

Freedom From Fear!

The “*fear-not*” cultists are able to assemble many scriptures to support their teaching, but the problem is that practically all of them are misunderstood or misapplied.

They do not mean what they say they do, and even worse, it is not addressed to the people they try to apply it to.

This “*fear not*” philosophy all began with the same error that there is nothing to fear, we all receive salvation from deserved death if we just believe it, however sinful we have been or still are.

To tell people who are living in this world as part of it, that there is nothing to fear is to be guilty of gross irresponsibility and any religious teacher who does this disqualifies themselves instantly and proves themselves unworthy of the confidence of serious-minded people.

Both God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and human experience teach that this world is full of enemies of humanity, **not** the least of those dangers being from fellow human beings.

Luke 12:4-5 [New King James] “*And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear him!*”

Jesus Christ personally warned us to fear “*him,*” referring to Satan who has the power over death, [Hebrews 2:14-15] and who could cause us to lose out on the future that the Creator God is desiring to share with us, [Revelation 20:15].

Revelation 21:7-8 [New King James] “*He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*”

Unless we “*overcome*” this influence of Satan we will end up in the lake of fire.

Revelation 12:9-12 [New King James] “*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. 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. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 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.’*”

The fact we have to “*overcome*” the influence of Satan is again made clear.

Also notice that all the churches in Revelation received a similar message of the need to “*overcome,*” [Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; Revelation 3:5, 12, 21].

The sin-filled person who is in the grip of Satan’s influence has plenty to fear, [John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 5:19].

In fact, the “*fear-not cultists*” are indeed another agency of Satan.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 [New King James] *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

Satan right at the very beginning of humanity sought to create a lack of respectful fear of the Creator God in the minds of Eve and Adam, [Genesis 3:1-6].

Where there are physical perils and no place to hide, fear is the only sane reaction.

To dismiss fear while the danger still exists is little short of insanity.

Proverbs 1:7 [New King James] *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

The Creator God uses fear to prompt us to seek the truth about life.

Proverbs 9:10-12 [New King James] *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it alone.”*

Fear also is there in our minds to cause us to accept God as our Creator and Sustainer, avoiding living like a fool, [Psalms 14:1].

Satan is using the theory of evolution to make us live foolish lives.

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Those scriptures in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, that exhort us to put away fear addressed only to those who have become true Christians, [Romans 8:5-9] who have the Holy Spirit leading them in their path of life and producing in them the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit which are the very characteristics of the Triune God, [Galatians 5:22-25].

2 Timothy 1:7 [New King James] *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*

This cannot refer to a person who does not have the active presence of the Holy Spirit in them, [Hebrews 2:14-15].

1 John 4:12-18 [New King James] *“No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as He is, so are we in this world. **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.**”*

Love is the first and foremost “fruit” of an active indwelling Holy Spirit, only such people can be freed from fear.