

A prior study revealed **the Dragon** power, Satan, as the source of all pain, suffering, and death in the universe. His works and doctrine are aimed at toppling God's government and destroying humanity. In this study, we will briefly analyze Satan's methods and doctrines, demonstrated through time for influencing, deceiving, and ultimately destroying humankind. We will also see his modern manifestation during the *Last Days* as a member of the triumvirate of powers, *Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet*.

We saw Satan's use of the serpent as a medium of deception in the fall of Adam and Eve. Rather than present himself in his natural angelic form, Satan sought to camouflage his works. With one exception, namely when he appeared to Jesus as an angel of light in the wilderness to tempt Him (Luke 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 11:14), Satan has employed various medium- natural, supernatural, and most often human agents, to accomplish his plans. Seeking to acquire the worship and control of men, he gains their homage based on the following Bible principle:

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Romans 6:16

Appealing to our selfish, fallen nature, while demonstrating supernatural, lying wonders that deceive our senses, Satan skillfully lays hold of our minds and feelings. The Bible describes these works of Satan and his two accomplices in the *Last Days* as follows:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:13, 14

The ultimate goal of Satan and his two accomplices is to gather all who dwell upon the earth to the final battle against God. As frogs blanketed the nation of Egypt as a plague, condemning its rebellious king who claimed, *"I know not Jehovah to obey His voice"* (Exodus 8:1-15, 5:1, 2), so too, devilish spirits in the *Last Days* will blanket the earth to draw men's affections away from God. In addition, as a frog catches his prey with his tongue, so deceptive teachings and signs to ensnare men, known as **Spiritualism**, are devised by demons. Spiritualism was founded by the Dragon power, when it lured a third of heaven's angels to rebel against their loving Father. Spiritualism was first manifested on earth through the manipulation of a serpent in the *Garden of Eden*, used to trick humankind in believing it could willfully break God's laws, yet live, with full rights to the *Tree of Life*. Since that time, spiritualistic manifestations have been chronicled throughout the Bible as a frequently occurring, yet multifaceted, varying means of deceiving men.

The works of the triumvirate of Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet have been revealed *in type* in the lives and experiences of figures in the Bible. The table below provides examples of *Spiritualism*, as well as the portrayal of the

Dragon, Beast and False Prophet in type.

Examples of Spiritualism & the Dragon Beast and False Prophet in type	Scripture Reference
1. Serpent in the Garden (Personification of human intelligence/Immortal soul)	Genesis 3:1-7
2. False worship of Cain (Paganism)	Genesis 4:1-16
3. Sodom and Gomorrah (Homosexuality)	Genesis 19
4. Boast of Pharaoh (Atheism)	Exodus 5:1,2
5. Witch of Endor (Necromancy/Sorcery)	1 Samuel 28:3-25
6. Apostate King Ahab - <i>Dragon</i> , Jezebel - <i>Beast</i> , <i>False Prophets</i> of Baal	1 Kings 17-19
7. Apostate King Herod - <i>Dragon</i> , Herodias - <i>Beast</i> , Salome - <i>False Prophet</i>	Matthew 14:1-11; Mark 6:16-28
8. Greek (popular language) - <i>Dragon</i> , Latin - <i>Beast</i> , Hebrew - <i>False Prophet</i>	Luke 23:36-38; John 19:17-22
9. Rise of modern Spiritualism through the French Revolution (Atheism/ Humanism)	Revelation 11:7-11

From the table above, the following generalizations can be made of Spiritualism and the Dragon power:

- The Dragon power is often portrayed as a plurality of elements, or as a plural power
- The Dragon's tactics morph through time
- The Dragon imitates the role of the Father, and the workings of the Holy Spirit in the Godhead

For brevity, we will analyze three examples of *Spiritualism* and the *Dragon* power in both the Bible and in history.

Q: *Consider the lesson of Cain and Abel. Why was Cain's offering not accepted? Read Genesis 4:1-8.*

A: God foreshadowed His **Plan of Redemption**, His works to save humankind, when He made coats of skin to clothe Adam and Eve after their sin (Genesis 3:21). Their clothing required the death of an innocent animal in order to cover their physical nakedness. This death foreshadowed the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which covers man's *spiritual nakedness*. God introduced the **sacrificial system** through the act of clothing the hapless pair. He instructed them to perform this service regularly and to teach their children its symbolism as a reminder of the great sacrifice necessary to save men from their sins. Cain was fully aware of the service, what it represented, and what was required of him, yet, he chose to present an offering of his devising. The *fruit of the ground*, grown by Cain, were the works of his hands, unlike the ultimate sacrifice of God that is His work alone. The spirit of self-will, rebellion, and **man's acts as merit for salvation** is the spirit behind all **pagan religions**.

Q: *Why did Cain kill his brother Abel?*

A: Cain yielded to Satan when he made the decision to present an offering of his choice, rather than that which God required. So too, many fall into Satan's deceptive trap when they offer worship according to their devising, as opposed to what God has prescribed in the Bible (Mark 7:6-8). The faithfulness of Abel, Cain's younger brother, was a reproof to

him and his rebellion. Rather than humble himself when shown his error, Cain in pride rose up against the one who stood as an example of righteousness. In this act, Cain demonstrated the prophesied **enmity** between the *woman's Seed* and the *seed of Satan* (Genesis 3:15; see also John 8:44).

The Greek language was the most common language during the time of Christ. Though Rome was the world power ruling the earth during the time of Jesus' first advent, it had only assumed such a position as of 31B.C, after the *Battle of Actium*. Until that time, Greece had ruled the known world for over 300 years and therefore, Greek was the popular language. As a means to ridicule Jesus while on the cross, the superscription "*THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS*" was hung in contempt, written in the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew languages (Luke 23:38). Greek was the popular tongue, representing the *plural power* of the Dragon. Latin was the language of Rome, and thus the Beast power. Hebrew was the language of the Jews, who as False Prophets instigated the crucifixion of the Messiah. Unbeknownst to the Roman soldiers, who in scorn hung the superscription above Jesus, God ordained the placard to be a means of proclaiming the **Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ** to the world!

Lastly, we will examine the rise of *Modern Spiritualism* through the **French Revolution**. The French Revolution occurred at the end of 1,260 years of spiritual darkness caused by the Church of Rome. During that era, men were left bereft of spiritual guidance from the Bible; immoral church prelates, controlled kings and commoners alike, and

technology and the arts were stifled by church austerity. France was ripe for a revolution under feudalism, as its vast peasant class experienced mounting crop prices after years of bad harvests; the nation was near bankruptcy following several unsuccessful wars, and the country supported a wasteful and aloof nobility and monarchy under Louis XVI. The **Age of Enlightenment**, begun during the early 16th century, served as a catalyst in defining tenets for the mounting unrest leading to revolution. Philosophers such as Voltaire saw little room for religion in ordinary life but advocated the ability to *reason* as evidence of man's divinity. The Bible described the rise of Modern Spiritualism as a "*beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit*", or an abyss (Revelation 11:3-11). This beast was said to arise from the place *spiritually called Sodom and Egypt* and would openly slay in the streets, God's *Two Witnesses*, the Old and New Testaments. A more accurate description could not be given the fervor that drove the French Revolution, as Sodom was known for its gross **licentiousness** and Egypt was known for denying the existence of God, or **atheism**. The assault on Christianity and the Christian Bible, which were stockpiled and burned publicly in the streets of France, was in direct response to the years of oppression by the Catholic Church. Philosophical ideals of nationalism and liberalism flourished, seen in the **Goddess of Reason** replacing Christianity and the Bible.

Spiritualism today is commonly seen in the teachings and practices of the following [religious and secular movements](#):

1. Deism	2. Islam	3. Catholic Mysticism
4. Atheism	5. Humanism	6. Agnosticism
7. Charismatic Evangelicalism	8. Pantheism & Panentheism	9. Philosophy & Metaphysics
10. Near Death Experiences & the Supernatural	11. Sexual Perversion & Eroticism	12. Feminism & gender neutrality
13. Universalism	14. Evolution	15. Skepticism/Cynicism
16. Personification of human intelligence in animals or inanimate objects	17. Astrology, Animism, Paganism, Wicca & Satanism	18. Eastern religions and New Age doctrines, including reincarnation, yoga & meditation

Spiritualism is Satan's multifaceted masterpiece, aimed at ensnaring the entire world! It has found acceptance in religious and secular circles worldwide. Based on Satan's founding principle of **pride** or **self-exaltation**, it is manifested through the doctrines of an immortal soul, the attainment of wisdom outside of God and His inspired word, the Bible, and the *channeling* of supernatural powers. Recognizing that one trap cannot snare all men, the diversity and broadness of Spiritualism caters to men's varying persuasions. Through this medium, Satan will ultimately gather the world to worship the Beast that received the deadly wound and was healed (Rev 13:3, 4; 16:13, 14, 18:3).

The Dragon's Multifaceted Masterpiece

Supplemental Study 7
[Based on Revelation 11:3-12, 16:13, 14]



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