

33. When a believer can't let go of others' wrongdoings toward him, then it results in the *lúpē* form of pressure ascribed to the parishioners in Corinth.
 34. Paul canceled his trip to the Corinthian church because he knew he could not teach a congregation out of fellowship.
 35. Instead, he had to inform them by means of a Spirit-revealed Epistle to encourage forgiveness of the man whose sin allowed them to self-righteously self-destruct.
 36. Such is the case for many who are truly damaged by the words or acts of others. But until that believer gets around to forgiving his antagonist of his sin, then he, too, also enters into a downward spiral that will eventuate in the sin unto death.
 37. All of this is to illustrate one of Satan's devices, which is to sew discord among the brethren.
 38. If Lucifer can magnify the sin of a believer and use it to create arrogance and self-righteousness in the souls of others, then he has successfully damaged the body of Christ and canceled the spiritual power of effected members of the congregation.
2. **Category #2:** Those who have had their thought process corrupted by Satan's devices:

2 Corinthians 3:14 - But the Jews' [of the Exodus generation] thoughts were hardened [*pōrōsis*: scar tissue of the soul; see Ephesians 4:18 above] for until this very day at the reading of the Old Testament the same veil of scar tissue remains not lifted.

2 Corinthians 4:4 - The god of this world [**Lucifer**] has blinded the thought processes of unbelievers in order that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ should not shine upon them.

2 Corinthians 11:3 - I fear as the serpent deceived Eve by his pseudo wisdom, so your minds should be seduced from the integrity of doctrine and purity of life toward Christ.

3. **Category #3:** The positive approach is utilization of the believer's thought process which is empowered by the Word of God.

2 Corinthians 10:4 - The weapons of our warfare are not human [σαρκικός (*sarkikós*): fleshly therefore frail, transient, & temporary varieties], but of the omnipotence of God for the destruction [καθαίρεσις (*katháípresis*): Lit.: the destruction of a fortress; fig., of cosmic propaganda] of fortifications [ὀχύρωμα (*ochúrōma*): the counter arguments of human viewpoint in opposition of divine viewpoint].

v. 5 - We demolish human logic [rationalism & empiricism] and every popular theory [Progressive ideology; socialism, centralized government, pseudo sciences] that sets itself up against [κατά (*katá*): in opposition to] the knowledge of God and we take captive [αἰχμαλωτίζω (*aichmalōtízō*): into subjection] every thought process to make it obedient [ὑπακοή (*hupakoé*): unquestionably obedient] to Christ.

NOTE: Our battles against the Dark Side do not require us to utilize physical ordinance, but rather the power of the Word of God to destroy the counter arguments of human viewpoint.

4. Believers who bring their thinking into submission to the mandates of Scripture enjoy a stabilized and tranquil lifestyle.

Philippians 4:7 - The peace that comes from God [mental stability and tranquility from the doctrine of reconciliation] transcends all human understanding and garrisons the *kardía* and its inventory of ideas in Christ Jesus.

5. From these passages, it is apparent that the thought process is involved in one's submission to Satan's devices or rejection of them.
6. Demons are not allowed access to believers except under the expressed permission of God.

7. God does allow demons to test believers under the principle of Evidence Testing as per Job in the Book of Job, chapters 1 and 2.
8. God allows demons to attack believers under the principle of the sin unto death:
1 Corinthians 5:5 - Hand this man over to Satan so that his sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.
9. Also note verses regarding the “judgment seat of Christ” in 1 Corinthians 3:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10.
10. In both cases, the issue is volition. Job’s volition protected him resulting in inscrutable rewards (the Book of Job). The sexual deviate’s volition betrayed him resulting in the sin unto death (1 Corinthians 5:5).
11. Therefore, except in rare cases for the mature believer, demons are allowed to attack the souls of men only through their volitional consent.
12. These attacks may take the form of demon possession for unbelievers and demon influence for anyone.
13. When a person rejects the gospel of salvation or Bible doctrine, he will subsequently choose to become involved in satanic devices.
14. These devices are compartmentalized into everything from environmentalism to devil worship indicated in our modern society by Progressive ideology that promotes a geocentric emphasis on the environment.
15. In the nineteenth century, such ideas were prevalent among the American Indian tribes which the resident Europeans referred to as “dirt worshippers.”

Derogatory name for someone who practices any of a number of Pagan/Wiccan/Druidic faiths. Named because these religions usually prescribe a close relationship with nature. Many followers also exhibit strong opinions regarding the environment due to their beliefs.¹

¹ <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=dirt+worshiper>

16. Once the thought process turns to the doctrines of demons, then God allows that person the option of pursuing his own volitional desires.
17. At this juncture, demons are granted permission to make contact through demon possession or demon influence.
18. Now ensconced in the cosmic systems, the individual begins to accumulate the doctrines of demons into his soul.