



The Devil Made Me Do It

Part 3: Demonic Attachment

Sliding down the demonization continuum away from its most extreme end, which depicts an almost total control by evil spirits, is a degree of demonic influence that for lack of a better word I am calling “demonic *attachment*.” In this case one or more specific demons have a particular legal right to be associated with a person and can affect that individual in various ways but cannot actually take control of his/her actions.

Some of the same manifestations that occur in the more extreme form of demonization that I’ve called “demonic control” can occur at this level as well *but only with some level of volitional compliance* by the person or alter-identity (if DID is present). These can include the more obvious actions of demonic speech, violent behavior, self-injury, tearing off of clothing, etc. as well as more subtle character traits, behavioral tendencies, and thought patterns.

The minds of those afflicted at this level are exceptionally vulnerable to Satan’s manipulation. His intent seems to be to implant lies, sear the conscience, and decrease the spiritual discernment of these individuals, leaving them susceptible to further deception and bondage.

Some may become so affected that they adopt and even propagate false doctrines (2 Cor. 11:3-4; 1 Tim. 4:1-2). Because this spiritual deception comes about so subtly, they may actually see themselves as true Christian leaders (2 Cor. 11:13-15). What they teach may sound godly to those without a firm grasp of the Scriptures, but it really consists of cleverly sculpted lies designed by Satan to turn people away from a true saving faith or to keep them focused on a legalistic righteousness rather than coming into a genuine relationship with the living Savior (Acts 13:6-11; 1 Tim. 4:1-3). Paul aptly described such individuals as having been taken captive by Satan to do his will. (2 Tim. 2:24-26).

Another potential effect of a seared conscience caused by demonic “attachment” is an increasing desensitization to sin. Christians unknowingly under this influence may justify their actions by emphasizing the inevitability of sin and the promise of God’s grace (Rom 6:1). Many, however, spiral downward into a lifestyle of lawlessness and moral degradation in which the flesh is more or less given free reign (Rom. 6:19; Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Peter 3:17).

The legal grounds providing the right of “attachment” for demonization at this level usually involve the person’s overt participation in occult activity or in certain habitual, ungodly behavior patterns. Generational inheritance is also a possibility (Ex. 20:5), however, and even Christians can be susceptible through this means. Since demonic activity at this level is dependent on the person’s volitional consent, the effects in a Christian’s life may be greatly diminished. However, because these “inheritances” often go unrecognized, consent may be unknowingly given for subtle effects to take place without the person being aware of their demonic origin.