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2. Power Encounter:

2.1 **Types:**

2.11 **Converts burning their idols**

2.12 **Elijah type confrontation:**

2.13 **Cross:**

- authority delegated. Christ's trial on earth appealed in heaven and
the judgment was reversed - Matthew.
- authority taken after the cross. Now Satan is only a rebel.

2.2 **Lessons**

- No quick formula to success:

Not:

But:

3. Territoriality:

- Tribal view: Land-People-God. God gave land to Abraham
- N.T.: God is universal,

Good Life:

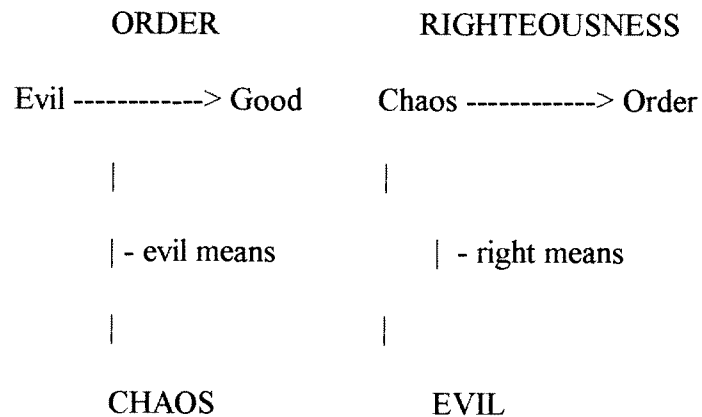
= spirits:

- Wisdom: Ex. 28:3, Job 20:3
- Jealousy: Nu 5:14, 30
- Lying: 1 K 22:22-23, 2 Chr. 18:22
- Knowledge: Is 11:22
- Fear: Is. 11:22
- Judgment: Is. 4:4

= corporate spirits:

- Philistines: 2 Chr 21:16
- Egypt:P Is. 19:3
- King of Medes: Jer 51:11

1.3 Comparison:



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NOTES ON POWER ENCOUNTER

= **stoicia**: Sex: Diana, Siva; Power: Zeus; Tribal

and Ethnic

Pride and racism; Thrill: Bacus; Wealth:

Laxmi; Status: ; Consumerism and

- N.T.: Satan's authority is overcome.
- = Matt. Christ's case appealed and it is overturned.
- = Satan's authority thrown out. He is now a guerilla.

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theology of spiritual warfare

1. The Nature of God

1.1 God is sovereign and transcendent. He is the creator of the universe, including Satan

and the demonic hosts.

- 1.2 God is all powerful. There is no question of the outcome of the conflict between him and evil. The central issue is not, therefore, one of power - who wins.

2. The Nature of Christ

- 2.1 Jesus Christ is God's son who took on human form. He shares in God's sovereignty and power. He speaks with the authority of God (Mark 1:21-27).
- 2.2 Every person "in Christ" shares in Christ's uniqueness, and need not be apprehensive or feel paralyzed with fear concerning Satan and evil spirits. (cf. I John 4:4). They are encouraged to pray for deliverance from this deceiver (Mt. 6:23; Col 2:13).
- 2.3 On the cross Jesus became Lord and victor over all the powers of evil. His obedience unto death "rendered powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil" (Heb. 2:14). The cross was Satan's undoing (Col. 2:15).
- 2.4 Satan's defeat is not an end in itself. Rather it removes the obstacles to God's purpose of creating people fit for His Kingdom (Gen 12:1; Ex 19:3ff; Dr. 7:65; I Peter 2:9).

3. Angels

- 3.1 There are hosts of angels (300 references in the Bible).
- 3.2 They minister to God in worship, and to the saints in protection (2 K 6:17), guidance (Gen 24:7; 31:3,11,12; Danuel 8:15-16, 9:3,20-23; Matt 1:20).

4. Satan and His Hosts

- 4.1 Satan and demons are dreadfully real, and represent the powers of darkness arrayed

in battle against God's kingdom of light. They are intelligent beings having knowledge (Mk. 1:24; Acts 19:5); emotions (James 2:19); and speech and willpower (Matt. 12:44).

4.2 Satan is a deceiver and appears as an angel of light (Heb. 1:7; II Cor. 13:14).

4.3 Satan tempts and harasses humans, including Christians (I John 4:1; I Tim. 4:1).

4.4 Satan works through individuals who are co-conspirators with him in rebellion against God.

4.5 Satan also works through corporate human systems. The world is in the grip of ideologies and institutions that transcend the individual and condition his/her beliefs and lifestyle.

4.51 **Ideologies:** Humans create cultures that include

ideologies and religions that keep people from hearing the Gospel, and oppose those who accept it. Examples:

- materialism/consumerism, Marxism, Islam, Hinduism, secular humanism, etc.

4.52 **Social systems:** Humans belong to human social

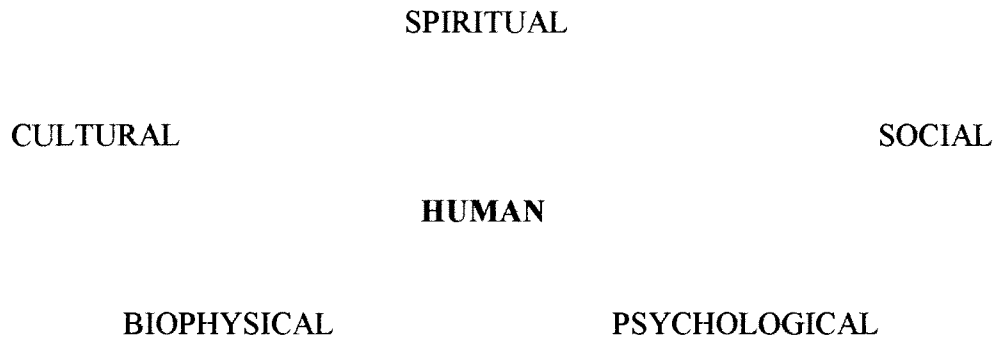
systems that keep them from being fully free agents able to follow God's call. These include family systems, social systems and human institutions.

4.6 Not all supernatural phenomena can be attributed to God. Satan performs many "miracles." (John 4:48; II Thes. 2:9).

5. The Nature of Human Being

5.1 Every human is a very complex being and is shaped by her/his past. Satan can work through many different ways to deceive and entrap a person.

5.2 Humans are complex wholes:



5.3 Humans are co-conspirators in evil. We are willing allies of Satan.

5.4 At the core of our evil is our worship of ourselves (II Tim.). Satan does not necessarily want us to worship him - only **not** to worship God.

5.5 Most misfortunes and illnesses are not directly caused by demonic sources. They are part of our fallen estate and the judgment of sin.

5.6 It is human nature to be fascinated by the novel, the inexplicable, the miraculous. They also want to have control. Consequently they have a basic tendency towards magic that enables them to control the supernatural. When the people wanted miracles and not the message they brought, Jesus ceased doing them.

6. The Nature of Spiritual Warfare

6.1 The battle between righteousness and evil, God and Satan is real and serious.

6.2 The issue is not one of power, but of authority. God seems to have given Satan authority over the earth before his fall. The question is how does God remove Satan from the position He gave him without being unjust and arbitrary Himself.
- in Jesus' temptation he placed himself under God's authority by appealing to Scripture (Luke 4:1-13, cf. Dut 8:3, 6:13, Ps. 91:11).

6.3 Jesus' exorcism of spirits and healing of the sick took place as part of his ministry. He did not go seeking these, but when people came he ministered to them. His central purpose was to declare the coming of the Kingdom of God in salvation, righteousness,

peace and justice.

- 6.4 Scripture absolutely forbids Christians from pursuing demonology and magic (Isa. 8:19-22; Jer. 27:9-10; Gal. 5:20, Rev. 21:8).