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In the Abyss of the Dominion of Darkness

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Abstract

The aim of our study is to deep into the realities and myths of the dominion of darkness. To achieve that goal, the methodology used is based on critical literature review, phenomenology and Biblical methodology which is a method that seeks to shed light upon the historical processes which give rise to the biblical texts. It proceeds from textual criticism to redaction criticism, operating with the help of scientific criteria. The objective of our study is to answer a number of questions useful to shed more light on the impact of satanic devices on the physical, psychological and spiritual lives of people and ultimately to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. The interest of this work is spiritual, philosophical and social. The results of our analysis show that we should strive to be and remain in conformity with Godly principles and plans of happiness for humankind. We should keep away from desires and filthy pleasures of this material World by making God our priority in everything. It appears that the decadence and instability in the present world is at the image of abandonning God's words at the altar of personal interests, materialism, occultism and satanism. We should pray and work hard to save ourselves and the world around us, listening exclusively to the voice of our Creator, His gospel, hyms, psalms to the glory of God is indispensable for our spiritual growth and overall wellbeing.

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Introduction

The word 'darkness' refers to what is without light, lacking light or brightness, obscure, gloomy, sad, cheerless, sinister, wicked, to hide, conceal. This seems different and contradictory to the light of the world. The Bible says in John 8:12 that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world; he who follows Him will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.

Concerning the condition of the earth in the beginning, the Bible says that it 'was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. From there God brought light. The work of darkness is to steal, kill and destroy God's creation by bringing it back to nothing, something formless, void and bad.

The work of darkness appears clear such as to unvalue what God has valued, to destroy what God has created, to steal the riches God has given such as peace, joy, contentment, happiness, long life. For this reason, it is important to understand the mysteries of the dominion of darkness, its operation systems, strenghts and weaknesses. This is why a number of questions listed below need to be answered and focused upon.

Godsword Godswill [1] Onu believes that the kingdom of darkness and of satan is the kingdom where satan, the devil, rules and controls. Those in this kingdom are subject to the devil and obey him. In this kingdom are the fallen archangels and angels, demons, agents of darkness, witches and wizards, unbelievers, and all beings who are under the command of satan and are his servants and worshippers. This kingdom is one of darkness, because the devil is all about empty promises, lies, nothingness, secrets, perdition and darkness. According to a Christian website [2], the fact that some may believe or not in the existence of the

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¹ Nigerian prominent gospel writer

² Bible guidance

kingdom of darkness is of no relevance in the sense that we can still be affected by it even if we choose not to believe in its realities. Teachers and students can use tools in the form of mobile phones to be able to make observations. Applications that can The spirit world is made of the kingdom of God, which is the kingdom of light, and the kingdom of Satan, which is the kingdom of darkness. To better analyse the concept and realities of the kingdom of darkness, the following questions are of great interest namely:

- What is purpose of the kingdom of darkness?
- How is the kingdom of darkness structured?
- What are the rules in the kingdom of darkness?
- How to enter the kingdom of darkness?
- What is Ephesians 6:12 all about?
- What are the main satanic books?
- What is behind black mass?
- What about "the 21 Satanic points"?
- How about Nazi ideology and link with satanism?
- Which word about the sinister way ?

1. What is purpose of the kingdom of darkness?

The kingdom of darkness is the devil's kingdom. According to the Bible it is a kingdom of death, oppression and suffering. Among other things, it includes sickness, poverty, lies, deceit, disappointment, failure, defeat and a wasted life. The kingdom of darkness represents a spiritual realm, or domain, where Satan heads a hostile resistance force against the kingdom of God and Jesus Christ.

The kingdom of darkness is the realm of demons and of Satan himself. According to the Bible, they greatly influence and control the Earth because Man has chosen to live in sin. The said kingdom seeks constantly to deceive and destroy mankind.

2. How is the kingdom of darkness structured?

Concerning the Devil's kingdom, apostle Paul gave us a picture of how the kingdom of darkness is structured in Ephesians 6: 12 referring to principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places.

Talking of principalities, here reference is made to fallen angels who were cast out of heaven in the great rebellion against the Most High God on top of which Lucifer. A principality is a demon assigned to a specific region. A principality is a demon (high ranking) that is in charge of other lower-ranking demons. They are fallen angels and archangels that are in charge of nations, groups of peoples and institutions. They are usually specialized in a form of sin used to challenge God and destroy humanity. An example list of these entities is:

• Lucifer: pride.

Mammon: greed.

• Asmodeus: lust.

Leviathan: envy.

Beelzebub: gluttony.

Satan: wrath.

• Belphegor: sloth.

As far as powers are concerned, the powers of darkness are Satan's henchmen, his evil companions, who with him attack men and tempt them into sins of every kind. A power set is the collection of all subsets and the original set itself.

³ The Satanic Bible, written in 1969 by Anton LaVey. Published online by Cambridge University Press: 20 December 2023 by Joseph P. Laycock

Based on the book of abramelin, possibly written in the 14th or 15th century, it is possible to say that if principalities refer to the main princes of the demons such as Lucifer, Leviathan, Satan and Belial. There are also eight sub-princes who correspond to powers and could include: Astaroth, Magoth, Asmodee, Beelzebub, Oriens, Paimon, Ariton (Egin) and Amaymon. Under the rule of these there are many lesser demons called rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places. The kingdom of darkness is therefore structured according to the one in charge of the whole universe i.e satan, followed with those in charge of continents (principalities), those in charge of countries (powers), those in charge of communities, towns or villages (rulers) and those in control of individuals, families (wickedness). It should be stated that higher authorities play a hierarchical role and as such can intervene in lower territories. In addition they are specialized in particular type of what is called capital sins.

3. What are the rules in the kingdom of darkness?

In the kingdom of darkness, Satan holds the position of power, authority and rule over human hearts and other spiritual beings. If the kingdom of God operates through faith and spirit. The dominion of darkness operates through the desires of the flesh. In this sense, the Bible says in Galatians 5:19-26 « that the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanliness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God ».

The rules in the kingdom of darkness is all about the lust of the flesh implying the superiority or worship of one's desires above God. The "lust of the flesh" is of the evil power "in the flesh" of man that produces sins as it's outward effects. As stated in 1 John 2: 16, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, comes not from the Father but from the world. In the powers of hell, sin is one, but lust is the foundation of it.

4. How to enter the kingdom of darkness?

In the light of the Holy Scriptures, those who reject Christ's sacrifice are essentially living under the dominion of Satan. Satan has a habit of claiming or taking that which is not rightly his. The kingdom of darkness is a kingdom of lies. Secret societies serving the kingdom of darkness are often characterized by initiation rituals.

Habits such as womanizing, drugs, smoking, impudicity of all sorts are gateway to demons and entry to the kingdom of darkness. In Revelation 21:8, it is written that for the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. In clear living in sin and not making Jesus king of our life exposes us to the dominion of the powers of darkness.

5. What is the church of satan and satanism?

Based on Anton Lavey's writtings [3], it appears that the Church of Satan is a religious group based on the belief that God as is revealed in religions is fake. The idea is to lead people to take themselves as responsible of their fate. They need therefore to build their ego and accept fully their human

and animal nature with pleasures, desires of the flesh attached to it.

In the church of Satan they do not worship or believe in Satan and they do not believe in God. "Satan" is said to be just a symbol of freedom and the ego. Though they say not to believe in a literal Satan, the church of Satan's books contain essays and rituals celebrating Satan.

Satanism is a broad concept including dark forces and their manifestation. The Bible tells us that these are rival forces to the order of nature and the creator God Yahweh. In the realm of satanism, in addition to the Church of Satan, we can cite the Temple of Set, the Order of Nine Angles, the Satanic Temple, and others.

Philip Knight-Fitzgerald (2003) gave an extensive clarification about the church of Satan and the temple of set. According to him, « the Temple of Set is an Egyptian themed offshoot created by Michael Aquinos, a disgruntled exmember of The Church of Satan. It's members achieve their status within the organization by working towards higher levels called Pylons. With each new level more of the inner workings of the organization are revealed. The Church of Satan is an organization, this word used lightly, created by Anton Szandor LaVey in 1966. It's philiosophy is about self deification and individual empowerment. It's members achieve their status within the Church based on their achievements and accomplishments in their own lives making their achievements all the more rewarding. All the basic information in regards to Satanism in general can be found in The Satanic Bible, a book that now comes in many different languages as members of The Church of Satan can be found scattered across the globe. With the mythical Satan representing opposition to organized thought and action Satanism is probably one of the oldest systems of belief with it being represented in many different forms in many different areas of the world. The biggest difference between the Temple of Set and The Church of Satan is that The Temple of Set is founded on new ideas that to me really only serve the Temple and not it's members whereas The Church of Satan being based on more of an adversarial philosophy encourages it's members to self exaltation through the gaining of knowledge and undefiled wisdom. In general Satanism encompasses all oppositional beliefs that encourage self empowerment and the bettering of oneself and use the mythical Satan as the archtype for just that. »

The Order of Nine Angles (ONA or O9A) [4] is a militant Satanic left-hand path occultist and terrorist network that originated in the United Kingdom. It is a decentralized, satanic, neo-Nazi organization. It predominantly serves as an accelerationist radicalization to violence pathway premised on occult practices. The Satanic group has been influential among neo-Nazi groups around the world in recent years. movement which combines occultism, satanism and more recently neo-nazi ideology. Their philosophy is guided by The Black Book of Satan (1984), which is seemingly an early introduction to the ONA's version of Satanism and what the organization defines as the "Sinister Way." Three excerpts from the book are revealing namely "the 21 Satanic points," "What is Satanism?," and one of the ONA's versions of the Black Mass.

The Satanic Temple (TST) is said to be a non-theistic organization and new religious movement, founded

in 2013 and headquartered in Salem, Massachusetts. Established in reaction to the "intrusion of Christian values on American politics. The group views Satan neither as a supernatural being, nor a symbol of evil, but instead relies on the literary Satan as a symbol representing "the eternal rebel" against arbitrary authority and social norms, or as a metaphor to promote pragmatic skepticism, rational reciprocity, personal autonomy, and curiosity. However, it is strongly believed thatopposing christian values is not far from rebelling against CHRIST, its church and the principles of the kingdom of God.

6. What are the Main satanic books?

It should be stated that unlike Christianity having a central book knows as the Bible, satanism is rich in diversity and poor in unicity and coherence. Among the main satanic books we can cite few one as underlined below:

- The Satanic Bible Anton Szandor LaVey: The Satanic Bible was first published by Anton LaVey in 1969. It is a collection of essays, observations and rituals, and outlines Lavey's Satanic ideology. It contains the core principles of the Church of Satan and is considered the foundation of the philosophy and dogma that constitute LaVeyan Satanism. The belief is that other religions are hypocrites and that man through self deification can find happiness and meat his goal in life.
- The Black Book of Satan (1984): TheBlack Book contained the basic Satanic rituals, instructions relating to ceremonial magic in general.
- The Satanic rituals Anton Szandor LaVey: The Satanic Rituals is a book by Anton Szandor LaVey published in 1972 by Avon Books as a companion volume to The Satanic Bible. The book outlines nine rituals and ceremonies intended for group performance, with an introductory essay to each. Some of the rites presented are inspired by other groups, such as the Yezidis, Freemasons, Knights Templar and Order of the Illuminati, and some inspired by fictional works.
- The Occult Arts of Ancient Egypt: This book is all about the nature of the ancient egyptian civilization; what the Ancient Egyptians understood by magic; the destiny of the soul according to the Egyptians; egyptian magic and belief in amulets and talismans; the Egyptian magicians; black magic in ancient Egypt; the astrological implications of egyptian Magic; ancient Egypt & the universal dream life.
- The Babylonian Magic and Sorcery: First published in 1896, King presents the cuneiform text of a group of 60 clay tablets inscribed with prayers and religious compositions of a devotional and magical character. These tablets were created by the scribes of Ashurbanipal, King of Assyria, between 669625 b.c. and are currently part of the Kuyunjik collection in the British Museum. King's illustrations feature transliteration of each tablet with an English translation wellpreserved passages. King includes BabylonianEnglish glossary, a list of proper names and with their corresponding inscriptions, and a list of words and word portions of uncertain translation.

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⁴ wikipedia

- The persian magic book: A complete guide to the theory, practice, and history of Mazdan magic, the first organized system of magic. Provides a complete curriculum of magical study and initiation centered on exercises keyed to the sacred Zoroastrian calendar. Details advanced magical rituals and practices based on archaic Persian formulas, including fire rituals and divine invocations. Explores the history and lore of Persian magic, explaining how the author reconstructed the original Mazdan system of magic. Stephen Flowers explores the history, theory, practice, rituals, and initiations of the Mazdan magical system practiced by the Magi of ancient Persia, who were so skilled and famed for their effectiveness that their name came to mean what we today call "magic." The prestige and reputation of the Magian priests of Mazda is perhaps most iconically recorded in the Christian story of the Three Wise Men who visited newborn Jesus.
- The Arcana Mundi: Magic and the Occult in the Greek and Roman Worlds: Magic, miracles, daemonology, divination, astrology, and alchemy were the arcana mundi, the "secrets of the universe," of the ancient Greeks and Romans. In this path-breaking collection of Greek and Roman writings on magic and the occult, Georg Luck provides a comprehensive sourcebook and introduction to magic as it was practiced by witches and sorcerers, magi and astrologers, in the Greek and Roman worlds.
- The Principles of Masonic Law: The Principles of Masonic Law is a treatise on the constitutional laws, usages and landmarks of Freemasonry. The book treats a wide range of topics in Masonic jurisprudence, providing a good insight to the overall governance of freemasonry. Freemasonry consists of fraternal organizations that trace their origins to the local fraternities of stonemasons that from the end of the fourteenth century regulated the qualifications of stonemasons and their interaction with authorities and clients. The basic, local organizational unit of Freemasonry is the Lodge. These private Lodges are usually supervised at the regional level by a Grand Lodge or Grand Orient. The degrees of Freemasonry retain the three grades of medieval craft guilds, those of Apprentice, Journeyman or Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
- Morals & Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry: This is Albert Pikes' 861 page volume of 'lectures' on the esoteric roots of Freemasonry, specifically the 32-degree Scottish Rite. Until 1964, this book was given to every Mason completing the 14th degree in the Southern jurisdiction of the US Scottish Rite Freemasons. The work serves as a comprehensive exploration of Masonry's teachings, integrating philosophy, morality, and the significance of various rituals, symbols, and degrees within the Scottish Rite. It is intended for Masons and those interested in the deeper meanings of Masonic practices and historical contexts.
- The Symbolism Of Freemasonry: This book delves into symbolism. According to the derivation of the word from the Greek, "to symbolize" signifies "to compare one thing with another." Hence a symbol is the expression of an idea that has been derived from the

- comparison or contrast of some object with a moral conception or attribute.
- The Meaning of Masonry: This book explores the beliefs behind the order, its cryptic rites and symbols, and uncovers its ultimate purpose.
- The Lost Keys of Freemasonry: In "The Lost Keys of Freemasonry," one of his first works, Hall delves deeply into the complex symbolism of the ancient order and explains the degrees in the fascinating and secretive organization. Hall examines the various symbols and their deeper mystical meanings and its connection to ancient traditions and spiritual beliefs. This guide, a fascinating insight into this ancient order, is helpful to new and experienced Freemasons alike.
- The Craft and Its Symbols: Opening the Door to Masonic Symbolism: The book is all about symbolism which the author considers as the life-blood of the craft and is what according to him distinguishes Free Masonry from other Fraternal Organizations.
- Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry: This book presents details of Masonic initiation rituals, along with grips, passwords and regalia. Written in the 19th century, Duncan's Ritual, as it is known, has been republished numerous times. It includes the three basic degrees of the Ancient York Rite, and four additional advanced degrees. There are over a hundred illustrations, all reproduced here, which show important details of the rituals, including gestures and symbolic pictures.
- The Secret Teachings of All Ages: The Secret Teachings of All Ages is perhaps the most comprehensive and complete esoteric encyclopedia ever written. In this book Manly P. Hall has successfully distilled the essence of more arcane subjects than one would think possible. He covers Rosicrucianism and other secret societies, alchemy, cryptology, Kabbalah, Tarot, pyramids, the Zodiac, Pythagorean philosophy, Masonry, gemology, Nicholas Flammel, the identity of William Shakespeare, The Life and Teachings of Thoth Hermes Trismegistus, The Qabbalah, The Hiramic Legend, The Tree of the Sephiroth, Mystic Christianity, and there are more than 200 illustrations included here.
- Freemasonry: A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol: Explores the origins, development, rituals, and symbolism of Freemasonry, and examines Freemasonry as part of a tradition of Western mysticism going back to the Middle Ages.
- **Revolutionary Brotherhood:** Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840;
- The Hiram Key: The Hiram Key is a book on Pharaohs, Freemasonry, and the Discovery of the Secret Scrolls of Jesus, it is a 1996 book by Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas.
- Freemasonry and Its Ancient Mystic Rites: Written by a leading authority on the subject, this intriguing book explores the history of Freemasonry and its relationship to many of the ancient mystical rites of Egypt, Greece, Crete, and medieval Europe. It concludes with a discussion of the Scottish Rite and the Co-Masonic Order of the twentieth century.
- The Freemasons: A History of the World's Most Powerful Secret Society: In this book, The historian Jasper Ridley offers a thoughtful, rounded assessment

of freemasonry throughout the ages, from its origins up to the present day.

- Freemasonry: Symbols, Secrets, Significance:

 « Written by an active Freemason, this book comprehensively explains Freemasonry through its fascinating visual culture, rich in mysterious and arcane symbols of life, death, and morality that have evolved over centuries of secrecy and that have profound philosophical meaning ».
- Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington, D.C. :Solomon's Builders unravels history from myth as it takes you on a Freemason's tour of Washington, D.C. It reveals the evidence of Masonic influence during the construction of America and its new capital, including clues hidden in plain sight: Masonic connections to national monuments.
- The Secret Science of Masonic Initiation: This book take you on an imaginative journey deep into that inner part of your consciousness that Freemasonry calls your soul.
- **Sworn in Secret:** Freemasonry and the Knights Templar: This book is written by someone who is both a Freemason and a historian, and it shows in his reasoning and in the depth of detail about the Knights Templar and the freemasonry secrets.
- **Secrets of voodoo:** Written by Milo Rigaud⁵ in 1985, this book presents a straighforward account of the gods or loas and their function, the symbols and signs, rituals, the ceremonial calendar of Voodoo, and the procedures for performing magical rites are given.
- Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians: Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians of the 16th and 17th Centuries is a book written by an anonymous author who identifies himself only as ""A Brother of the Fraternity."" The book explores the esoteric symbolism and teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, a secretive society that emerged in Europe during the 17th century. The author delves into the meaning behind various symbols and images associated with the Rosicrucians, including the rose and cross, the pelican feeding its young with its own blood, and the alchemical process of transmutation. He explains how these symbols were used to convey complex spiritual and philosophical concepts to initiates of the order ».
- 5. Milo Rigaud is a poet, novelist and one of the greatest specialists in Vodou. A native from the very beginning, he spent most of his life studying the deepest aspects of Vodou worship.

4. What is behind black mass?

The black mass is usually known as a a travesty of the Roman Catholic Mass in worship of the devil usurping the righful place of Christ. It is hence a blasphemous and obscene burlesque mass performed by satanic cultists. It is celebrated by various Satanic groups. Here the devil is worshipped instead of the Christian God.

For instance, in the film about Anton Szandor LaVey, leader of a cult of devil worshipers in San Francisco. We can see how he and his Church of Satan are shown performing a black mass, in which a nude woman serves as an altar and a boa constrictor wraps itself around a naked witch.

5. "The 21 Satanic points"

These are behaviours and principles expected from a satanist according to Anton LaVey. They are in total opposition to christianity namely:

- 1. Respect not pity or weakness, for they are a disease which makes sick the strong: This is contrary to what the Bible urges us in le synoptics such as Matthew 5:7 or Matthew 7:1-2, stating respectively that "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Moreover all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3: 23-24).
- 2. Test always your strength, for therein lies success: This is in contradiction with the Bible that provides In Matthew 6:33 as Jesus said that the sure path to good success is to seek His Kingdom and righteousness first, and other things will be added unto us. Good success is therefore obedience to God and not by our own strengths and possibilities, empowered by the Spirit of God, motivated by love for God, and directed toward the advancement of the Kingdom of God not for our selfish goals.
- 3. Seek happiness in victory but never in peace: Contrarily to this satanic principle, the Bible tells us to turn away from evil and to do good; to seek peace and pursue it. In fact, Romans 15:13 says: « May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him... ».
- **4. Enjoy** a **short rest, better than a long**: If in satanism, rest is of not great essence for referring to rest that is temporary on earth rather than a long rest which Yahweh promises to his followers. In fact the Bible says in Matthew 11:28-3028 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest ».
- 5. Come as a reaper, for thus you will sow: This is not in line with Godly principles as inscribed in the Holy Scriptures as such: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Hence we come as sower of the good news of Jesus as the Messiah and we reap eternal life without worrying about earthly things as the Lord provides according to his riches.
- 6. Never love anything so much you cannot see it die: If this quotation may seem beautiful from the standing point of view of earthly material things but the same does not go for pure and worthy spiritual values. On that line, the Bible says in Romans 8: 38 that: « For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.».
- 7. Build not upon sand, but upon rock and build not for today or yesterday but for all time: If this principle seems correct, the precision to make is that Christ alone and nothing else should be our foundation. Jesus says in Matthew 7:24-27, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock", and "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."

- 8. Strive ever for more, for conquest is never done: Romans 8:37 says, "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us." To conquer is to be victorious over an adversary who is Satan, the father of lies and seduction.
- 9. And die rather than submit: This is contrary to christian virtue as state in 1 Peter 5:6-9 which says « Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you ».
- **10.** Forge not works of art but swords of death, for therein lies great art: The Bible instead tells us in Psalm 34:14, to turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- 11. Learn to raise yourself above yourself so you can triumph over all: The Bible tells us the contrary in Matthew 23:11-12 as it tells us that the greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- 12. The blood of the living makes good fertilizer for the seeds of the new: In the books of Exodus 20:13 and Deuteronomy 5:17. God prohibits any form of pouring blood for any reason whatsoever as He alone is God and is entitled to take life for He is the one who gave it as the first place.
- **13. He who stands atop the highest pyramid of skulls can see the furthest:** On the contrarily of this satanic principle, the Bible tells us in Proverbs 3: 5-6 that we should trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
- **14.** Discard not love but treat it as an imposter, but ever be just: The Bible clearly defines what love is all about in these terms: « Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth ». (1 Corinthians 13:4–8a).
- **15. All that is great is built upon sorrow:** The key to life is Jesus Christ only and nothing else. Life depends on the abundance of knowledge of God and faith in the saviour. The bible warns us: « Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions » (Luke 12:15).
- **16.** Strive not only forwards, but upwards for greatness lies in the highest: The Bible tells us in Luke 14:11 For all that those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- 17. Come as a fresh strong wind that breaks yet also creates: The Bible insists on telling us that our Lord is the creator of all things and the one who enables us in everything. Isaiah 44:24 states that « Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, 'I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching our the heavens ».
- **18.** Let love of life be a goal but let your highest goal be greatness: The Goal of life according to the Holy scriptures is to serve as greatness is found in serving in the honour of Christ. Matthew 20:26-28 says that « the greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others, because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant ».

- **19.** Nothing is beautiful except man: but most beautiful of all is woman. As revealed in 1 Samuel 16:7, the Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.
- 20. Reject all illusion and lies, for they hinder the strong: In John 8: 44 it is said that: « You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. »
- **21. What does not kill, makes strong:** The Bible says in Romans 12:21 that: « Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good ».

6. The capital sins

Known as the capital sins, deadly sins, they are 07 habits, actions, attitudes or desires that are considered the heart, the foundation of evil and leading thereby to damnation. The 07 deadly sins are namely pride, avarice, lust, envy, gluttony, anger and sloth.

Pride refers to a self satisfaction about one's own achievements, consciousness of one's own dignity, it is in a nutshell an excessive self esteem with a view to serve oneself and not the general cause. The Bible condems pride and it states that it is a feeling that ends up bringing low someone. In clear all is a matter of grace, by God and for him alone, we are just limited to tools honoured by the use of the master. It is a fundamental and the first of all capital sins. It is usually the foundation for all other sins and fall. The Lucifer's case is illustrative, he who out of pride coveted and tried to steal the position reserved to the creator of all, which led to calamity, sins, fall of Lucifer and man.

Avarice comes from greed, the insatiable desire to have what rightfully belongs to others. It is the inordinate love for riches, to gain and possess wealth, material gain. It is a form of idolatry that provokes God's anger. (Ephesians 5 : 5-9). Lust refers to an unusual inclination to pleasure, a dominion

of the senses over reason and fear of God. It is all about having an appetite for pleasure beyond the conventional. The senses are dominating to extend of committing sins or breaking the laws. The heart that desires, crave so badly for pleasure, that is eager and want to please its senses at all cost. Lust is condemned by the Bible. It is a form of idolatry. Common forms of lust include sexual sins such as fornication, adultery, homosexuality, etc.

Envy refers to jealousy, rivalry. It is usually fuelled by insecurity, low self-esteem, or fear of loss and lead, bitterness, a perceived deficiencies in material wealth, status, or personal qualities most often lead to anger, frustration, and resentment. It is a heart breaking emotion. The people who are jealous don't usually have a good heart, they are immature like children and blame unequal treatment, fate, destiny. They are blind on their own fault and don't believe they are responsible for any misfortune whatever. The reason for every thing is always others, they are never to be blamed. According to Aristotle, it is a self infliged pain that appears as a result at the sight of another's good fortune and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself.

Gluttony refers to the excessive love of pleasures such as food or drinks. A lack of self control over his body. It is a dangerous form of idolatry that leads both to the destruction of the body and the soul. Anger is all about what concerns irritation, annoyance, provocation, grieve, vexation, spirit of

revenge, taking offense with. As anger and revenge are rightfully to the Lord all alone.

Sloth refers to inactive by nature, sluggish, laziness, slow in action, lack of reactiveness, dullness, improductiveness. This is the total contrary of God who made the world in 06 days and rested only once i.e 85 % of God's time was dedicated to work, creativeness and well being to others.

7. Aleister Crowley and what to avoid as followers of Christ

Crowley is the exact picture of what a believer should shun away and correct in his life. Crowley, Aleister (1875–1947) was an English magician and occultist. Magic and occultism are banned by God as leading Man astray to his downfall. Aleister Crowley was adept at dealing with spirits, including powerful demons. This is contrary to God's will who wants man to be free and happy, something demons will remove from you and enslave you. God wants us to be humble and simple in total contrary to Crowley who was known as flamboyant and controversial, practicing outrageous magic of sex, drugs, and sacrifice.

The fact remains that the end justifies the means. Whether we are believers or not, time and truth will always prevail as Jesus is Lors so shall we see the signs in our lives such as peace, joy and happiness but through patience, perseverance, suffering and pain for the glory of the Most High. For large and easy is the road leading to perdition and damnation and people like Crowley followed it and the end is catastrophic. He lived the last two years of his life, asthmatic, dissipated, and bored, consuming large amounts of heroin. He died of cardiac degeneration and severe bronchitis on December 1, 1947. What a terrible end to one who dedicated himself for satanism.

8. Nazi ideology and link with satanism

Nazism is an anti semitic, anti communist, racist and facist ideology claiming the superiority of a race from western Europe called Aryan over other human beings that was promoted by Adolf Hitler. He believed that only the superior race should live and to do that had to submit and eradicate other races.

As such it rejected liberalism, democracy, rule of law, human rights, strict obedience to leaders seen as gods. Today there exist organizations who still defend that ideology. This goes as far as esoteric movements.

The esoteric organizations at the foundation of that ideologyare namely the Ariosophists and the order of Nine angels. Ariosophy is an ideology developped in Austria as from 1890 by great Austrian occultists and theorists in politics and racial issues named Adolf Josef Lanz and Guido Karl Anton. They believed in the superiority of the German race, monarchy and nobility. They were fierce antisemitists. For them the German race was indeed the god-men from divine origine. They believed in the coming of a saviour or messiah that will lead them to their destiny. The said saviour was supposed to be a strong man, wealthy, wisest, respected. A heroic prince. He had to lead a battle, an apocalypse against the other impure creatures or races. The existence of hell, heaven as described in the Bible were for them fictitious.

The satanic organization called the order of the Nine angels can be considered as a foundation of neo-nazism in the sense that it defends and spread facism which in the image of the kingdom of darkness is based on authoritarian, unforgiving, discriminatory system of management.

9. A word about the sinister way

The sinister refers to what is awkward, unlucky, sad, evil, etc. In spirituality it is tantamount to satanist practices into magical rituals and enchantments. Famous authors such as Anton LaVey and others have entertained this dangerous path through books, studies, meditations and tips on practical aspects.

It is all about bringing the initiate into contact with acausal energies and entities that are outside the realm of mundane experience contrarily to God's will. It is the hardcore of evil and satanism and the pathway to magical sexual practices at the heart of which lies homosexuality, orgy, fornication, adultery and other vices.

It is a predatory spirituality. Here adepts performing magical rituals with dubious intentions and questionnable aims, methods and processes endangering themselves and others. Signing pacts with demonic forces which are enemies of humankind. Many occult societies spread the influence of this sad practices among which the order of Nine angles.

10. Why Baphomet?

Though not specifically mentionned in the Holy Scriptures, the name « Baphomet » is an important figure of occultism and esoteric world. Most scholars link the name to the Knights Templar with the origins of Freemasonry. For Crowley, Baphomet is further a representative of the spiritual nature of reproduction, the Spermatozoon and the "magical child».

Baphomet is identified as the goat deity and the symbol of the Church of Satan, a modern religious organization. It is associated with the occult, Gnosticism and modern secret societies. Some icon musicians use the pentagram of Baphomet to show allegiance and justify the source of their success. Baphomet is represented as "Sabbatic Goat". According to Levy a renowned French occultist, he drew the said deity as a hermaphroditic winged human figure with the head and feet of a goat that is adorned with numerous esoteric symbols. Lévi describes the meaning of each element of the drawing, which is defined by its profound and pervasive duality.

The British occultist Aleister Crowley also adopted Baphomet, notably in his "Gnostic Mass." The Satanic Temple ordered a statue of Baphomet unveiled in 2015 and to various places as a protesting answer against christianity in public places. Sometimes associated with the Devil, Satan, Asmodeus, Diablo. It is a diabolical figure who appears in occult and folkloric traditions and lead astray nations and many to chaos away from the true living God YWVH.

11. Summoning of demons and impact in the world today

The bible forbids any dealing whatsoever with spirits especially demons through any means such as sorcery, divination, etc (Deuteronomy 18:9-14). This can be explained by the fact that treating with the unknown presents so many uncalculated risks such as defiling and devouring human soul

The risks when communicating with supernatural forces especially demonic ones are terrible. In this sense, Stephen Jeffries a former occultist confessed that Spirits and magic are very dangerous. He said: « I was physically raped by spirits beaten and tortured as well as compelled to do crimes, destroy my family and even worse ». Therefore Such practices are disastrous as one can loose significantly his soul, peace, life and health.

We can observe that demons are invoked in the present world and this caused so many consequences in a massive and violent way through domestic and international conflicts. This is the cause of millions of deaths and all forms of sufferings as abovementioned.

12. Satan, Lucifer, Belial and Leviathan

If there is a common problem to humanity and even above, it is the question of evil synonymous of the adversary of the good who is no other than God. But what are the origins of Lucifer? Why has he become a permanent issue to humanity? What are his various names and forms? What are his methodologies employed, strenghts and weaknesses? How to escape the traps of the evil one?

The name Lucifer refers to light bearer or bearing. In the Bible, the book of Isaiah 14:12 tells us about the fall of an angel called « son of the morning » or planet venus. Lucifer is also called Samael, the fallen archangel. Some compare him to the human king of Babylon. Satan or the adversary of God cast out of Heaven before the creation of humanity.

Belial is mentioned in the Book of 1 Samuel 2: 12 and 2 Corinthians 6: 15, referring to the Devil or Satan. It personifies the spirit of evil and wickedness. It is mostly associated with lust and sex. Belial etymologically means what is not profitable, worthless, reckless, useless, lawless. It is usually flamboyant though empty. It appears 16 times in the Holy Scriptures and is mostly translated as ungodliness. Leviathan appears in the Holy Scriptures (Psalms 74:14; Isaiah 27:1; Job 41). He is taking the form of a serpent, enemy of God and His own, it was killed and given as food to the people of God in the desert. It incarnates envy. It is a marine snake. The Bible refers to it as a fearsome beast having monstrous ferocity and great power. The leviathan symbolizes the chaos and the destruction that opposes God's people.

In a nutshell, the opposite of God's will and fierce adversary of humanity called Lucifer, Belial, Leviathan, Asmodeus, Samael is the masterminder of the worldly evil system based on unmerit, immorality, wickedness.

13. Common things between Satan, Lucifer and the

There are common features as revealed in Ezekiel 28:11-19, between a man living in sins and Lucifer namely:

- From their origins all were created by God.
- They used to be signet of perfection.
- They used to be full of wisdom and beauty.
- They all lived in Eden, the garden of God.
- They all were stark rich and honoured with precious metals.
- Their glorious destiny was already prepared from the day they were created.
- They were blameless in their ways.
- They had access to God's presence and Holiness.
- One day iniquity was found in them.
- They are now filled with violence and sins.
- They became profane and sent out of God's presence.
- They were sent away and blocked from coming back by Cherub on God's command.
- They are filled with pride because of what they believe to possess.
- They have become corrupt and arrogant.

- They have become subject of mockery and cast to the ground (physical and spiritual death).
- They are doomed to a terrible end called hell fire.

14. Lucifer wants to turn Man in his own image and likeness

In reality, Lucifer/Satan has his own personal features. But in order to carry out effectively his plans, he needs to work in and out the kings to pollute kingdoms, pastors to defile the house of God, parents to destroy family and children, Head of states to lead nations to perdition, etc. Earthly kings and rulers take to themselves divine honors and forget to know they actually rule in the spirit and under the aims of Satan. In contradiction to the image of God, that of Lucifer

In contradiction to the image of God, that of Lucifer corresponds to the perversion of perfection, wisdom and beauty. This implies a symbolic of God's absence and walking in reproachable ways. Despising God's holy ways and one unique position in the eyes of God. A person in whom iniquity is found, is the order of the day. A person filled with the desire to take course of action, control over his life and that of others. A feeling of « I will ». There is only one « I » and this is God the creator.

Resemblance is a sign of link and belonging to a group with the benefits and disadvantages attached to it. In fact, children are usually in the image of their parents considering their blood link. This reality is also perceived in the spiritual realm in the sense that we either resemble to God being possessed by the Holy Spirit or by demons and so we portray a number of characters.

A demoniac or possessed by Satan's spirit shows usually signs such as « bodily contortions, unusual changes in voice, severe changes in facial expressions, unpleasant smells, and marked cold ». In clear Satan's image is that of fall, failure in his ambition, pride, pain, suffering, too late regrets, lack of peace, enslavement and cruel lack of joy till the end.

15. Theistic satanism

Also known as traditional, spiritual and religious satanism, the theistic branch of satanism is a religion worshipping Lucifer, the fallen angel, the prince of demons as their god and supreme master. He is reverred as a deity and supernatural being.

Contrarily to the sayings observed in Christianity and other religious movements, they believe that what is said about the devil is false. He is instead seen as a symbol of freedom, autonomy, individuality and self empowerment. Far from the rebelious attitude attributed to him.

It appears according to theistic satanism that Satan is good and the counterpart should be the evil one. In the rank of theistic satanism we number the followings namely the pre-Lavey groups such as First Church of Satan, Temple of Set, Temple of Zeus, Order of Nine Angles, Temple of the Black Light, Turku Society for the Spiritual Sciences.

16. A word about hell versus Heaven

The origin of the word hell refers to nether world, abode of the dead, infernal regions, place of torment for the wicked. It is also used to signified underworld. In Hebrew, it means Sheol or abode of the dead. In the Hebrew Bible is the underworld place of stillness and darkness which lies after death.

In fact according to the Holy Scriptures, hell is real (Mark 9:43), it is where sinners are punished (Matthew 5:22), it is a place of torment (Revelation 14:11). This is confirmed in

Revelation 21:8 stating that we should not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." : "Fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). In nutshell, Hell was created as a place of judgment for Satan and those who followed him in their rebellion against God. It is a frightful and painful place we need to avoid by being violent to access and remain in the Kingdom of God.

17. black book

The black book of Satan is a set of writings promoting darkness upon light. It is written in 03 volumes. The said book presents the sinister ways and various satanic rituals as practiced by the occult group named the order of nine angles. The topics treated include:

- The foundation of Satanism from the perspective of the order;
- the black mass Satanic initiation;
- Ceremonies for Birth, Death including the chaos-focus of rebellion against all to become;
- instructions for trafficking with spirits, including Demons and Angels; divination; and acquisition and use of supernatural powers;
- The Devil is able to take control of him or her who is in possession and is manipulating the said book;
- It is said that once activated, the book enabled people to acquire great wealth and do terrible things to others without punishment humanly speaking there were consequences that caused its owners grief;
- This book indirectly demonstrates the power of Christianity over both occult powers and pagan folk magic;
- Black books are said to include magical cures and healing recipes, prayers, charms, incantations, blessings, rituals for burial, seasonal and agricultural rites, techniques for divination, and ways to ward off evil and bad luck and attract good luck.

18. The golden calf

The golden calf is the symbol of rebellion to God. This can be seen throughout the Bible in some instances such as the children of Israel in the desert in the absence of Moses or those led with Jeroboam. The golden calf is assimilated to egyptian and Canaanites deities which were forbidden strictly by God.

19. Satan the prince of the world ruled by materialism and heresy

Just like with the first humans, the devil take the form of a snake, to seduce with an apple by accusing the righteous God, lead into disobedience then to fall and finally eternal damnation.

The Devil who was Lucifer took, the form of a snake implies that He had an agreement with the snake to deceive Eve. He knew that among all animals, the snake was the most fascinating, beautiful, craftly, good communicator able to transform the truth subtely and lure the fist human beings ever. It also implies he knew very well the creation of God especially humans. He knows their worth in God's eyes, God's love for us, the dimension of blessings, our future, destiny, wealth, capacities which are far above his when we are one with Christ. So He is trying so hard to jealously separate us from the paradise where he was sent away from.

He knew that woman was weaker and more accessible to corruption and then she was the weaker point of Man.

The Devil acts similarly today as he did first with the first humans in the sense that he uses tricks and worries of this world to deceive, kill and destroy souls. Vanity is then to a certain point of view the foundation of human perdition. The ambition to be what we desire in contradiction of God's will is the key to our perdition. The Holy Scriptures says in John 14:30 that: «Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me ». Implying that this world has a prince though having authority does not have kingship. The phrase "prince of this world" is used in the Bible to refer to fallen Lucifer. He is acknowledged by the King Jesus Christ as being the ruler of the current age and a source of influence over the world and its systems because men have chosen evil except for those who turn to follow Christ.

Lucifer controls the world. There are several Bible verses attesting to that fact and identifying Lucifer as the ruler of this World (John 14:30; John 12:31-33; Ephesians 6:12; John 16:11; Matthew 4:8-9; Luke 4:5-6). He is also named as the deceiver, the one who has nothing of God in him. Hence it is believed that « Satan can blind the spiritual eyes of the world (2 Cor. 4:4) and prevent men and women from understanding the scriptures (Matt. 13:19). » Therefore doubt in the power of God, love of the things of the world above God and fear of death are considered as the main weapons used by the Devil to derail the humanity.

We can identify three verses about the theme « The kingdom of God is at hand » namely :

- Mark 1:15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel"
- Matthew 3:2: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" according to the Bible.com.
- Matthew 4:17: "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

We are therefore conveyed to be aware that we either ascend to the Kingdom of God or descend to the pit of Hell. We need to avoid the last catastrophic scenario to repent and walk according to the Spirit of God as we believe totally to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

In a nutshell, we analyzed the mysteries and facts of dominion of darkness in our lives today. It appears from our studies based on elements such as the purpose of the kingdom of darkness, is structuration, its rules and regulations, its access, its rituals, writings and manifestation in our day to day lives that it is real and threatening our relationship with Jesus Christ and thereby our happiness, success, joy and utmostly our salvation.

It was underlined that The kingdom of God and the dominion of darkness are diametrically opposed competing and battling for the soul of all people. It is a spiritual and then material feud in between the antichrist or Lucifer versus God and His faithful ones. The Devil uses principles and strategies of Satan's kingdom in order to prevail in the struggle based on the love of oneself above God and attraction to our carnal desires and earthly riches regardless ogf God's will and glory which should be the absolute priority and condition of our Spirit, Soul and Body.

The Bible says that "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19). Despite this situation, God

still has undisputed sovereignty in the universe. Integral to His eternal plan was His decision to give humanity a free will as well as the authority to subdue the earth and to have dominion over it (Gen. 1:28). We confronted with a choice between the two because majority of people deliberately live in darkness and sin, they are the object of God's wrath: "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

For this reason as abovementionned, Satan's warfare against humanity must become ours by following Christ; religious warfare should implicate each and every one of us for the dominion of the spirit over the flesh. Occultism, materialism, satanic churches, wrong spirituality, perverse sexuality, laziness, choice of the easy path, Bible illiteracy, immorality of all sorts should become a concern at the individual, collective, community, states, countries, nations, continent and the World at large. Proverbs 14: 34 say that Righteousness will exalt the people and sin destroys it.

In a nutshell, truth, righteousness, self control, honesty, moral chastity, soberness, sincerity, reverence to God, orderliness, meekness, peacefulness, forgiveness, love, kindness, conservations with are Divine principles should prevail in our lives at all cost over Satan's immorality founded on lies, unrighteousness, lawlessness, deceitfulness, theft, moral decadence, vileness, drunkenness, slyness, blaspheming God, disorderliness, arrogance, violence, revengefulness, hatred, cruelty and chaos. We are not destroyed from the outside but from the inside through sexual orgies, drunkenness, fornication, homosexuality, materialism, corruption, theft and bribery which ruin integrity and effectiveness of our governments around the World. The love for earthly things rimes with sensuality and demonic forces.

The wars we are living around the World whether psychologically, socially, economically, politically aim at one thing destabilising, imparting fear, uprooting faith, separate us from the love of God's presence and doom in hell. Satan's operational structures such as principalities, powers, rulers, forces of darkness are working tirelessly to destroy us but we must resist them and they will flee away from us.

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