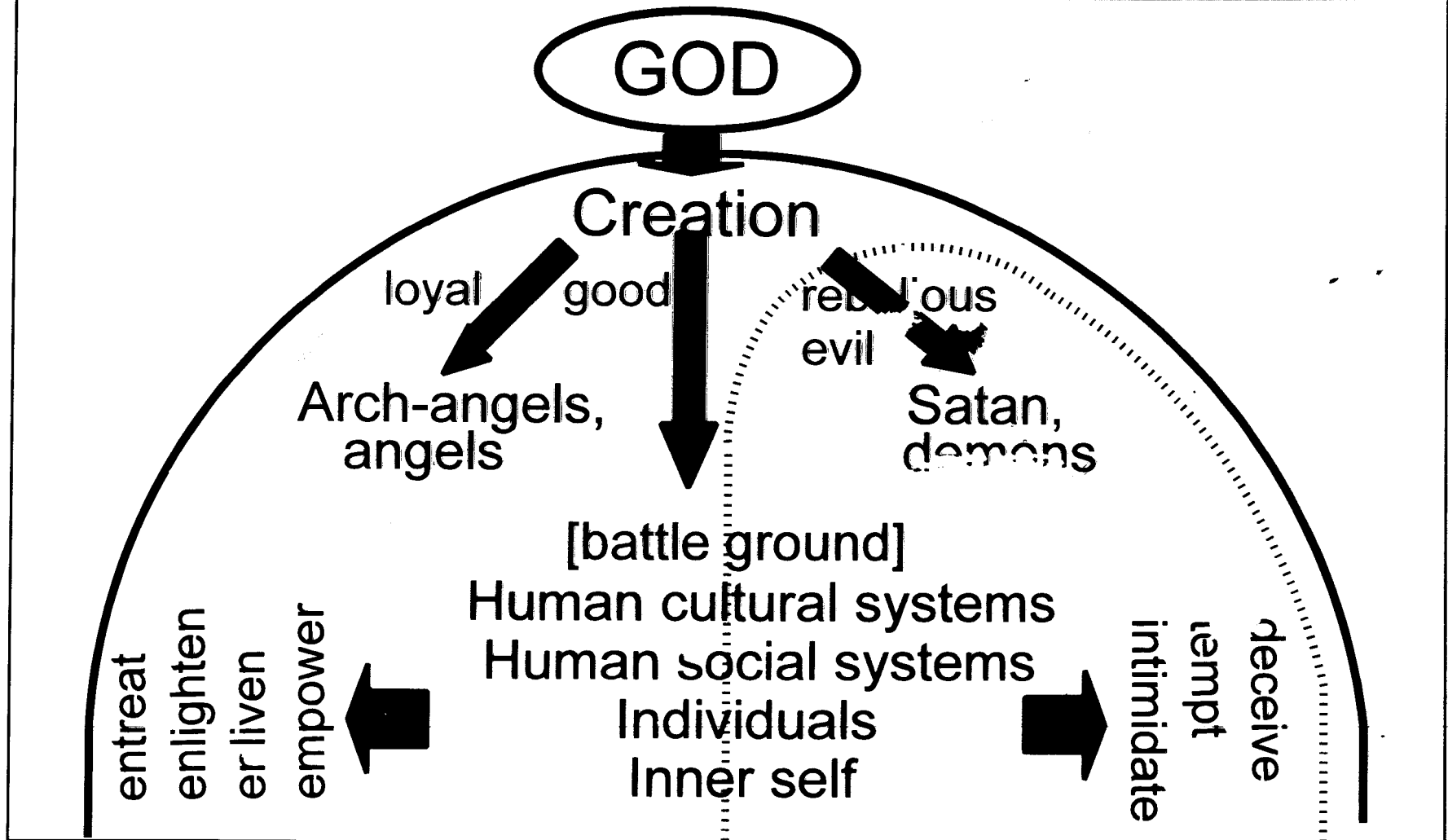
- David <-----> Goliath

- Jesus <-----> Demons

# A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

- God is the creator:
  - all else is creation
  - Satan and demons are fallen angels and part of creation
  - they are not equal to God
- sin is rebellion against God:
  - it is broken relationships
  - it leads to broken social and cultural systems
- the 'battle' is to establish God's kingdom on earth:
  - in the hearts and lives of humans
  - in their cultures and societies

# Biblical View of Spiritual Warfare



- God's goal is to win the enemy
- God's method is to love the enemy, even if this leads to suffering and death:
  - God does not use the same methods as his enemies
  - result—we are to remain holy
- God's goal is reconciliation, peace, shalome and the reign of Christ on earth as in heaven

# **JESUS CONFRONTS THE POWERS OF JERUSALEM AND ROME [John]**

- 1. *BIRTH*: challenges Herod and  
earthly kingdoms**
- 2. *OVERTHROWS THE TABLES*:  
challenges the corrupt religious  
order**
- 3. *TALKS TO NICHODEMUS*:  
shows a religious leader the way**
- 4. *SAMARITAN WOMAN*: violates  
religious exclusivism**

- 5. *HEALS ON THE SABBETH:***  
attacks the legalism of the  
religious establishment
  
- 6. *FEEDS THE 5000:*** ministers to  
those neglected by the  
establishment, refuses earthly  
kingship
  
- 7. *HEALS AND RAISES THE DEAD:***  
shows the powerlessness  
of the religious establishment
  
- 8. *TRIUMPHAL ENTRY:*** claims to be  
the Messiah



**9. JEWISH AND ROMAN LEADERS  
CRUCIFY JESUS BECAUSE HE  
CLAIMS TO BE A KING:**

**10 JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD,  
DEFEATS SATAN, AND  
ESTABLISHES HIS REIGN ON E  
EARTH.**

**THE CROSS IS THE VICTORY.**

- foolishness to the Jews who  
want a sign**
- foolishness to the Greeks who  
want logical explanations**
- to us it is the wisdom of God.**

# **POWER ENCOUNTERS IN ACTS**

## ***Chapter:***

**2: PENTECOST --> ridiculed, some believe**

**3: HEAL THE CRIPPLE --> jail**

**5: ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA --> death**

**5: SIGNS & WONDERS --> jail**

**6: SIGNS & WONDERS --> death**

**12: WITNESSING --> jail & death**

**14: PREACHING --> driven from city**

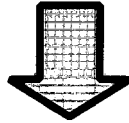
**14: HEAL A CRIPPLE --> stoned**

# INDO-EUROPEAN MYTH

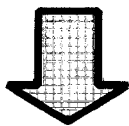
**COMPETITION**



**VICTORY**



**PROGRESS**



**EVOLUTION**

**CAPITALISM**

**DEMOCRACY**

**16: CAST OUT DEMONS --> jail**

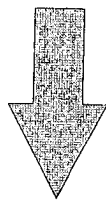
**17 - 28: PREACHING --> riots &  
jail**

# **WE NEED:**

- **a theology of power:**
- **a theology of suffering:**
  - **2 Tim. 1:8**
  - **Phil. 1:12-19**
  - **Col. 1:24**
  - **2 Cor. 11:21**
  - **Heb. 11:32-38**

## **THE BATTLE:**

- *for our souls*
- *for our walk*
- *for our families, schools, communities*
- *for our societies*
- *for our cultures*



***TO MANIFEST GOD'S REIGN***

# **TYPES OF SPIRITUAL BATTLES**

***GOD HAS DEFEATED SATAN  
THE BATTLE NOW IS FOR  
HUMAN ALLEGIANCES***

- 1. TEMPTATION: the battle within**
- 2. DEMONIZATION: the battle for control**
- 3. CONTROLLING INDIVIDUALS**
- 4. CONFRONTING SOCIAL SYSTEMS**
- 5. CONFRONTING CULTURAL IDEOLOGIES**

**THEOLOGICAL VIEWS ON  
THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

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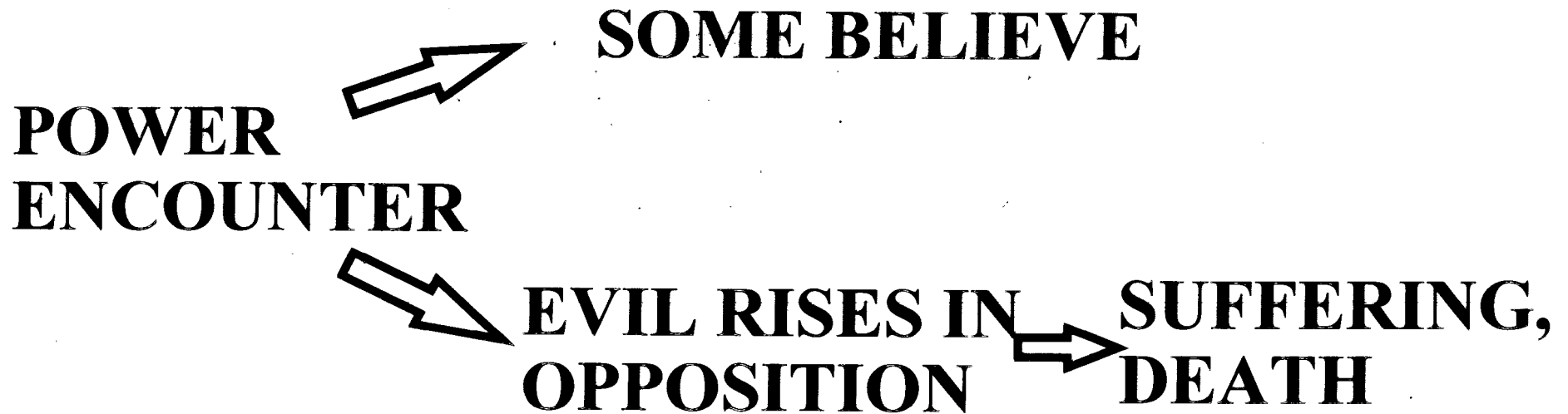
	<i><b>LIBERATION THEOLOGY</b></i>	<i><b>CHARISMATIC, EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY</b></i>
<b>ENEMY:</b>	<b>HUMAN SYSTEMS</b> - Social systems - Ideologies	<b>SATAN, DEMONS</b>
<b>EMPHASIS:</b>	<b>BATTLE ON EARTH</b> <b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC OPPRESSION</b>	<b>BATTLE IN THE HEAVENS</b> <b>SPIRITUAL WARFARE</b>
<b>METHODS:</b>	<b>LIBERATION</b> <b>SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR, OPPRESSED</b>	<b>POWER ENCOUNTER</b> <b>EXORCISMS</b>



# INDO-EUROPEAN VIEW OF POWER ENCOUNTER



# BIBLICAL VIEW OF POWER ENCOUNTER



## **INDO-EUROPEAN**

**Battle between equals**

**Seek to defeat and control**

**Hate the enemy**

**Use power of force**

**Use the same means as the enemy**

**Inflict pain**



***SWORD***

## **BIBLICAL**

**Rebellious creation**

**Seek to restrain and reconcile**

**Love the enemy, hate the deeds**

**Use power of truth and love**

**Use only righteous means**

**Bear pain**



***CROSS***