



“... In all things I am seeing your fear of demons.” (Acts 17:22)

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

### HEAVEN AND EARTH

This will be a study into the use of these terms that can be literal at times, and other times figurative or symbolic. You can get very confused if you don't differentiate between the two things. This is certainly true in our reading of the Bible (especially English versions). You need to understand that certain terms or words can at times have a literal meaning while at other times the same words can have a figurative or symbolic meaning.

In Revelation 12 we read of “war in heaven.” It is a curious term, and one that must be discerned carefully. Churches have generally taught that it has a literal meaning - that there is, or was, literal war in the sky or in outer space, with God and his angels waring against other supernatural entities. Does that make sense to you?

Who is able to fight with God? The idea is preposterous on its face. In fact, the idea of a battle between flying angels in the sky simply reeks of mythology. So if this “war” is real, but not in the sky, where is it and who are the combatants?

We will need to define what is meant by “heaven,” and what is the nature of the “war.” In short, there is an ongoing war - but not in the sky. It is a war for the minds of men. Whoever can control our minds can manipulate us to do or think anything.

Read on and I'll explain, starting with a Bible story.

In Acts 17 we read of a battle between Paul and some Jews and Greeks. What kind of battle was this? Paul and Silas were in Thessalonica, a city in Macedonia (Greece). They were reasoning with them about Christ crucified and raised from the dead - declaring the Kingship of Jesus. A few Jews and several Greeks were showing interest.

But a group of Jews (described as worthless agitators) were opposed to Paul's and Silas' message. These agitators set about to slander Paul & company. They stirred up the city against them and accosted the house of Jason, a friend of Paul and Silas.

The Jews brought some of them before the city officials and accused them of upsetting the Roman culture by rejecting the laws of Caesar and by declaring Jesus King.

This conflict continues today. Jews hate anyone who speaks truth, especially the truth about Jesus.

But what kind of battle or war was this. Was it a physical battle between Paul and the Jews? Clearly it wasn't a battle of flesh and blood. In physical strength Paul and Silas were no match for scores of Jews.

In spite of the Jews' accusations, the city officials let Paul and Silas go. So they left and traveled to Berea, just west of Thessalonica.

In Berea Paul and Silas went into a synagogue and were received by some Jews described as “of higher birth” than the Jews of Thessalonica. Perhaps these Jews were Israelitish instead Persian like the Jews in Thessalonica. The Berean Jews were interested in Paul's words, and they looked in the Scriptures to see if Paul was truthful. Consequently, some of them, as well as many Greeks, were beginning to listen to Paul.

When the Persian Jews back in Thessalonica heard, they quickly came to Berea and began stirring up the people against Paul.

So Silas and Timothy (Timothy had joined them) encouraged Paul to leave Berea and go to Athens. Paul told Silas and Timothy to remain in Berea and he would send for them to join him in Athens.

What was it about Paul that threatened them? Was it his physical power? Or was it his ideas?

In Athens, Paul's spirit was troubled when he observed that the city was wholly given to idolatry. He was teaching among the Jews and the Athenian philosophers, but they derided Paul, calling him an uneducated babblers who was speaking about strange gods.

The Athenian philosophers took Paul to a location in Athens called Mars Hill - a public forum where Athenians exchanged ideas and questions. There Paul was asked to explain his “strange” teachings.

Paul stood there in Mars Hill and addressed them: “*Men of Athens, in all things I perceive that you are fearful of demons.*” In other words the Athenians feared pagan gods (demons existing in their minds). Athenians assumed that imaginary gods were the cause of every incident.

The English text in your Bibles mistranslates the Greek

text by inserting the word “religious.” But the Greek word “deisidaimonesteros” is interesting. It is a two-part word: “deido” and “daemon.” “Deido” means “fearful,” and “daemon” is “a god.” The two words together are “demon-fearing.”

To the pagan Greek and Jew minds “demons” were gods - lesser deities that did the bidding of the big gods. The word “deity” is a derivative of the Greek “deido” (to fear). A “deity” is someone that evokes fear. So you can see that churches today still teach that demons are “deities” (to fear) - thus, they teach the idolatry of demon fearing. They worship “deities” they don’t know. They don’t know the true God (Yahweh) nor his Son (Jesus). They invent their own little gods/demons and pretend that these are real gods. Sometimes they even call them by the names “Jesus” and “God.”

Churchgoers, for the most part, don’t realize what is happening to them. They are not intentionally worshipping false gods. But by not caring enough to educate themselves to learn truth, they are defaulting into a state of ignorance. They don’t care enough about God and Christ.

This is reminiscent of the Israelites in their exodus out of Egypt. When Moses went up on Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, the Children of Israel conspired to form a golden calf idol and proclaim it to be their god. This seems to be what men do when they become ignorant of God. But how could they have been ignorant after the miracles God performed for them? How can people today be ignorant of Christ after all He has done for us?

Today we see that men likewise make up their own gods (deities/demons) and claim them to be their saviors, even calling them “Jesus” and “God.” They’ve also added another gods to their list of idols: like one they call “Satan.”

People worship these counterfeit gods and lose sight of the true God. In doing this, they have blinded themselves to truth. They are progressively losing awareness of Yahweh, and his Son Jesus our true King. The churches worship demons, and “unknown gods.”

That brings us to Emperor Constantine in 4th century Rome. Constantine worshiped Mithras. He established Mithras as the savior of Rome, and used that idol to replace Jesus in his institution of “church.” There is no “church” in the Bible, but the Roman church system continues today.

Correct translation of the Greek reveals those things that have been covered up and distorted by the churches. Churches are Pagan institutions that teach Persian, Jewish, Roman, and Grecian idolatry. It shouldn’t be a surprise that the churches celebrate Christmas, Easter, St. Valentines Day, to name a few traditions of Babylon, and thus false ideas, that are forbidden by God. In Jeremiah 10 he instructs Israelites to **“learn not the way of the heathen”** (i.e., the ideas of the heathen mind). False prophets and pagan ideas disconnect our minds from reality and truth. They blind us. They rob us of our understanding of God’s creation. They are dangerous.

## WAR OF IDEAS

These strange religions hail back to ancient times and places. But the institution of “church” as we know it today, comes from not so distant a time. It began with Emperor

Constantine in 4th-century Rome. He instituted churches and they carried Roman paganism abroad. It began as the Roman Empire, then the Holy Roman Empire used the church to continue to spread all across Europe.

Later, in the 15th & 16th centuries, protestant churches sprang up from the movements by Wycliff, Tyndale, and Luther. It spawned more church branches. The branches, or churches, were from the same Roman tree and contributed more to the pagan confusion.

That system continued promoting Roman gods. Nominal worshipers were programmed to believe that Romanish (Protestant) churches were Christian. The church system was started by Constantine. It was the great counterfeit that gave Persian Mithraism to the West via the Roman churches. The churches were programers in the war for the minds of men. This was “war in heaven” - the war of ideas. Constantine’s Persian god Mithras was replacing Jesus in the minds of people. Churches sprang up all over the West planting Roman/Persian tenets to replace Christian ideas.

Church translators have changed the words/ideas of Scripture to facilitate the pagan Roman ideas. Churchgoers today are given ideas about Mithras instead of Jesus. Millions of deluded churchgoers think they are learning about Jesus when in fact they are learning about the Persian (Babylonian) god Mithras who Constantine used to replace “Jesus.” Mithras is the Roman fake Jesus. Some Grecian and Roman gods were also thrown into the mix of church deities.

Demon-fearing churches have taught idolatry throughout Europe and America, and have caused our people to lose sight of the real teachings of God’s Word. They have taught lies. Churches have been used to deceive people and caused a general loss of faith in God. People’s minds were poisoned with paganism. It caused western folks to lose faith. In my lifetime I’ve seen the general population lose their fear of God. Why? Because their churches taught them pagan nonsense. No wonder people today don’t fear God. They respect politicians and celebrities more than Christ.

This is why the West is declining. The doors of idolatry were opened by the churches. They invited Roman politics and Jewish banking into our culture. Churches were the key. The Beast System has conquered our people, and it couldn’t have happened without the churches paving the way by first changing the words/ideas of Scripture.

Our people were like sheep - ignorant and in need of good shepherds. But instead of good shepherds the churches gave them false prophets and Roman culture. They brought in wolves who claimed to love the sheep. Thus, today the West is a culture ruled by wolves and serpents. Only a small remnant of our people resist being conned by the wolves in sheep’s clothing. Nearly all have been conquered and recruited to serve serpents - to worship politicians, bankers, and celebrities.

43. *The stranger among you shall get up above you very high; and you shall come down very low.*

44. *He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him: he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.*

45. *All these curses shall come in upon you, and shall pursue you, and overtake you, till you be destroyed; because you did not obey the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which He commanded you:*

Deuteronomy 28:43-45

## MYSTERY RELIGION

The doctrines taught in churches are Roman pagan mysteries. By teaching mysteries and keeping people confused, ignoring truth and reason, the churches have caused most of the world to lose faith that the Bible makes sense. Pagan deities were given new names (Biblical names) to trick people. Over time, churchgoers stopped expecting the Bible to make sense. Thus they lost faith due to the god of the churches.

The true Jesus is called "the Logos" (a Greek word that means "Communication"). Jesus is God's Communication. He tells us how to understand God. He communicates understanding to men. Without understanding there is no real faith. Jesus is The Logos who gives us light and truth to help us become acquainted with our Creator.

But, the churches program people to think the Bible is mythology - Jesus couldn't save us, so He abandoned us and flew away to outer space, leaving us as easy prey to an evil god they call "Satan." They also call their "Satan" "the god of this world," meaning that Jesus left us in the hands of a super demon that rules over us and make us sin. This is pagan nonsense.

The church system publishes nonsense and bad ideas. By teaching mysteries it destroys faith in God. It blinds people to the truth and good sense of Christ's Kingship.

Systems are called "beasts." The Beast System is depicted as the dragon/monster in Revelation 17:3. A "woman" sits on the beast - reining (controlling) its multi-headed multinational system.

How could a woman control a multi-headed, multinational Beast? Not by her flesh and blood - but by her ideas. On her forehead is written "mystery." That mystery is the church system - the teaching that God is unknowable and doesn't make sense. The woman on the beast is "the great mother of harlots and abominations of the land." She is Babylon. As ancient Babylon was the head of nations (in Daniel's dream), this "woman" represents the brain (the churches) of the Beast System that deceive the people and convince them to let the Beast System rule them. And she is drunken with the blood of the saints.

This woman directs the systematic war against the saints. She is the church born in Rome. The church system was founded in Rome by Constantine in the 4th century. It was specifically designed to redirect people's thoughts to worship the Beast System; to deceive and misdirect them. Thus, by corrupting people's thoughts, Rome disabled the only system capable of resisting Babylonian domination.

The Roman system was adopted by the political powers of the Earth, thus the nations became extensions of Rome. The Roman System has ruled all these centuries - as seen in the middle ages when the "Holy Roman Empire" ruled

Europe and Britain. That empire is symbolized by the "feet and toes" of the metal image that Daniel saw (Daniel 2).

The American system is the offspring of the British system, which was the offspring of the Roman system. Washington D.C. is unmistakably modeled after Rome. The US political system is Roman.

Rome was a child of Babylon and Babylonian ideas. She still rules the world. The "war in heaven" still rages - and in this age the Beast System flaunts its power.

7. *How much she has glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.*

Revelation 18:7

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME

The Beast System rules the nations. The Roman system of man-gods (lawmakers), in various national bases, is the manifest seven-headed "beast" described in Revelation 12 & 17. Each head is a branch of the Beast System. It is vast and varied - hard to perceive in its enormity and complexity. But the whole multinational system has its roots in Rome, Rome's power is from Babylon depicted by the woman that rides the Beast. She controls, not by her physical power, but by her ideas. Babylon is the brain.

## HEAVENLY vs EARTHLY

The word translated "heaven" in Hebrew is "shamayim." It is a plural noun, i.e., "heavens." But the translators render it both singular and plural ("heaven" and "heavens") depending on their mood. Both Hebrew and Greek translators take license with their translations, usually following church doctrine rather than proper rules of translation.

The Greek word "ouranos" is translated "heaven," and it appears in both singular and plural forms. However, the translators render it according to church doctrine rather than the Greek text.

Both the Hebrew and the Greek words (shamayim and ouranos) mean "lofty" or "high." Both these words can refer to physical as well as spiritual meanings. In other words, depending upon the context, they can mean physical loftiness, or they can mean lofty ideology or motive. Heavenly motive is spiritual (higher) thinking. Earthly motive is more instinctual (lower) thinking. The correct meanings are determined by the context of the particular scripture.

In Genesis 1:1, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,*" refers to physical, earthly things. However, Exodus 20:22 says, "*And Yahweh was saying to Moses, Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, You have seen that from the heavens I have talked with you.*"

God was talking from the sky. He was talking to the sons of Israel by communicating with them via their minds; their thoughts and motives. He referred to "heavens" as the higher ideas - as contrasted to the low basic, fleshly ideas

and drives like hunger, fear, or idolatry.

You must learn how to read and understand Scripture. The churches have twisted and perverted the sacred words of life. In doing this the church system has put blinders or scales on the eyes of the people, much like the scales that came off the eyes of Paul when Jesus spoke and communicated to him (Acts 9:18).

“Heaven” means that which is higher. It can refer to the sky: that which is above our heads. It can also refer to political or religious powers. Or depending on the context it can refer to high (heavenly) ideas and spirit.

Low thinking, weakness, and fleshly motive is referred to as “earthly” or of the land/soil (beggarly elements - Galatians 4:9).

It is essential that you differentiate between the heavenly ideas and the earthly ideas. These are conditions of the mind. Men’s minds can be centered in “heaven” (if they have eyes to see and ears to hear). Or their minds can be centered in the “earthly” (i.e., “flesh”). If men shut their eyes and ears they are unable to relate to the things of God. One condition is high (heavenly), and one is low (earthly).

“Heaven” can be the physical sky: the realm of birds and Sun and Moon. Other times heaven is the high level of “Godly thinking”: the realm of mind and spirit. One refers to the physical realm, the other refers to the spiritual realm.

The “war” described in Revelation 12 & 17 is the battle being fought in the minds (thoughts/motives) of men. “War in heaven” equates to war of ideas. Our minds are battlefields where the earthly (low) motives struggle against the heavenly (high) motives. One refers to the lower spirit, and one refers to the higher spirit.

Paul said,

25. *Thanks to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the (heavenly) law of God; but with the flesh the (earthly) law of sin.*

Romans 7:25

25. *But every man is striving to be controlled in all things that they may achieve a corruptible crown; but we are incorruptible.*

26. *I therefore run not as uncertain; I thus fight not as one beating the air: (i.e., unable to hit the target)*

27. *But I watch my body, bringing it into subjection (i.e., controlled by my higher mind).*

1 Corinthians 9:25-27

The Beast System represents the realm of earthly spirit. But the Kingship of Christ is the realm of heavenly spirit. And these two motives represent systems that continually war against each other for the minds of men.

12. *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood (physical powers), but against concepts, against authorities, against strong systems of this darkness, against the bad motives (ideas) in the heavenly realms.*

Ephesians 6:12

Here, Paul gives us a descriptive picture of the war in heaven, and the battle between good ideas and bad ideas. It is a war fought in the battleground of “the heavens.” In other words, **in the minds of men**. It is not a war of flesh and blood (physical). Rather it is a war of ideas (spiritual); of loyalties and faith in systems (kingships) to determine which spirits (motives) will drive our minds. Are we led by the spirit of man’s lower nature of this darkness? Or are we led by the good ideas - the spirit of Christ’s Kingship?

Our lives are guided by ideas - not by muscle or force. God gives us good laws which define and guide our thoughts. But man-devils sell us bad ideas that can misguide us and destroy us. If we buy the ideas promoted by man-devils, we become victims of this war.

This is the “war in heaven” talked about in Revelation 12 & 17. We can see how Paul saw the idols in Athens as religious ideas of Greek culture. Each idol represented bad ideas. Those ideas were in opposition to the ideas of Christ that had been given to Paul.

Ideas coalesce into systems, and systems control the minds of men. This arena (the minds of men) is where the “war in heaven” is being fought. Each bad idea or idol is a weapon capable of wounding the minds of men. The “war in heaven” isn’t supernatural combatants in the sky. It is a war of ideas competing for control - some heavenly and some earthly. Men in power conspire to implant contrived ideas into the minds of their slaves. Men are controlled by ideas. The “war in heaven” is a war of ideas and motives - in the realm of spirit in men’s minds.

## IDEAS ARE WEAPONS

Edward Bernays, nephew of Sigmund Freud, is called “the father of public relations.” He wrote the book *Engineering Public Consent*, and later he wrote *Propaganda*. He has advised presidents, corporate heads, and marketing elites for selling everything from paper cups, to cars, to wars, etc..

In World War One he worked on the United States Committee of Information to sell ideas to Americans to support the war effort. He said he found that ideas were weapons, and they were even more powerful than bullets.

He is quoted as saying “*The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country. We are governed, our minds are molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, by men we have never heard of. In almost every act of our daily lives, whether in the sphere of politics or business, in our social conduct or our ethical thinking, we are dominated by the small number of persons who understand the mental processes and social patterns of the masses. It is they who pull the wires which control the public mind.*”

God’s culture protects our minds. It is depicted as a city with walls: New Jerusalem. It separates us from bad thinking represented by the “dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, and murderers outside the walls.

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