

Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

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Real Demon-Possession

Demon possession never occurred before Jesus came and cast out demons by the power of God.

And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" (Matthew 9:33)

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. (**Luke 10:1**)

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." (Luke 10:17-18)

Casting out demons followed believers until the New Testament was confirmed (Mark 16:20). Since the faith "was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3), there has been no true demon-possession since!

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Real Demon Influence

Jesus was met with:

A certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs [the unclean spirit] had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. (Luke 8:27, 29)

In our day and time, drug addiction causes the same effects as 1st Century demon possession: disregard for clothes, fascination with death, wildly reckless behavior, and leaving family and friends! With the demons gone, that man was:

... Sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. (Luke 8:35)

Demons had to obey Jesus' command, but drug addicts today need help to come to their "right mind" and obey Christ.

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Real Demon Influence #2

Jesus came to the country of the Gadarenes, and:

Immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs ... crying out and cutting himself with stones. (Mark 5:2-3, 5)

There is no "demon-possession" today, but there certainly are "demon-influences".

- 1) **That Gadarene lived among the tombs.** Death was ever on his mind. Today, people fill their minds from Television programs and movies, with thoughts of zombies, dissection of dead bodies, and violent, bloody deaths. This constant morbidity creates depression, which is the source of suicide and mass murders.
- 2) **That Gadarene lived in self-inflicted pain**, as do drug addicts today. This sadomasochistic attitude either gives or receives pain and humiliation for pleasure. When popularized in mass media, people think this is "normal" behavior, while love grows cold (Matthew 24:12).

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Gospel Light

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

This prophecy has nothing whatever to do with a "solar eclipse!" The prophesied "darkness" would "cover the earth," but a "solar eclipse" only darkens a narrow path on the earth! This prophecy is about Gentiles coming to the light, which points to the New Testament Gospel of Christ. Gospel "light" is that:

The Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. (**Ephesians 3:6**)

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World Wide Eclipse

"And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight." (Amos 8:9)

God predicted a "solar eclipse." The sun going down "at noon," the earth darkened "in broad daylight" would be a clear sign to show people their sins.

Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him ... Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. (Mark 15:25, 33)

Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. (Luke 23:45)

The darkest three hours in human history were when God's only begotten Son was rejected by sinful mankind. Jesus now is "the light of the world." (John 8:12)

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