

DEALING WITH DEMONIC CASES

A. MAKING CONTACT

1. Contact usually comes through:
 - a) church members or friends.
 - b) other Christians.
 - c) sometimes through strangers.
 - d) at times, through the patient himself.
2. Contact may be by phone call, letter, or visit.

B. PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSIS

1. Ask informant why he suspects person is demonized.
Listen to proffered evidence.
Is there evidence of drastic change in patient's behavior as far as informant knows?
Some of the unusual signs and symptoms include:
 - a) strange body movement, especially gestures and postures.
 - b) inability to sleep for days on end.
 - c) apparently talking to self, or to no one visible.
 - d) sometimes, appears to be scolding people, or house.
 - e) unusual strength - feats of strength, or acts of violence.
 - f) complains of headaches, nightmares, frightening visions.
 - g) glassy stare, or vacant gaze.
 - h) commanding people to worship him.
 - i) fear of certain places, persons.
 - j) smiling for/at nothing.
 - k) twitching of face.
 - l) declaring self as god.
 - m) talks gibberish, etc.
2. Ascertain if there has been contact with the occult or spirits, e.g.
 - a) visit to a spirit-medium - e.g. tangki, bomoh, shaman, temple-priest, palmist, fortune-teller, diviner.
 - b) visit to temples, shrines, graves.
 - c) dabbling with the occult, e.g., horoscopy, palmistry, fortune-telling, black magic, ouija board, or spirit of the ink-cap.
 - d) practicing E.S.P. or telepathy.
 - e) reading books on Satanism, spiritism, the "third eye," the "sixth sense," U.F.O., "Chariots of the gods."

If informant does not know, then ask someone who is close to the patient who knows patient well, e.g., parents, brother, sister, friend, or employer.

3. If truly the person is demonized, there must have been a way for the demon to get in to attack the person, or opportunity for the demon to control the person. Try to locate this:
 - a) What sort of contact with the occult has there been?
 - b) Was it a purposeful contact on the patient's part?
 - c) When was the contact first made?
 - d) Was it purely accidental?
 - e) Was a charm cast on the patient?

If preliminary diagnosis is positive -- that there is demonic influence or activity upon the patient -- then fix an appointment to see the patient.

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C. FIXING AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE PATIENT

1. As in medical science, we cannot confirm the preliminary diagnosis without actual observation and examination of the patient.
2. The interview should best be held in the church.
 - a) Coming to the church shows a desire and seriousness on the part of the patient or interested parties to see the patient well.
 - b) It shows faith and trust in our God.
 - c) It gives respect to our God -- by expecting patient to come to God's House.
3. Someone responsible, e.g., parent, brother, sister from the patient's party should accompany the patient.
4. Other places for an interview could be the patient's home, or hospital, if the patient is already in there.
5. It is always best for the patient to come, or be brought, to see the counsellor wherever possible. This shows faith on the part of the patient or informant; besides saving time and effort in travel for the counsellor.
6. It may not always be wise to tell the patient where he is going. Just bring him/her.

D. OBSERVATION OF THE PATIENT

1. Sometimes there is clear evidence of demonic activity or control upon, or in the patient, e.g.:
 - a) victim is in a trance or goes into a trance.
 - b) has blue-black marks on body -- in areas unlikely to be self-inflicted.
 - c) victim shows superhuman strength or is violent -- e.g., jumping up and down continuously; banging the table for long sessions.
 - d) person speaks in other languages or with a different voice.
 - e) behaves abnormally -- unable to sit down, keeps pacing the floor, behaving like an animal.
 - f) screams or shouts at people. (Sometimes voice may be perfectly normal.)
 - g) exposes private parts unashamedly.
 - h) patient poses in posture of a god or
 - i) makes a certain gesture which is a trademark of a certain god.
 - j) has glassy look or stare. Vacant stare.
 - k) has uncontrollable twitching of face.
 - l) makes clicking sound with mouth.
 - m) complains of unusual headaches.
 - n) has dishevelled looks about him/her.
 - o) has fierce, fiery looks.
 - p) has fear written on face.
 - q) saliva drooling.
 - r) wears a charm on body.
 - s) screams in pain that someone is breaking his/her arm although there is no one touching him/her.

** For other signs and symptoms, refer to Section B

2. Sometimes patient will tell you:
 - a) he feels something/someone within him controlling his actions.
 - b) he feels someone is reading his thoughts.
 - c) he claims to know what is happening miles away.
 - d) he claims to read the thoughts of others.
 - e) or he may NOT talk.

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3. If demonization is not very evident through observation or speech of patient, then ask general questions to check on his mentality and alertness, e.g.:
 - a) what is your name?
 - b) how old are you?
 - c) where do you live?
 - d) where do/did you go to school?
 - e) what is your father's/mother's name?
 - f) who are some of your friends?or other simple questions

There should be normal answers to all these questions. These simple questions are to make sure:

- 1) person is of normal intelligence.
- 2) demon is caught off guard, if person is demonized.

4. Then suddenly pop the question, "Who is Jesus?"
Look out for the reaction within the patient. If patient is possessed or strongly obsessed, he will refuse to answer the question. However, no answer can also be due to other factors:
 - 1) ignorance of facts about the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 2) speech defects.
 - 3) natural unwillingness of non-Christians to confess the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Double check.
 - a) If patient does not know the answer, tell him the answer.
 - b) Then ask the question again and watch for the reaction.
 - c) A normal person should be able to tell the answer after just being told.
 - d) If patient still refuses to answer there is possible demonization.
 - e) Proceed to test conclusively.

E. APPLYING THE DEMON TEST - I John 4:1-4; I Cor. 15:3, 4

1. Go with questions about the Lord Jesus Christ - the Devil's most fearsome enemy.
 - a) Ask who is Jesus? Where was Jesus born?
 - b) Do you confess that Jesus has come in the flesh?
 - c) Who was Jesus' mother?
 - d) When did Jesus come to earth?
 - e) How did Jesus die?
 - f) What came out of Jesus' wounds when He died on the Cross?
 - g) What is the significance of Jesus' precious blood?
 - h) What does the precious blood of Jesus do for us? for you?
 - i) Three days after Jesus was crucified, what happened to Him?
 - j) Where is Jesus now?
 - k) Do you believe that Jesus is coming again?
 - l) What will Jesus do when He comes again?

All these questions center on the Incarnation, Death, Resurrection, and Return of the Lord Jesus Christ -- the Heart of the Gospel.

2. If the person is truly demonized, he will be very reluctant to hear about Jesus, much less talk about Him.
3. As you put the questions to the person, look him straight into his/her eyes.

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4. Watch for his/her reactions.
 - a) Patient may scream, squirm uncomfortably, or whine.
 - b) May pretend to faint, or not to have heard the question.
 - c) May give you the innocent, or moronic look.
 - d) May grit his/her teeth and stare fiercely back at you.
 - e) He/she may pretend to look elsewhere.
 - f) Or, shut his/her eyes.
 - g) May make a sound of fear or of annoyance.
 - h) May become very quiet.
 - i) LOOK OUT: he/she may sometimes even strike out at you!
5. Don't get fooled by his/her tricks. If he/she refuses to answer, keep putting the questions to him/her.
6. Command him/her in Jesus' name to answer.
7. As you proceed, person may whine, scream, and squirm more and more.
8. Don't worry. Look him/her straight in the eye. "EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSETH NOT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF GOD." (I Jn. 4:3)
9. If demonism is proven POSITIVE, then prepare for battle!
10. Demonization may be of varying degrees.

F. CONCLUDING THE DIAGNOSIS

There are generally three levels of demonic attack on the human.

1. OPPRESSION: This attack is on the body by evil spirits.

Evidence:

- a) Pressure on the chest during the semi-conscious state.
- b) "Throttling" or "choking" sensation during conscious or semi-conscious state so that the patient finds great difficulty in saying the name of Jesus.
- c) Eyelids twitch uncontrollably.
- d) Skin on forearm appearing to jump.
- e) Burning sensation traveling up the arm, zeroing in on the heart.
- f) Sometimes visible blue-black marks as if pinched or punched.
- g) Victim's arm feels as if it is being broken although there is no physical contact with anyone.

Oppression happens to non-Christians -- to scare them to seek spiritual help. This can also happen to Christians:

- a) Who are involved in occultic practices, such as the reading of horoscopes, palmistry, etc.
- b) Who are taking the offensive against Satan in spiritual warfare. This is Satan's way of retaliation to scare the Christian. But take heart, what the devil can do to us is insignificant, negligible, compared to the wallop which he receives from us through the power of Christ's name.

2. OBSESSION: This is attack upon and control of the person's mind by evil spirits. The demon is not in the person, but is controlling the person's mind from outside the person.

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Evidence:

- a) The person claims to hear voices speaking to him/her, calling him/her, scolding him/her.
- b) Sees dark objects, life-like figures, unearthly figures following him/her or appearing to him/her.
- c) Patient has wild, fearful or strange dreams.
- d) The person appears to have a double-mind, alternating between faith and doubt, trust and fear, etc.

The demon can instill thoughts that do not belong to the person.

Obsession happens to Christians and non-Christians alike.

The demons seem to afflict weak-minded persons usually. The usual victimization pattern seems to be this: victim is weak-minded to begin with. The person is in trouble. The family consults a medium for help. The medium takes advantage of the situation and the person becomes the victim of both mental disorder and demonic attack.

However, strong-minded persons can also be afflicted.

Usually the person is involved in occultic practices:

- a) The reading of books on horoscopes, palmistry, the third eye, science fiction about UFO, "Chariots of the gods," etc.
- b) Books on yoga, reincarnation, or martial arts. Books that are clearly forbidden in Scripture or that are anti-God or anti-Christ.
- c) The victim is in contact with cults.
- d) The victim usually has some extreme passion -- fear, doubt, hatred, jealousy, anger, worry.
- e) Spiritual pride, clearly overstepping Scriptural commands or injunctions.
- f) Eating food offered to idols.
- g) Keeping curios of another religion innocently as works of art.
- h) The victim is in contact with gangsters.
- i) The victim was probably adopted to the gods when younger.

3. POSSESSION: This is the most serious form of demonic attack upon a person wherein the demon enters a person's body, takes up residence therein and controls the person's behavior. There will be drastic change in the person's thought processes and actions. The demon's ultimate aim is to cause the death of the victim.

Evidence:

- a) Person goes into a trance.
- b) Person takes up posture of the gods.
- c) Performs dance or acts characteristic of that god.
- d) Hands will make gesture which is trademark of god, e.g., pig, snake
- e) Person will have unusual strength.
- f) Speaks in tongues; uses language(s) clearly outside normal scope of victim.
- g) Speaks in voice not his own.
- h) Makes bird-like sounds.
- i) Personal evil habit accentuated.
- j) Performs shameless acts, exposes self shamelessly.

G. PREPARATION FOR THE BATTLE

1. Prepare yourself. Always take time to make thorough, adequate preparations.
 - a) Prayer of confession of sins. Plead for cleansing by Blood of Christ.
 - b) Surrender yourself afresh to Christ.
 - c) Ask for protection of the Blood of Christ on your heart, mind and body.

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- d) Ask for protection of the Blood of Christ on your family.
 - e) Ask for protection as you travel.
 - f) Refresh your mind with Scripture -- the promises of God.
 - g) Prepare your heart by singing the songs on the Blood of Christ.
2. Prepare the team.
- a) Ask God for another Christian to go with you, if possible. It's good to have one or more along, just in case the battle is long-drawn-out.
 - b) Person(s) must be of the same mind, heart, spirit. If the person(s) approached is/are not prepared or unwilling to go, do not force him/her/them.
 - c) Have time of prayer with the team members. Confession, cleansing. Pray for wisdom, stamina, and spiritual strength, unity of spirit. Pray for one another.
 - d) You may fast if you are led to do so.
 - e) Ask the Lord to show you how to engage in spiritual battle. He will give you ideas of what to do. So count on it.
3. Prepare the family of the patient.
- a) Present them with the case simply -- that there is a conflict of spiritual forces. Eph. 6:12; II Cor. 10:3, 4.
 - b) Tell them simply that the answer is in Christ.
 - c) Present to them the Gospel. The need is to receive Christ. Let them know that they are part of the TEAM as well, channels for God to work through.
- From experience, if the family wholeheartedly believes, the deliverance comes swift and sure. Where they still are not convinced about Christ and His deliverance, it is best not to proceed. Let them try their gods until there is no hope. Hold out for the highest stakes -- the family's salvation.
- d) It is best if the family will themselves remove the idolatrous paraphernalia and hand them over. This shows faith on their part; this confirms their intention to give up their previous worship. However, if they request the TEAM to remove idolatrous things, you may proceed. It is best if they help voluntarily and surrender the required articles.
 - e) We must never force, encourage or advise the family to give up their gods if they do not receive Christ. (Matt. 12:43-45) This will be very dangerous for the family as well as for the TEAM.
 - f) Be sure to remove only the articles belonging to the family concerned or the individual concerned, as the case may be. Do not interfere with the religious objects belonging to other families or persons within the house. Simply pray to bind the Satanic forces over these articles left behind. The devil will send his agent to remove them himself. Just wait and see.
4. Prerequisites for joining the battle.
- a) Where the patient and parents are willing to:
 - 1) destroy family idols, charms, religious paraphernalia
 - 2) renounce previous false religious beliefs
 - 3) confess sin
 - 4) receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
 - b) Or where the patient is a Christian but backslidden, we are constrained by the love of God and to pray for his deliverance.
 - c) Or sometimes where the patient is of age and wants deliverance, although the family is unwilling, we may proceed. But this is not the best. We should aim for family agreement and then seek their salvation.

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- d) It is usually best to get some Christians who are prepared, to do the follow-up, someone close to the patient to standby.
- e) Prepared other support:
 - 1) Get the church and other Christians to pray.
 - 2) Phone up your prayer-partners. Get them to pass the word around.
- f) Choose the place.
 - 1) We have found that the church is the BEST place, where Christ is praised and worshipped and where prayer is wont to be made.
 - 2) AVOID holding exorcism in patient's home where Satan has been boss.
- g) As you go to war, remember: "THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S."

H. JOINING THE BATTLE

- 1. When the victim is willing.
- 2. When the family is in agreement. Then we proceed.
- 3. The idols, charms, religious and occultic paraphernalia must be removed before actual prayer for deliverance.
 - a) Always pray -- your reliance is on God.
 - b) In the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and "in the Lord Jesus' Name," remove the idol/shelves/paraphernalia connected with demon worship. (Deut. 7:25, 26)
 - 1) NEVER do it in your own strength.
 - 2) Say it out loud and clear, "IN JESUS' NAME. . ." and remove items boldly.
 - 3) Exercise care -- singing the name of Christ or about His blood -- as you work, and pray as you go.
- 4. If the offending article is small enough, e.g., yellow paper or cloth charm:
 - a) You may burn it right in the livingroom of the house, in the family's presence. Do use a tin can or basin. Exercise great care not to burn down the house.
 - b) If it is impractical to burn the articles in the living room, then try the garden, or rubbish bin at the roadside.
 - c) If this is impossible, then try the community rubbish dump.
 - d) Or church compound.
- 5. Articles that are to be burned outside the living room may be put into paper bags for easier carrying. We have found a large gunny sack most practical. A small hand ax, a hammer, and a screwdriver, too, are standard equipment for removing idols and idol shelves.
- 6. Where the idol shelf is part of a cupboard, we have found it necessary to remove the cupboard, too -- to remove all vestige of past religious practices. You may have to hire a lorry and do it the next day. The idea is to make a clean break with the past. (Deut. 7:5)
- 7. Articles that can burn, should be burned. Where it involves metals, or ceramics, we smash them and pass them through the fire nonetheless. (Deut. 7:25, 26) Don't spare the articles, however expensive they be -- lest you be snared. Resist temptation to sell the articles for money, to melt it down, or to exchange for something else. Don't keep them 'as curios or as samples either. One brother did this and nearly broke up his home. These things are potent. Especially in the case of expensive articles, such as jade or gold, preferably destroy in the family's presence or with witnesses. We must not give cause for misunderstanding.
- 8. After burning, whatever debris is collected (with a changkol) and thrown into the trash can. Sometimes it may be necessary to wrap it in some old newspaper in order not to cause suspicion or offense to the dustbin men or trash collectors.

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9. After the articles are removed from their original positions ready for destruction, you may pray for deliverance. If the articles are not removed, there is no complete deliverance. There would be a lingering effect of the charms, etc.
10. By faith, pray for the Blood of Christ to break and abolish the power hold of demonic spirits over the family

I. PRAYER FOR THE VICTIM

1. Ask the victim to confess his sins. It helps to go through the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:3-17), fruits of the flesh (Gal. 5:17-21 or Mk. 7:21, 22). Go through the list, item by item. Pause long enough for him/her to confess his/her sin, if any. He/she may confess silently, if he/she prefers.
2. Be sure to get him/her to renounce his/her cultic and occultic past. Renounce god by god; confess involvement with horoscope, palmistry, etc. "Lord, I am sorry for . . . I now know it is wrong . . . I promise never to go back to it again."
3. After confession is made and the past is renounced, then pray specifically for the victim.
4. This is usually accompanied by the laying on of hands. Usually by the leader alone. If full-time workers or ordained ministers are present, you may include them. Or else, someone with fellow-spirit in the battle. Not the women. (I Tim. 2:11-15) Beware! Do not include anyone who may be weak in faith. Do not compel anyone who is not prepared to join in the laying on of hands.
5. If the person is possessed, command the demon to leave "IN JESUS' NAME." "I command you foul damnable spirit (get the spirit's name) to leave so-and-so and go to the Lake of Fire now."
6. In the case of oppression and obsession: If all evil contacts are renounced, and all paraphernalia is removed and all extreme passions confessed, the victim should recover without difficulty.
7. In case of possession:
 - a) Demon may jam mouth of person during confession.
 - b) But keep on.
 - c) Torture demon by:
 - 1) singing songs on Blood of Christ
 - 2) speaking about the Gospel -- the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord.
 - d) Demon will scream.
 - e) When finally the demon is ready to go, command him "to go to Hell."
 - f) Stand firm on your command -- once is enough.
8. If demon struggles, repeat the process: a) Pray b) Sing c) Command.
9. In possession, there is need to hold the victim down gently but firmly, or also victim may be hurt by demon within, e.g., banging head on wall or jumping over bannister.
10. If demon is stubborn:
 - a) Christian may need to renew faith in God's Word.
 - b) Confess sin -- not in the presence of evil spirit.
 - c) Renew vows of committal to Christ.
 - d) Hold out till demon leaves.
11. Immediately after the demon's departure, pray for healing of patient's mind.
12. Follow-up with strong Biblical teaching on:
 - a) Power of God
 - b) Keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ

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- c) Enlightenment of the Holy Spirit
- d) Fellowship with Christians
- e) Definite break with occultism and other sins

J. SPIRITUAL AMMUNITION

1. Recommended passages of Scripture:
 - a) Psalm 32 - Blessing of sins forgiven.
 - b) Psalm 31 - Trust in God.
 - c) Psalm 29 - Power of God.
 - d) Psalm 27 - God our Light and Salvation.
 - e) Psalm 23 - The Shepherd Psalm.
 - f) Psalm 51 - Plea for God's mercy.
 - g) Psalm 57 - Plea for God's mercy.
 - h) Psalm 56 - Confidence in God.
 - i) Psalm 62 - Confidence in God.
 - j) Revelation 12:7-12 - War in Heaven; defeat of Satan.
 - k) Revelation 20:1-10 - Satan in Lake of Fire.
 - l) I John 4:1-4 - Testing the spirits.
 - m) James 4:6-10 - Secret of victory.
 - n) I Peter 5:6-9 - Resisting the enemy.
2. Songs/Choruses Commonly Used
 - a) There Is Power in the Blood
 - b) In the Name of Jesus, We Have the Victory
 - c) Blessed Be the Name
 - d) His Name Is Wonderful
 - e) He Is Lord, He Is Lord
 - f) At the Cross
 - g) Living, He Loved Me
 - h) Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?
 - i) Victory, Victory in the Blood of Calvary
 - j) Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know
 - k) Crown Him With Many Crowns

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