

So Jude 19 cites at least one result of the effective infiltration of false teachers.

We have seen their characteristics. We have seen the problems that the church has with those various characteristics.

We can't forget that beginning in verse 17, Jude is dealing with our defense as believers from false teachers and their false doctrine, and we must remember that we are dealing with the defense of "remembering."

Remembering the Bible doctrine that has been taught by the Apostles to the churches in which Jude is writing, and telling them "to remember."

This is really Bible doctrine which the believers have metabolized, that which they have learned, and now telling them to apply it to the falsehoods that they are hearing.

As we have seen, it's our first line of defense: the Grace Apparatus for Perception (GAP).

Now Jude is telling us what happens when that defense fails, or when believers fail to utilize that defense.

Jude 19: "These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit." (NASB)

The first result of their effective infiltrations and machinations is they "cause divisions."

First, we have the present active participle of the verb "*ἀποδιορίζω*" – "*apodiorizō*" which means to "separate" or "to draw boundaries between," or "divisions."

1. "Divisions" is the objective of false teachers. They want to "divide" or to "separate" believers from Bible doctrine, which is the source of their spiritual growth and their defense against falsehood.
2. They want to divide believer from believer, injecting false doctrine so that some believers follow that, while others follow sound doctrine.

3. Finally, their objective is to divide a pastor from his congregation. It's called a church split.

Paul, when he wrote to Timothy, calls these doctrines the doctrines of demons (false doctrines).

1 Timothy 4:1: “But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,”

False doctrine, anything that opposes Biblical doctrine, is the doctrine of demons because it opposes the truth.

Our battle in this world, part of the Angelic Conflict for each one of us individually, is this battle between advancing spiritually, utilizing the metabolizing of Bible doctrine as it flows through the stream of consciousness, so that false doctrine does not blunt and nullify our advance.

If it does (blunt our spiritual advance), we have been defeated in the Angelic Conflict.

We become Christian casualties. And there are a lot of Christian casualties today.

Satan is quite often, especially in the time in which we live, very successful in his deceptions and false doctrines. This is the tactic that he uses and it is very effective, especially when believers are negative to doctrine and ignorant of Bible doctrine.

Without spiritual growth, and without doctrine resident in the soul, the believer will have a void, a vacuum, an emptiness in his or her soul. It's an emptiness that is itching to be filled.

A believer's soul empty of doctrine means vulnerability to false teaching. The new, the immature, the negative, the gullible, the ignorant believer is unable to differentiate between the false and the true.

So, what he accepts from teachers is based on different criteria from those who have doctrine.

Thus, these gullible believers will attach themselves to teachers who excite their emotions, but not their love of God's word and spiritual growth.

Jude 19: “These (apostates) are those who cause divisions (trouble-makers), worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.”

Jude 19 has two other words here. The next two words are very important for a basic understanding of the status, and the operation, of all false teachers.

The second word of verse 19 is, they are “worldly minded.”

1. Wordly isn't referring to materialism or various lusts or sins.
2. The emphasis here of “worldly” is on thinking. The mental processes of the false teachers.
3. Basically, the worldly minded are those who are not spiritually minded.
4. They are not grounded in doctrine or growth in the spiritual life.

Worldly minded is the Greek noun “*ψυχικός*” – “*psychikós*” and when we deal with “*psychikós*,” we're dealing with anthropology.

When I say anthropology, I mean the anthropology of man as understood through theology through the Bible.

Who is the “*psychikós*” man? Here we are going to look deep into your soul and see just who you are and how easy it is to be “divided” and to be “worldly minded.”

It's a wedge that is driven between believers and churches when false doctrine infiltrates and is characterized by two qualities that are the cause for the division.

The false teachers are “worldly minded,” and they are “devoid of the spirit.”

“Worldly” is a word that has a connotation for most people of sinfulness, materialism, or various lusts. But the emphasis here is on thinking. The mental processes of the false teacher, and the mental processes of those who buy into their false teaching.

Proverbs 23:7a is something you should always remember, since worldly minded deals with the thinking of the false teachers.

Proverbs 23,7a: “For as he thinks within himself, so he is.”

If a false teacher thinks “worldly minded,” then he cannot be “spiritually minded.” He cannot be grounded in Bible doctrine or lead believers into spiritual life advance.

The false teacher is driven by human viewpoint. They cannot help human viewpoint.

In fact, “worldly minded” is the only way that the false teacher can think and teach. The spiritual life is not in him. How can anyone teach the spiritual life when they have none?

That's a two-faced teacher as far as doctrine is concerned. If they have no spiritual life, if they are not advancing, they cannot bring you to spiritual advance.

That's the problem with false teachers and that's the problem for so many believers who follow false teachers; they are not getting any true or accurate Bible doctrine.

This is the divide between how the false teacher thinks and how the doctrinally-oriented believer thinks.

The two are naturally divided by truth. It is the world of human viewpoint versus the world of divine viewpoint.

1. In this context, “*psychikós*” is without salvation, without a human spirit.
2. This is the person who can only think in terms of human viewpoint. The unbeliever can only think in terms of worldly knowledge.
3. The “*psychikós*” man can only think in physical terms from the mentality of the soul. They can use the vocabulary, spiritual vocabulary, but it has no meaning to them.
4. They don't have the capability to think in the spiritual realm. They can't think Bible doctrine. They have no grace apparatus for perception.

But the “*psychikós*” person cannot, and will not, understand that world.

It is foreign to them. So “*psychikós*,” then, is related to the difference between the “dichotomous person” and the “trichotomous person.”

This is how we are created. We are all born “dichotomous” – body and soul.

The “*psychikós*” is the dichotomous person who has only two parts, a body and a soul. And so, the “*psychikós*” person is called the natural man. Body and soul.

The mentality of the soul is not physical. It is immaterial. It is not tangible.

So, we are still, as human beings, all of us, our body and soul. By definition, this natural man is without the ability to understand spiritual things.

The trichotomous person has a human spirit but none of us are born this way. We are all born body and soul. Natural man. Natural because this is who we are at birth. This is the difference.

We all, as believers, at the moment of regeneration, have a human spirit, but the “*psychikós*” person does not have that third immaterial part which provides the ability to understand spiritual things.

That's what differentiates you from the worldly minded. You are spiritually minded because you possess this one immaterial aspect. You are “trichotomous.”

Of course, by spiritual things, I mean information that comes from God, which we call divine revelation. Information provided by God about Himself, about His plan, about our spiritual life, about eternity, and many, many other subjects. In other words, teachings from the Bible, which is our only source of divine revelation.

The “*psychikós*” man cannot understand divine revelation.

When we study the Word of God we are learning beyond the natural world. We are involved in what may be called the supernatural world, simply meaning beyond the natural world.

1. Every human being is born into this world as “*psychikós*,” which is the human condition of separation from God.

2. The dichotomous person is one separated from God, who has no ability to understand the things of God or have any relationship with God.
3. The natural man is the lost and condemned man. All of us, at the moment we are born, are lost, hopeless, and condemned. Adam's original sin is imputed to us. We have a sin nature. We are dichotomous with a sin nature and a dead human spirit.
4. The “*psychikós*,” the dichotomous man, is the one who has no ability to appraise spiritual things.
5. The “*psychikós*” man is what we might call the soulish man. Body and soul, an unbeliever.
6. So, the “*psychikós*” man can only have a viewpoint that is apart from any spiritual understanding. He or she has no ability to process or to metabolize Bible doctrine.
7. The “*psychikós*” man lacks the third part, the human spirit, which is supplied at regeneration, at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone.

That's the meaning of the false teacher who is worldly-minded. He is the “*psychikós*” man. The concept of the natural, or the “*psychikós*” man, is expanded in 1 Corinthians 2:14.

It defines the false teacher. It defines what people are following today and why it's a dead end. Why a false teacher as a natural man can never relate to a believer in Jesus Christ, the spiritual man.

1 Corinthians 2:14: “**But a natural man** (“*ψυχικός*” – “*psychikós*”) **does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.**” (NASB)

1. The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God. They are foolishness to him.
2. They are foolish, and they cannot understand or comprehend divine viewpoint as taught by God the Holy Spirit.

3. They dismiss spiritual things as foolish, a waste of time. They even become antagonistic towards spiritual things.
4. Why are they not able to understand, and why do they see doctrine as foolish? Because “they are not spiritually appraised.”
5. The natural man is missing something: an immaterial spiritual apparatus – the human spirit. This is why the “*psychikós*” man cannot understand the spiritual things, because they are not spiritually appraised. The “*psychikós*” man is the “dichotomous” person.

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6. Hebrews 4:12 confirms this division of soul and spirit.

Hebrews 4:12: “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit (human spirit), of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (NASB)

7. In order to be “trichotomous,” you must have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, which makes you born again.

So, it is only the regenerate, the spiritual person, who can understand the spiritual things of God because of that third part (the human spirit), which is from regeneration.

In other words, only the believer, and this is the point, only the believer can metabolize Bible doctrine. The worldly-minded cannot do so. He or she does not have that ability without the human spirit.

To confirm this doctrine, let’s go back 1 Corinthians 2:13.

1 Corinthians 2:13: “Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.”

1. The man without a human spirit (unbeliever) is the “*psychikós*” man.
2. The man who possesses a human spirit is the “*pneumatikōs*” man.
3. You don’t evolve from “*psychikós*” to “*pneumatikōs*.” You are regenerated at the moment of salvation.
4. “*Pneumatikōs*” is the spiritual truth. The truth that is taught has a spiritual meaning not for the “*psychikós*.” The “*psychikós*” person cannot understand spiritual meaning and thinks it is silly, foolish, and ridiculous. There is no real meaning for a spiritual life.
5. Spiritual truth is processed by a spiritual apparatus, the human spirit.

This is the whole picture of who you are, what you can do, and why you can advance spiritually. But if you don't use it, you are going to be part of the division that doesn't advance spiritually.

What’s the division? The worldly minded from the spiritually minded. The worldly minded is the false teacher who leads only in worldly mindedness; the spiritually minded is believer who assimilates, metabolizes, Bible doctrine.

There is a natural separation between the “*psychikós*” man and the “*pneumatikōs*” man, between true and false.

The “*psychikós*” man, without the human spirit, can hear exactly the same doctrine that you're hearing, but it has no spiritual value for him because he doesn't believe it and cannot process it, which is only because he has no human spirit, which of course comes from regeneration.

So the natural man, as 1 Corinthians 2:13 says, “has no spiritual understanding.” The human spirit is the place where spiritual truths, “*pneumatikōs*,” are learned.

1. The worldly-minded, “*psychikós*” man of Jude 19 has no human spirit.
2. He has no spiritual apparatus and, therefore, cannot understand spiritual truths.
3. He can only communicate falsehood because he has no ability to metabolize truth.

4. Without the human spirit, there is no metabolizing of truth.
5. So the “*psychikós*” man, the “natural man,” cannot have doctrine in the soul.
6. The false teacher, without “*pneumatikōs*,” is teaching what is really beyond his understanding as spiritual truth.
7. Without “*pneumatikōs*,” the false teacher can only divide and that is exactly what Jude is warning the believers in those churches about.

Spiritual truth appraised and metabolized versus information that cannot be processed and metabolized.

1. The “*psychikós*” can only think in terms of human viewpoint. He is otherwise known as the natural man. So, he can only think in terms of humanism. 1 Corinthians 2:13-14
2. He has no capability to think in the spiritual realm.
3. He has no ability to appraise spiritual things. You do. You have that ability. He or she does not.
4. There can be no metabolized doctrine in the “*psychikós*” man, no doctrine at all.
5. The “*psychikós*” man cannot teach the spiritual life. The one who causes divisions, the false teacher, is a worldly minded “*psychikós*” man. That's what makes him a false teacher and he cannot teach that which a believer must know, that which advances the believer in Jesus Christ.

We're all equal in the Christian life. We all have a human spirit and this is the difference.

The “*psychikós*” man can hear what I might say, but the “*psychikós*” man does not have the Holy Spirit.

The “*psychikós*” man, as pointed out by Jude 19, can influence churches away from metabolizing doctrine.

Nothing of the spiritual life is being taught, so the divisions are obvious, and humanism is rampant.

If you understand all of this, it's easy to see the third characteristic of verse 19 of Jude.

Jude 19: “These (apostates) are those who cause divisions (trouble-makers), *soulish* (dichotomous, not tricotomous), devoid of the Spirit.”

They are “devoid of the Spirit.”

We've just been studying the human spirit and, of course, both are represented in the New Testament by the same Greek noun.

That Greek noun is the root of “*pneumatikōs*,” “*πνεῦμα*” – “*pneûma*,” and it means “spirit.” It can represent the Holy Spirit or it can represent the human spirit. The context in which that word, “*pneûma*,” is found determines which meaning it is.

Taken with the context here of “*psychikós*” versus “*pneumatikōs*,” I'm going against those who say that it is the Holy Spirit in this particular verse.

I'm very comfortable doing this because when it comes right down to it, it scarcely matters whether “*pneûma*” is interpreted as human spirit or Holy Spirit.

This is a case of the meaning of the verse holding true either way.

If they're devoid of either one (human Spirit or the Holy Spirit) they are “*psychikós*.”

“*Psychikós*,” no Holy Spirit, no human spirit, no connection between that which is taught by the pastor and that which is understood as spiritual things as “*pneumatikōs*,” because that's the Holy Spirit's job.

This capability has got to be utilized. You need to use it in order to grow, in order to strengthen, in order to live the spiritual life.

So, the unbeliever has no human spirit because he has not been regenerated, and if not regenerated, the Holy Spirit cannot indwell and cannot fill.

The Holy Spirit cannot teach the human spirit, and the “*psychikós*” man lacks both. That's what it means, “devoid of the spirit.”

The Holy Spirit cannot teach his human spirit without both “*pneûma*’s.”

So, in the context of the “*psychikós*” man of Jude 19, the soulish man, the divider, who is devoid of spirit, is devoid of both the human spirit and the Holy Spirit, and, hence, has no capability to understand “*pneumatikōs*,” the spiritual truth of the spiritual life.

This is the first defensive line for the believer in Jesus Christ. Jude is now supplying us as believers with a defense against the false teacher. Remember, in Jude verse 17 when he says, “remember the words of the Apostles of Jesus Christ?”

Bible Doctrine in the soul is our first line of defense. The first line of defense is the believer’s spiritual things, appraised by the spiritual apparatus, the Grace Apparatus for Perception, the stream of consciousness, wisdom applied.

Not only do you grow spiritually by utilizing the Grace Apparatus for Perception, it is also a defense.

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But now Jude gives us a second line of defense for the believer against false teachers and their false doctrine.

Jude 17: “**Now you, beloved** (members of the royal family), **remember** (never, ever forget) **the spoken words** (doctrinal truths) **which were previously taught by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,**” (EXT)

We've got two lines. One line of defense in military operations is never considered enough. It's weak, and it is vulnerable to penetration by an attacking enemy.

So, in a defensive position, the military constructs what is called a defense in depth. It's important to have this second line of defense, and it's true in the spiritual life as well. It keeps the enemy from overrunning and defeating both an army and your spiritual life. Numerous lines of defense are the way armies operate.

These two lines of defense give the soul defense in depth, to hold out against the sustained attack of the enemy, which is false doctrine.

False doctrine can get between the weak spots in your defense.

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But when you are taking in Bible doctrine, you are building a second powerful line of defense as found in Jude 20 and 21.

Jude 20: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,”

Jude 21: “keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.”

This is your second line of defense.

1. The second line of defense after the Grace Apparatus for Perception is called “building yourself up.”
2. In other words, that means to build up your spiritual life by adding muscle to it or to fortify yourself, to build a fortress in your soul.
3. The focus here is on the consistency of the Grace Apparatus for Perception in order to build up, to build upon; there is no building without the Grace Apparatus for Perception.
4. By building up, you are shoring up your spiritual defenses. You are reinforcing them and strengthening them.
5. You are building a second trench line of defense while hardening the first defense line, the Grace Apparatus for Perception.

Building is the key. Remembering and building. But along with building, it says here, praying is an active part of your defense.