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Can people be possessed by demons?

**Can people be possessed by demons, if so, what can be done about it?**

**(I John 4:1 - 6)**

**Intro:** As we look into this subject the answer as it references people in a general term, the answer is, yes! As it applies to the Redeemed of the Lord the answer is, no! The Redeemed of the Lord can find themselves oppressed by demons and even under attack by demons. We don't need to panic over this as if there is no protection from oppression or attacks. Typically, those Believer's who become oppressed or attacked is due to messing around with satanic activities such as tarot cards, there is the wee gee board, mystics and seances to name a few that all have to do with the demonic realm. There are those who want to contact departed loved ones and they seek out mystics to make contact with them which is not possible.

In the KJB, the word demon in the Greek is Daimon and usually rendered in the English as devil. Or devils, for example – **James 2:19** the word devils in the Greek is Daimonion, pronounced as [dahee-mon'-ee-on] and means,

1. A spirit \_\_\_\_\_ to God, but \_\_\_\_\_ to man.
2. Evil spirits who are \_\_\_\_\_ & ministers of Satan – **II Corinthians 11:13 – 15.**
  - a. **verse 13** – “transforming themselves” – P/T and M/V – to themselves.
  - b. **verse 15** – “be transformed” – P/T and P/V - a recipient of the action.

### **I. Demonic influences – I John 4:1 – 6.**

A. we need to determine the differences between demonic possession and demonic Influences.

1. **Demonic possession** – this can occur in the life of a lost person in which an actual demon actually \_\_\_\_\_ into a person exerting a great amount of control over that person's behavior and thinking – **Acts 19:11 – 20.**
  - a. In certain situations where one's behavior is extremely rare and uncontrollable, it can manifest itself in what the world calls “\_\_\_\_\_”. **Mark 5:1 – 20.**
  - b. It may well be a mental illness due to a physical abnormality, but there are those who are demon possessed – people like Jeffery Domer, Son of Sam, etc.
2. Not all demonic possession manifests itself in \_\_\_\_\_ acts as mediums and self-declared Wiccans pledge allegiances to Satan and are at times possessed or influenced.
3. Whether we like it or not, our \_\_\_\_\_ is easily influenced by Satan and his crowd.
4. Possession can manifest itself in super human \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

5. **Demonic influence** can occur in the \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- King Saul is an example of this when he was \_\_\_\_\_ – **I Samuel 16:13 – 15.**
  - The reason Believers can't be possessed by a demon is due to the fact that Satan and the Holy Spirit can't \_\_\_\_\_ in the same vessel, as Jesus responded to the accusation of being or having a devil in **Matthew 12:22 – 30.**

## II. How can a person \_\_\_\_\_ demonic possession and or influences?

- The very idea or thought that a \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by demons is in and of it self troublesome, but the reality is, it happens more than we care to think about. Someone or something is going to have some \_\_\_\_\_ in and over our lives.
- As far as the Christian is concerned, it will always be about our \_\_\_\_\_, our carnal nature as Paul points out in **I Corinthians 2:14 – 1 Corinthians 3:3; Galatians 5:19 & 20.**
- How do we avoid demonic influences in our lives?
  - Do not give place or let the devil find an open \_\_\_\_\_ in our spiritual life – **Ephesians 4:17 – 27.**
    - Verse 27** – “place” is the Greek word [top'-os] or place or portion.
    - It is the idea of a \_\_\_\_\_ in the door or a platform with which to launch attacks.
  - Stay \_\_\_\_\_ from everything and anything that has to do with the occult.
    - Exodus 20:1 – 7; Deuteronomy 4:19; 18:10 – 13; Leviticus 19:31.**
    - God is establishing the \_\_\_\_\_ for a right relationship with Him whether for the Jews or the Believers in Christ.
    - This includes books, jewelry, TV prog, movies and games such as Dungeons and Dragons, Mortal Kombat & wee gee boards.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ such places where the occults gather and openly practice demonic practices.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ places where the Word of God is being twisted, perverted by “signs” from heaven – **Matthew 8:12; I Corinthians 1:22.**
  - Choose you the \_\_\_\_\_ Master – **Matthew 6:24.**
- “Every single one of these occult areas are major \_\_\_\_\_ openers to the dark side where Satan and his demons roam – and you are rolling the dice and taking a very \_\_\_\_\_ chance that you will not draw demons in \_\_\_\_\_ you and your \_\_\_\_\_ household if you decide to cross over and experiment, even for one time, any of these particular activities. Avoid –
  - Fortunetelling - of any kind such as palm reading, crystal ball gazing, numerology, or seeing psychics.**
  - Tarot Cards**
  - Ouija Boards**
  - Automatic Writing**
  - Seances and any involvement with mediums or spiritists.**
  - Astrology and any form of horoscopes.**
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- **Hypnotism**
- **Transcendental Meditation or any type of Far Eastern Meditation.**
- **Crystals**
- **Witchcraft**
- **Satanism**
- **Voodoo**
- **Channeling**
- **Reincarnation**
- **Astral projection**
- **ESP**
- **Dungeons and Dragons**
- **New Age Movement techniques and activities.**
- **Necromancy**

E. The closer we get to the last days there is going to a greater desire to seek spiritual answers and Satan is only to glad to fill that gap and the only solution is Jesus. A five step process for deliverance from people possessed and Christian who are being influenced by demons is as follows.

- **Confess** the specific activity before God as a sin and ask for His forgiveness.
- **Renounce** the specific activity before God and tell Him that you will never, ever participate in that activity again.
- **Burn or throw away** all books, objects, or items associated with this activity.
- **Directly engage with the demons** by speaking out loud to the them, telling them they no longer have any legal right to stay attached to you since the occult activity has now been fully confessed and fully renounced before God the Father.
- **Then command them** to now leave you in the [name of Jesus](#) Christ and for them to never, ever come back on you again.