The two greatest mysteries of our world.

Did you ever question:"Why is so much evil in our world. Why do people kill one another? Why do they hate, destroy, steal, lie, cuss, cheat, and be so immoral and selfish".

Or did you wonder: "Why are there such loving, kind, honest, gentle, peaceful, unselfish, good and moral people in our world?"

Why did my neighbor, who was a vile cantankerous drunk, an addict, a thief, an adulterer, suddenly became a totally different person. Now he is sober, honest, kind, moral and pleasant to be with. How could such a miracle happen?

Fiction authors write about an invasion of aliens who live already among us and in us.

Is there more in this world and among us that our five senses - sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch cannot recognize? Could there be a none dimensional spiritual realm that our limited brains cannot perceive?

Are there forces that influence our life's which we cannot register with our limited senses, but know of their presence by what we experience? As we cannot see the wind, but experience its effects, so we do also experience the effects of the invisible forces that influence and even dominate our lives.

Would you not like to know who your worst enemy is, how he operates, what he tries to do to you, what his strategies are, how to defend yourself, what weapons you have at your disposal and how your conflict is progressing?

Would it not be of great importance to know which forces are for you and how to relate to them so that your victory is assured?

Many have dabbled ignorantly with the occult and spiritual forces with devastating effects on their lives. Why not asking our loving God to enlighten our minds about the mysteries that affect our lives?

God, in His loving kindness, invites you to let Him open your understanding through His word. He will lift the veil from your mind so that you can understand and identify these mysterious forces that pull you toward good or evil.

The Word of God is the only and most reliable source of such vital information.

1.The mystery of lawlessness.

2 Thess 2:7,9,10.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2. The mystery of godliness.

1 Tim 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the **mystery of godliness**: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

God reveals the mysteries.

Through revelation in the Word of God, we find that there are **two spiritual kingdoms in this world** which encompass all humanity. You live in one or the other.

The two spiritual kingdoms:

1. The kingdom of God:

Mark 4:11

11 And He said to them, "**To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God**; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

Mt 12:28

28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely **the kingdom of God has come upon you**.

Col 1:13

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**,

This is the realm where God is king, the highest authority, and where His children live.

2. The kingdom of Satan:

Matt 12:26 26 If Satan casts out **Satan**, he is divided against himself. How then will **his kingdom** stand? This is the realm of Satan and his forces of demons and where his children live.

Do you realize that two people can be in one room, even in one bed, or sitting on the same church pew, that one can be in the kingdom of God and the other in the kingdom of Satan?

In which kingdom do you live?

Scripture also reveals to us, that there are really only two Gods.

The two Gods:

1. The Creator God, the origin of everything that is good true and beautiful.

Gen 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Co 4:6

6 For it is the **God who commanded light to shine** out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the God of life who loves you, from whom all blessings, grace and goodness comes.

2. Satan, the creator god and origin of evil and death.

2 Cor 4:4

4 whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God , should shine on them.

This is the god who destroys life and everything that is good.

Who is your God? Who is in control of your mind and life?

And there are only two spiritual Fathers:

The two spiritual Fathers:

1. God the Father of all who are born of His spirit. The origin of love, justice, beauty, and everything that is good.

Matt 6:9

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our <u>Father in heaven</u>**, Hallowed be Your name.

Jas 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the **Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

2. Satan the father of all who live under the influence of his spirit. The origin of all evil. The devil.

John 8:44

44 You are of your **father the devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Who is your Father?

And there are only two classes of all mankind.

The two classes of mankind:

Jn 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** Jn 3:18

18 "He who **believes in Him is not condemned**; but he **who does not believe is condemned already,** because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Mt 13:38-39

38 The field is the world, the **good seeds are the sons of the kingdom**, but the **tares are the sons of the wicked one**.

39 The enemy who sowed them is the Devil

Col 1:27

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

When Christ, His spirit, His word lives in you, than you are a child of God, a Christian, meaning a "Christ like".

Jn 6:70 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and **one of you is a devil?**"

When Satan, his spirit, his words live in you, than you are a child of the Devil, a Devilian,

a Devil like.

Are you among the believing saved Christians or the unbelieving condemned Devilians?

Please understand that there are many more passages in God's word relating to these facts and we will consider many of them later.

Some descriptive names of Satan and his Angels:

Let me introduce you to some names of the Devil, as revealed in God's word: Satan, Devil, dragon, serpent, the evil one, deceiver, Lucifer, accuser, diabolos, god of this world or age, prince of darkness, abaddon and apollyon [destroyer], tempter, wicked one, enemy, murderer, father of lies, ruler of this world, adversary.

Fallen angels, demons, evil spirits.

Please consider that these beings, are highly intelligent, experienced and successful in their pursuit to deceive, confuse, control, possess and destroy. The whole world is under their influence.

1 John 5:19 19 We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one. The great controversy.**

Rev 12:7-10, 12

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan,

who **deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For **the devil has come down** to you, **having great wrath**, because he knows that he has a short time."

Satan started his rebellion in heaven. His plan for government of the universe was so plausible, that one third of the Angels agreed with him. You cannot govern a kingdom with love. You need to use force, in whatever form necessary. And this is the way how he rules the world, as the

God of this world, through his human agents. He is in control of the whole world including the religious world. As the fallen Angels agreed with the satanic concepts, so does humanity throughout history. The history of mankind is written in blood, immorality and lies. Do you realize that you are in Satan's cross hair 24 hrs a day and especially when you are a child of God? His millions of Angel-demons, now confined to this earth, are always searching for human habitation, to influence, deceive and possess. Their human agents do their works unaware of their inspirational masters.

Mt 12:43-45

43 "When an **unclean spirit** goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

45 Then he goes and takes with him **seven other spirits more wicked than himself**, and they **enter and dwell** there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

These demons did not mind to even inhabit swine if it suits their purpose.

Mt 8:31

31 So the **demons begged** Him, saying, "If You cast us out, **permit us to go away into the herd of swine**."

If the spirit of God does not dwell in you, than Satan and his spirits will take over. Scripture gives us many examples of human beings being controlled and possessed by one or more spirits of the devil.

Examples of humans being controlled or possessed by evil spirits:

Ac 19:13-16

13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcize you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

15 And the **evil spirit** answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

16 Then the **man in whom the evil spirit was** leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Lk 22:3-4

3 Then **Satan entered Judas**, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve 4 So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.

Lk 13:16

16 So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom **Satan has bound** — think of it — **for eighteen years**, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

1 Sa 16:14

14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a **distressing spirit** from the LORD troubled him.

Lk 8:30

30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion ," because **many demons had entered him.**

Mk 16:9

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary **Magdalene**, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

Mary Magdalene may not have been possessed by all seven demons in the beginning, but

after tolerating one, he brought the other six along. Often the first one may appear quite harmless. Usually the first evil spirit which is so common in natural men is selfishness.

The root of all evil is the love of self or the love of material things. Even being possessed with seven demons, of which one was the demon of immorality, Mary appeared to be rather desirable and attractive to some men.

Also Judas, whom Christ identified as "a Devil", {John 6:70} he was a disciple of Christ for three and a half years, held the trustful position of the treasurer, appearing most of the time as all the other eleven disciples. Yes he occasionally secretly stole from the treasury, but no one knew but Jesus.

Jn 8:42-44

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

43 Why do you **not understand My speech**? Because you are **not able to listen to My word.**

44 **You are of your father the devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

The indicators, symptoms or fruits of satanic control or possession may vary widely.

We see scribes, priests, Pharisees, theologians, ministers, kings, disciples, prostitutes,

people from all walks of life being controlled by evil spirits. Some may appear quite pious and attractive. One thing they all have in common: They do not understand nor live the word of God, even when they preach from it and pretend to know it. If the word of God comes to them with some conviction, Satan has ways to take it away quickly. They all have one identity in common, sometimes well hidden, it is self centeredness.

Mk 4:15

15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Satan comes as an Angel of light.

2 Co 11:13-15

13 For such are **false apostles**, **deceitful workers**, **transforming themselves into apostles of Christ**.

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light .

15 Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works.

Mt 7:15-16

"Beware of **false prophets**, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 You will know them by their fruits.

Mt 24:5

5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will **deceive many**.

Mt 7:21-23

not everyone who says to Me,'Lord , Lord ,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

22 **Many will say** to Me in that day, '**Lord , Lord** , have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Lk 6:4

"But why **do** you call Me 'Lord , Lord ,' and not **do the things which I say?** There are many talkers about the will or commandments of God, but few doers.

Some times the deceiver comes in the form of a charming, beautiful, promiscuous lady when she becomes the temptress. Or he may come as a handsome man with many interesting toys, enticing you to try some "cool" things and stuff.

1 Co 15:33 33 Do not be deceived : "Evil company corrupts good habits."

By their fruits you shall know them:

Mt 7:16,17,18,20

16 You will know them by their fruits . Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit

20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Gal 5:19-21

19 Now **the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

1 Co 6:9-10

9 Do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? **Do not be deceived**. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

If you let him, he will destroy you, your marriage, your family.

1 Pe 4:3-5

3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in **lewdness**, **lusts**, **drunkenness**, **revelries**, **drinking parties**, **and abominable idolatries**.

4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

1 John 3:7

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

1 John 3:10

10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does not love his brother.

These are the works of the spirit of Satan. These works identify the children of Satan.

Now we will identify the children of God:

Identification of God's children:

Gal 5:22-25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Ro 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 1 Jn 5:18 18 We know that **whoever is born of God does not sin**; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and **the wicked one does not touch him.** 1 Jn 5:4

4 For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world**. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

1 Jn 3:10

10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

Matt 5:9

9 Blessed *are* the **peacemakers**, For they shall be **called** <u>sons of God</u>.

Matt 5:44-45

4 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,* <u>45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven</u>; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Please note: Peace makers, not war makers, are children of God. The so called "Christian Nations" with their war records bear the fruits of the evil one.

Eph 2:1-4

and you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in

the sons of disobedience,

3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

4 But **God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),

6 and **raised us up** together, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ** Jesus,

It is not what we confess to be but what we are that proves our relationship with God.

Our spiritual warfare:

2 Co 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of <u>our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for</u> pulling down strongholds,

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing <u>every thought into captivity to the</u> <u>obedience of Christ</u>,

2 Co 11:3

3 But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness**, **so your minds may be corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ. Ac 26:18

18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

1 Pe 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

If you knew that a man- eating lion roams in a certain neighborhood, would you go to that place? There are places that are not suitable for Christians. Do not expose yourself to temptation, nor play with the tempter.

This is serious business. Are you aware that your mind is under attack? Do you see that

the whole world is under the influence of Satan? Is your mind conditioned to accept and conform to what the world does and thinks?

1 Jn 5:19

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

Jas 4:4

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! **Do you not know that friendship with the** world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Satan in the kingdoms of this world.

Jn 14:30

30 I cannot talk with you much longer, because the **ruler of this world** is coming. He has no power over me, Jn 12:31

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the **prince of this world** will be driven out.

2 Co 4:4

4 whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Please note that God reveals the actual ruler of this world, who is Satan and his administration. He inspires his human agents to do his will.

Rv 12:3-4, 9

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.
4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Satan, the great dragon and the fiery red dragon with the seven heads and ten horns, represented in the Roman Empire and later the ten European nations, are identical. Using a biblical metaphor: "Satan in the nations and the nations in Satan". God is the sovereign of the universe, but He only intervenes in the affairs of this world to save and guide His children.

In the book of Daniel we get a glimpse into the spiritual battles that take place in some of the decision making of kings effecting God's people. Here four of the major players are identified. 1: A mighty angel of God, 2: Michael a prince of God, 3: the prince of Persia,

4: the prince of Greece.

Da 10:5-7

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!

6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

Da 10:12-13, 20,21

12 Then he said to me,"Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

13 But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days**; and behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia**.

20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

God intervened in behalf of His children who had been for seventy years held captive in Babylon. His plan to let them return to Israel was foretold by His prophets. Since the Persians had overthrown Babylon, God needed to inspire the Persian authorities to set His people free which was not in accordance with Satan's plan. Here we find a mighty angel of God working on the minds of the Persian government against the inspiration of the forces of evil. Satan's spirits attempted and succeeded to at least delay that proclamation of liberty for twenty one days, until Michael a prince of God accomplished this task. It is these invisible princes that call the shots. Our newspapers only report what governments [kings, presidents etc.] are deciding. They only see the pawns in the game; not the real players.

The strategies of Satan:

2 Co 2:11

11 lest **Satan** should **take advantage of us**; for **we are not ignorant of his devices**.

Have you ever seen pictures of a high level war command center? The sophisticated electronic equipment, the multitude of highly trained specialists working day and night

evaluating and coordinating all information. Generals and their staffs planning and developing strategies and issuing orders to their officers and troops. The remarkable efficiency of decisive action..

Do you think that the master inspirator of all evil spiritual warfare, with his army of specialists with over six thousand years of experience, is less sophisticated? If we humans have the ability to have detailed records about every person in this world, would Satan and his crew be less informed about you and me and every one else? He knows all your tendencies and weaknesses. He knows the

occasions and times when you are most vulnerable to temptations. Please try to visualize the following illustration of Satan's war command center with his staff of "generals", "strategists", "soldiers" and "operators".

Satan's War Command Center.

Satan - Commander in Chief.,

Strategic Supreme Command Center: Generals, all

specialists with thousands of years experience.

General Staff - millions of fallen spirit beings, demons. **Extended Staff** - their human agents.

Well equipped and funded.

1.Pet.5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the **devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Jn 5:19

19 We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**

Satan's commanders, their departments and staff:

General "Violence".:

Devise instruments, products, procedures, weapons for destruction. Teach men to kill and destroy in the name of God und religion. Have them do it under the disguise and pretension of freedom, liberty, equality, democracy and civilization. Spread hatred among all. Organize big armies. Train them to kill not regarding women, children and the elderly. Train recruiters to persuade the ignorant. Give them incentives to join their organizations. Give them promotions, titles, honors, medals and money. Call them heroes, patriots, protectors. If they do not volunteer, draft them. Drill them into conformity and submission. Make them into killing machines following orders. Promise them heavenly rewards when they die, killing and destroying. Outlaw, persecute any group that does not comply with our agenda.

General "Philo"

Teach, write and distribute deceptive literature. Develop religions and ideologies to govern the world with our principles of violence, deception, immorality and vice . Flood the minds of children with our deceptions and distortions. Saturate secular and religious school curricula with our way of thinking. Prevent that they retain God in their thinking.

General "Religio"

Invent religions, sects, cults and customs. Build magnificent churches, temples, mosques and synagogues. Make them think those are houses of God. Develop the term church with a hierarchical paradigm in order to replace Christ with human mediators. Organize many denominations to split the unity among believers. Make them argue and fight and kill one another. Make them believe that when they kill one with differing convictions, it is service to God. Inspire writers, priests, rabbis, ministers, prophets to deceive mankind. Mix error with a lot of truth to make it more acceptable. Misuse the Word of God by distorting, misquoting, misinterpreting, mistranslating, changing, deleting, adding, selective use, discrediting, undermining, destroying, prohibiting, displacing. Make them doubt the word of God. Make them believe that they are all sinners and always will be and that God is unable to set them free. Make them believe that joining a denomination and attending a religious service once a week fulfills their spiritual requirements. Make them comfortable in their errors, so they remain my children, my many religious children.

Induce spiritual blindness and deafness. Pull the wool over their minds. Bring the curtain down.

General "Psyco"

Gradually desensitize and condition minds, feelings and consciences toward violence, immorality and all kinds of evil through TV and theatre under the cover of humor or art. Develop means to depress, despair, scare, addict, self destruct. Make sin desirable. Do brainwashing. Make up new vocabulary to distort truth and make evil harmless and cussing, cursing and foul language normal and acceptable. Addict them to power, authority, greed, money and things. In cooperation with the department of "science" develop theories that many of men's vices are genetically caused, relieving them from personal responsibility and accountability.

General "Science"

Invent pseudo sciences, inspire men to write and teach them to discredit and eliminate the creator of the universe and everything that is good. Then make science and technology the highest authorities in life. Have your staff darken minds with these pseudo sciences from childhood on. Do not let them retain God in their thinking. Make children feel more informed than their ignorant old fashioned parents who still believe in a creator God. This will create disrespect, rebellion and disobedience and will advance our goal: "the destruction of family life".

General "Econ"

Appropriate unlimited means for every department in our administration. Deceive mankind to support our warfare. Let our agents seize control of all resources in the world so that humanity becomes dependent on our extended human staff. Entice them to love money and the things of this world. Create economic conditions in order to destroy family life. Press mothers economically into taking employment, leaving their children under the influence of our agents in religious or governmental secular institutions.

General "Narco"

Invent all kinds of narcotics that impair thinking and good decision making. Inspire our human agents to manufacture, advertise and distribute these products. Make human addicts and zombies. Coordinate strategies with General "Alco" and General "Nico" to, make them believe that alcohol, drugs and tobacco gives them fantastic pleasures and status. Use the media to capture their minds. Ruin their health and their families. Prepare mankind for our takeover.

General"Physico"

Develop programs for physical unfitness. Ruin their health of body soul and spirit. For others, make them fall in love with their own bodies, so that they pump themselves up or decorate their faces and other parts to attract attention to their selves. Occupy their minds with their selves so that they become their own idols.

General "Sports"

Invent, promote, advertize all kinds of sports to occupy minds, sidetrack from priorities, glorify human achievement. Get spectators to waste time and money. Build coliseums, arenas, courses etc. Fill them with excitement. Distract minds from the spirit of God.

General "Sex"

Utilize pictures, movies, internet, shows, beautiful promiscuous girls, handsome boys with exciting toys for temptation.

Teach perversion, deviation, homosexuality, adultery and fornication to be normal and desirable.

Create places and situations for all kinds of sin and immorality in the name of freedom.

Distribute magazines and films with pornography to promote immorality.

General "Entertain"

Take away time for the word of God and from family life. Saturate their lives with entertainment and mix in all kinds of evil in it. Fill their churches with music and art, to give them emotional highs. Distract their minds from the spirit of God.

General "Vanity"

Invent products and procedures so they spend a lot of time and money on self. Make self become their god.

General "Glutton"

Inspire chefs to make unhealthy unclean foods attractive. Make their bellies their gods.

Arrange glutton feasts and contests and drinking parties. Make them lethargic and sick.

General "Tech"

Inspire development of weapons of mass destruction, devices to transmit pornography and violence into every home.

General "Thief"

Teach the art of stealing. Justify every kind of thievery.

General "Lie"

Promote lying and find excuses for doing it. Make them believe they are diplomats or good politicians when they develop the art of indirect and even direct lying.

General "Info"

Keep complete detailed records on every human from birth to death. Keep 24 hrs surveillance on all. Analyze all actions, inclinations, desires tendencies and expressions and report to General "Tempter" and his staff for strategic planning. Use our techniques of misinformation.

General "Tempter"

Never let up. Devise always new strategies. Engage from every angle. Get your foot in the door by every means. Make sin look glorious, pleasant and natural. Exert peer pressure.

General "Coord"

Coordinate strategies, intelligence and means with the entire high command staff and all their agencies for all out warfare and success. Every human being will have their individual attention 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week.

Satan's strategy:

1. Engagement. Get attention through human senses.

- 2. Get a foothold. Arouse interest.
- 3. Establish a stronghold. Get willing participation.

4. Disable. Break down all resistance. Condition the mind to accept sin and error as normal.

5. Invade. Bring in other spirits. Justify and find enjoyment in sins.

6. Possess. Make slaves of sin. Kill spiritual life.

Satan's principles:

2 Co 2:11

11 lest **Satan** should **take advantage of us**; for **we are not ignorant of his devices.**

Violence, physical warfare, force, hate, torture, captivity, coercion, deception, distraction, distortion, immorality, perversion, abuse, greed, lies, falsehood, selfish ambitions, etc.

These are tools in his arsenal. Satan is out to take advantage of you. Let God help you.

Satan's success:

1 Jn 5:19

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

Rv 12:9

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who **deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rv 13:6-8

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.

And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 **All who dwell on the earth** will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Mt 22:14

14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Mt 7:13-14

13 The Narrow Way (Lk 13:24) "Enter by the narrow gate ; for wide is the gate and **broad is the way that leads to destruction**, and there are **many who go in by it.**

14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Lk 13:24

24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate , for **many**, I say to you, **will seek to** enter and will not be able.

Why will the majority not be able to enter life in the kingdom of God? It is because of their choosing, their disinterest in the council of God, their pleasure in sin,

their waiting for a later more convenient time, their love of this world of sin rather than to love God and His righteousness.

Jas 4:4

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Rv 18:2

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying,"**Babylon** the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a **dwelling place of demons**, a **prison for every foul spirit**, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

Rv 16:14

14 For they are **spirits of demons**, **performing signs**, which **go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world**, to **gather** them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

1 Ti 2:3-4

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God **our Savior**, 4 who **desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

Jn 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God loves you very much. He desires to give you eternal life, but He will always respect your free will. When you say an uncompromising yes to God, than Satan will have no power over you.

God's success:

Eph 6:11-17

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand against the** wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the **shield of faith with which you will be able to quench** <u>all</u> the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

2 Th 3:3

3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and **guard you from the evil one**.

Jas 4:7

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Mt 4:10

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

When you know and live the word of God as your highest authority, you will defeat Satan.

Ex 20:2-3

2 "I am the Lord your God,.... 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Ro 8:35, 38,39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, **nor angels nor principalities nor powers**, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Did you notice how Christ dealt with Satan? He knew the word of God and quoted it:

"It is written". This is how we defeat Satan.

Always remember that God loves you. He is always with you, for you and in you. In fact all heaven is for you.

Heb 1:13-14

13 But to which of the **angels** has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

1 Jn 4:4

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**.

2 Kings 6:16 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.

God our Father, Christ our Lord, the multitude of heavenly Angels, are always with you and for you. The greatest forces of the universe are always willing to fight your battles. They are always victorious. But they will not force your decisions. The choice is yours. You cannot serve two masters. It is either God or Satan.

God's Invitation:

Pr 23:26

26 My son, give me your heart , And let your eyes observe my ways.

Ps 37:4

4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart .

Pr 3:5-7

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart , And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

Mt 11:28-30

28 **Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls.**

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Jn 6:37

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and **the one who comes to Me I** will by no means cast out.

Jn 14:23

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Astrology, occultism, spiritualism, superstition.

Many are attracted to the supernatural. Ignorantly they experiment with the spiritual

world not realizing the dangers and negative effects it can have on their lives.

The Word of God gives us clear guidance how to avoid the snares of Satan and his

spiritual host..

Astrology was already practiced by the Babylonians. They looked to the stars for omens, predicting future events for their kings and kingdom. In the US, over a thousand newspapers carry astrology columns. Astrology books are among best sellers. Many popular people believe and suffer from the effects of this deception. The following account is from the book of Daniel at the time of the Babylonian kings Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel. [About 650 BC]

Da 2:2,4,5,10,11, 26 - 28

2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians,

the **astrologers**, the **sorcerers**, and the **Chaldeans** to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap.

10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "**There is not a man on** earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. 11 It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." 26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. 28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made

known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

Only Daniel, who asked God for wisdom, revelation and guidance, had the true answer to the problem at hand. God is always delighted to guide His children.

He promised: "Every one that asks will receive." "If you ask your father for bread, will he give you a stone? So than if you humans can give good things to your children, how much better things will your heavenly Father give His children when they ask Him."

But if you do not take His counsel, then other deceptive spiritual forces will have their negative influence on your life.

Gods judgement over astrologers:

Isa 47:11, 13, 14

11 Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, Which you shall not know.

13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now

the astrologers , the stargazers, And the monthly

prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you. 14 Behold, **they shall be as stubble**, The **fire shall burn them**; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!

No scientific bases for astrology.

192 leading scientists, including 19 Nobel Price winners, signed a declaration that there is no scientific evidence to support astrology.

The American Society of Psychological and Social Studies warns: "Faith in astrology

is harmful, for it encourages an unhealthy evasion of the permanent problems of real life...The astrologers, who offer the public a horoscope, which takes the place of conclusions drawn from serious reflection, are guilty of encouriging the human tendency of choosing facility rather than the difficult way."

Can the living communicate with the dead?

In all civilizations we find some belief of an afterlife. Attempts have been made to somehow find ways to communicate with the deceased. Channeling has become the

modern form of "New Age Mysticism" that has attracted and confused millions.

Spirit guides are sought to answer questions and solve problems. Mediums offer their services for a fee to make the contact with deceased loved ones or other

wise spirits. The medium or channilor becomes the mouthpiece of the spirit. What is some of the wisdom that has come from these "spirit guides"?

"You are the measure of all things. You can do no wrong."

"Guilt is just foolish imagination. There is no sin. There is no Devil."

"You create your own reality. You are creator god."

"To know yourself is salvation. You are your savior."

"There is no evil. What you think and do is good and love.

"You will never really die. Death is the transition into the spirit world."

Who are these spirits that claim to be spirits of the deceased? What does God in His

Word have to say about this matter?

What is the state of the dead? Are they really dead ?

Are their spirits in heaven, in hell or among us? Do we know someone who was dead and came back to life to tell us?

Rv 1:5

from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the $firstborn\ from\ the\ dead$, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

Rv 1:18

18 I am the living one who died. Look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

Could you think of a higher authority that is more trust worthy than Jesus and His word? Why not let Him be your guide. He is "The Truth." And He loves you.

We are already acquainted with the great deceiver, the father of lies, Satan the origin of all evil.

Satan's original lie.

When God told the parents of mankind that disobedience leads to death:

Ge 2:17

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die**."

Satan lied to them:

Ge 3:4

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die" .

With this lie, he not only deceived our first parents, but mankind throughout all generations. Most religions and philosophies are based on this deception. The idea that only the body is mortal, but the soul has immortality and continues to independently live in the spiritual realms, or by reincarnation, or in heaven, hell or purgatory, has brought much confusion with often devastating consequences.

What does God reveal to us in His Word?

1 Ti 6:15-16

15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, **the King of kings and Lord of lords**,

16 who **alone has immortality**, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

When do humans receive immortality?

1 Co 15:50-54

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed —

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal must put on immortality.**

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**"

1 Th 4:13-18

13 Our brothers, **we want you to know the truth about those who have died**, so that you will not be sad, as are those who have no hope.

14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that **God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him.**

15 What we are teaching you now is the Lord's teaching: we who are alive on the day the Lord comes will not go ahead of those who have died.

16 There will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven. Those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first; 17 then we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord.

God's children, whether dead or alive at the time of Christ's return, will be resurrected or transformed into immortality together at the same time.

Jn 6:39-40 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should **raise it up at the last day**.

40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and **I will raise him up at the last** day.

Jn 5:28-29

28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which **all who are in the graves will hear His voice**

29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

What does the word of God tell us about the condition of the deceased?

Ps 146:4

4 When they die, they return to the dust; on that day all their plans come to an end.

Ecc 9:5-6

5 Yes, **the living know they are going to die, but the dead know nothing**. They have no further reward; they are completely forgotten. 6 Their loves, their hates, their passions, all died with them. **They will never again take part in anything that happens in this world.**

Dt 18:10-12

10 **There shall not be found among you anyone who** makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

11 or one who **conjures spells**, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.

lsa 8:19-20

19 And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Isa 45:11

11 **Thus says the LORD**, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "**Ask Me** of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.

God offers you: to be your Father, your answer to all your questions, your solution to all your problems. Why not ask Him. He promised:

Mt 7:7-11

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For **everyone who asks receives**, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Is it not wonderful to have this loving God as our father? Believing and trusting Him is life in its fullest. What He says is true; we can rely on His word. And He is always with us and for us and wants to be always in us. He will never leave us nor forsake us. Abide in Him.

Heb 13:5

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

John 15:4

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:9-10

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will* have tribulation; but **be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**"

Matt 28:18, 20 8 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.... 20 and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age."

Ps. Most bible texts are from the NIV. Emphasis are mine.