

Is There A Real Spirit World?

Part 1

Is there an unseen world of spirit beings?

Is there an evil spirit being who is known as the devil?

How do we account for the many areas of extrasensory experience that physical scientists are at a loss to explain?

In this present mixed-up and uncertain society, many people are becoming “seekers” of something more than a physical existence and physical possessions.

People are involving themselves in astrology and various kinds of psychic activities, they want to “experience” a spirit world.

People who become involved in seeking contact with the unseen spirit world may not realise that they could be yielding to powers that do not in the end wish us well.

It is wise to understand the truth about this much misunderstood subject.

We will find that there is an unseen world, a world of spiritual forces behind certain manifestations of physically unexplained events.

Certain forms of mental illness, horrifying and unnatural acts of violence masquerading as insanity, even religious miracles that pertain to be “acts of God”.

Isn't it time instead of just speculating we look at the only reliable source of knowledge about spirit and spiritual matters.

The only reliable source is the revelation of the Creator God who created both the physical and spiritual worlds.

Of course you can reject this revelation, which is in the Christian Bible, that the Creator God has given to all humanity to be their guideline for living.

But if we reject this revelation what answer do you have the very questions that have puzzled thoughtful scientists and great intellectual minds?

We need to consult the One who created this spiritual world to understand how this spirit world operates.

Hebrews 12:9 [NIV] “Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the **Father of our spirits** and live!”

The Creator God who inspired the writing of the Christian Bible introduces Himself as the “Father” or initiator of this spirit world.

John 4:24 [NIV] “**God is spirit**, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

The Creator God is spirit Himself.

John 1:1-3 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”*

This spirit God existed before the beginning of this physical world that is limited by time and space.

Revelation 22:13 [NIV] *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”*

Hebrews 7:3 [NIV] *“Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest for ever.”*

This Creator God lives outside of time and space, an existence that is impossible for us to imagine, for we are “locked into” time and space. **We cannot even be in two places at the same time!**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 [NIV] *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

Everything in the Christian Bible is directly inspired by the Creator God.

Matthew 4:4 [NIV] *“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

God’s Word is essential because many things are revealed in it that we cannot know or understand without it.

The Christian Bible is the final authority on questions of origins, purposes for the life we share as humans **and** the revelation of **the invisible spirit world**.

The Christian Bible reveals one particular very powerful spirit being created by God.

Ezekiel 28:11-15 [NIV] *“The word of the LORD came to me: “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “**You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. **You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.”**”*

The being described in these verses cannot be referring to a physical human being but a perfect created spirit being who was a very powerful angel that existed at the very throne of God.

As with every created being God gave the angel the ability to choose to obey Him or to rebel against Him.

Ezekiel 28:16-17 [NIV] *“Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and **I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.”***

It was pride that was the downfall of this super powerful being.

Isaiah 14:12 [King James] *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!”*

“Lucifer” morning star, a title that really belongs to Jesus Christ as the bringer of light to a darkened world.

John 1:4-5 [NIV] *“In him Jesus Christ was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”*

The “Word” is Jesus Christ who was born a human being [see **verse 14**] to illuminate our understanding of the Creator God.

John 14:9 [NIV] *“Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*

Jesus Christ shows us what God the Father is like.

Revelation 22:16 [NIV] *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”*

“Morning Star” [Lucifer] is one of Jesus Christ’s titles, a title taken on by Satan the “fallen” spirit.

Isaiah 14:13-14 [King James] *“For thou [Satan] hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”*

This powerful spiritual being who takes on the title of the very Son of God is brought low because of his pride and rebellion against the Creator God, thinking he could take over the ruling throne of God.

The powerful angel is renamed by God for what he became, Satan meaning “obstructor” or “opposer”.

Satan is the spiritual “anti-christ” or opposer of Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:18-19 [NIV] *“Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”*

Satan who was the powerful angel at the throne of God, became the opposer of Christ the only Son of God and is now the spirit of “anti-christ” on the earth.

2 John 7 [NIV] *“Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.”*

Anyone who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Son of Man is being influenced by Satan the deceiver of humanity.

Revelation 12:9 [NIV] *“The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”*

Four revealing titles of Satan are shown in the verse.

1 John 4:1-4 [NIV] *“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the*

antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

We need to not only be aware of the spirit world but also to be able to know the difference between good and evil spirits.