Is it Mental Illness or Demons? (Matthew 17)

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Today it is all too common for the news media to report a mass murderer who went berserk and went on shooting spree. Men, women and children are killing one another on an alarming scale. This is proof positive of the demonic insanity which grips our world as the end time darkness deepens. Suicide multiplies at an alarming rate in response to the unbearable stresses and strains of everyday life without natural affection.

Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. (**Luke 21:26**)

Constant inability to cope brings such frustration and failures that something inside snaps and human beings commit the terrible crimes we hear about! The chief reason is ever increasing depths of demonizing. Upsurging revivals of idolatry, demonic music, alcohol, drugs and false religious beliefs promote the plunge into the morass of demoniacally engineered gloom. New Age promotion of the philosophies of Gnosticism, Hinduism and witchcraft escalates the race to destruction.

Amorality and lunacy has permeated every realm of government and insanity reigns supreme! There is no rational reason to continue to pursue policies which always bankrupt, undermine and destroy our entire American heritage. This has promoted breakdowns in every realm of life, educational, economic and financial. Spirits of Mental Illness and Insanity are busily shoving people over the edge of reason.

The death of a child, loss of a spouse or a job become insurmountable hurdles and people are cracking up on every hand. Only those who are being delivered will be able to survive and help others as the days grow darker, as it was in the days of Noah!

Someone must be free enough to offer genuine help to friends and loved ones as things steadily worsen. How will you respond to notification that you must take the number of the beast; that you will no longer be able to work or do business in buying or selling without it? Surely that day will come if Jesus tarries.

How is your walk with the Lord Jesus? Have you been delivered from evil spirits who would bind you with paranoid fears? Root them out with spiritual warfare and deliverance for these spirits set up victims to become walking time bombs.

Often these and other spirits have slipped in without our knowledge. There is a tendency to avoid discussion of mental illness. At all costs avoid the stigma or label that seems to inevitably attach to the victims! Let us dispose of that idea, for we are dealing with demons and the symptoms they create and foster. No stigma should be attached to having demons, for they can be disposed of and forced out.

The only disgraceful thing is when the prey refuses the help of deliverance. We need to know how to recognize and deal with the evil spirits lest they win in their drive to insanity.

Mental illness is not a mere sickness or disease, but a combination of demonic entities. Their program is to drive you insane and they usually work at this gradually. Tormenting like a cancer, they exact the maximum in suffering until the human breaks down.

Mental illness has been very vaguely defined with no clear cut borders where it starts and stops. The medical community has never been able to agree on a starting or stopping point either. However, deliverance workers know that it begins with the demonic activity! It is helpful to describe some of their most common characteristics and fruit.

In the Bible insanity is described as madness or lunacy (someone who manifests according to the lunar cycles). Even the man on the street will remark, "*Oh boy, another full moon. They'll really be out tonight!*" The spirits seem to go berserk during full moon because of the ties of some spirits to witchcraft activities. They manifest in correlation with the cycles of the full moon.

The Bible speaks of being "beside oneself." This is another term describing a person who is not playing with a full deck. The medical dictionary defines insanity:

"Insanity may be unrecognized in its early stages. It may begin with a loss of mental alertness, loss of energy, difficulty in remembering, especially concerning recent events or a person may have trouble connecting words so that they make sense."

"He may become easily lost in thought or physically, show poor judgment, become depressed, gloomy, anxious and irrational. He is often fearful that someone is trying to hurt him and fails to take care of himself."

"He may require nursing care and the trouble may progress to total disorientation. Mental retardation may describe a condition in an individual's social and intellectual development has been partially or completely arrested."

Note this tie-in with Arrested Development whereby the enemy intertwines an entire complex of demons. Even though we are talking about a specific spirit, you will see them relate to others in the victim. Often tightly intermeshed, it may be necessary to pull each apart to achieve freedom.

In Bible days, everybody believed that mental problems were the work of demons. It also was common knowledge that demons caused a person to be a lunatic or exhibit insanity. Their diagnosis was correct, but they lacked the expertise and power to remove them.

The Bible mentions some Jews who practiced exorcisms, the sons of Sceva and the scribes and Pharisees. They knew that insanity was demonically rooted but were not very successful in expelling the evil spirits. There were notable deliverances in the New Testament which dealt with the mentally impaired.

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man kneeling down to him saying 'Lord, have mercy on my son for he is a lunatic and sore vexed, For oftentimes he falls into the fire and oft into the water and I brought him unto your disciples and they could not cure him.'

Then Jesus answered and said unto him 'Oh faithless and perverse generation, How long should I be with you? How long should I suffer you? Bring him hither to me.' Jesus rebuked the devil and he departed out of him and the child was cured from that very hour.

(Matthew 17:14-17)

Note the expression, *from that very hour* (indicating part of an hour), the demon resisted leaving and struggled to stay. The disciples had been unable to break the determined obstinacy of the entrenched foe. *Not every demon that we come against will leave instantly. No matter how powerful and experienced we fancy ourselves to be, we will encounter savage resistance from time to time.*

The fact that Jesus spent time forcing it out merely demonstrates that an extremely powerful entity was being addressed. Undoubtedly Jesus could have done the job quicker. The fact that He did not choose to do so meant that he was teaching the disciples valuable lessons.

Soldiers must learn to face abrupt and even humiliating failures as well as glorious victories. They must also be taught how to overcome temporary failures without being caught up in embarrassing pride. Seeing his success, the disciples immediately asked Jesus why they had failed, even though they used proven methods which had worked previously. Today we often echo their puzzled cry, "*Why could we not we cast him out*?" Again He answers that it is because of our unbelief and lack of total commitment!

What a rebuke this is to our overrated spirituality! Repeatedly this has happened to us and other deliverance workers. Confidently people come for prayer but are so demonized we often just shake our heads. Some of this is unbelief and some is based on our previous experiences.

We know that demanding seekers who are unwilling to repent, forgive and meet God's conditions will receive little or no help. However, often when presented with monstrous cases of infestation we tend to reel with unbelief. The disciples undoubtedly felt this after preliminary prayer for the lunatic child failed.

The savage, determined resistance convinced them the boy was so far gone, he might never be free. The battle had been undermined by unbelief. Jesus rebuked them for this and proceeded to demonstrate that the child could be set free by persistent faith attacking the demons.

Many symptoms described in modern medical research were true of this child. **Verse 15** describes him as a sore, vexed lunatic. In an almost constant state of agitation and irritation, his entire system of balance was affected. He was literally tossed into fire and into the water by spirits of Self Destruction. In many ways this fits modern descriptions of the mentally ill.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirits and said unto him, thou deaf and dumb spirits, I charge thee to come out of him and enter him no more. (**Mark 9:25**)

The accounts about the Gadarene (*Gergesene*) demoniac are interesting. The references are to people of the land of Gadara who lived east of the Sea of Galilee. In **Mark 5:1-20** and **Luke 8:26-39** only one demoniac is involved. However, in **Matthew 8:28-35** Jesus confronted two demonized men. These are evidently the record of two separate but very similar incidents. Both cases deal with Insanity or Lunacy, clearly engineered by demons.

And they came over into the other side of the sea into the country of Gadarenes.

And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tomb a man with an unclean spirit.

Who hath his dwelling among the tombs, no man can bind him, no not with chains:

Because he had often been bound with fetters and chains and the chains had been plucked asunder by him and the fetters broken in pieces, neither could any man chain him or stop him.

And always night and day he was in the tombs and mountains cutting himself with stones,

But when he saw Jesus afar off; he ran and worshipped him. (Mark 5:1-6)

Even in his terrible state, the man mustered enough strength to run toward Jesus for help. No matter how badly people are bound there is still the opportunity to dash to Jesus if they genuinely want to do it. Isn't that encouraging?

And he cried with a loud voice and said what have I to do with thee thou Jesus Most High. I adjure thee by God that thou torment me not for He said unto the man come out of the man thou unclean spirit. (Mark 5:7)

The Bible states that this man had a legion of demons (about 6,000). Jesus addressed his condition as a demon. The name given is Legion. That is not a large number in the spirit world, for we have dealt with many legions of demons inside individuals. If we compare the symptoms of the Gadarene with today's medical definitions of the mentally ill, there are some perfect matches!

He was in the mountains, in the tombs (**Mark 5:57**). No one could bear to be around him for he was a disaster going somewhere to happen. He was forced to live alone, isolated and crying out in agony and pain. His sobbing and weeping came from a combination of fear, pain, rejection and torment. Under such intense mental pressures, he was suicidal, abusing himself and constantly cutting himself with stones.

There were significant changes following deliverance. "*The one that had the legion was found sitting, clothed and in his right mind*." (**Mark 5:15**) When the demons were in control, :'e stalked around in a continuous **state of agitation**, and unable to rest or be quiet. Formerly he was always aimlessly running to and fro and throwing himself on the rocks.

When the demons were in control he stalked around **naked** and adamantly refused to wear clothing, another evidence of insanity. Our entire nation is afflicted with this, with multitudes parading around wearing as little clothing as possible. When God judged the disobedient couple In the Garden of Eden, He clothed them in coats of skin to cover their nakedness.

Although the size of the garments is not given it is safe to assume that more than short shorts, a thong bikini and a brief halter are in view. In

the beginning God clothed the nakedness of man and woman and since then the devil has worked ceaselessly to undress them!

Why are lewd and nude magazines so very popular? Analyze why you or others may be so drawn to nudity and nakedness. **This is just another evident sign of man's deep rebellion against God!** Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.

Another highly significant change was restoration of his right mind. Mental impairments were gone and once more he could think and act like a normal person. At peace with himself and no longer driven to race about he could finally sit down and be still and calm! It is not too much to expect that these external changes should be some of the first evidences of real deliverance from evil spirits.

In Jesus' day they knew the man had demons but had no remedies which would help him. Today we have strong, powerful drugs to sedate the demonized. These are like high tech "*band aids*" that the proud experts dish out and hail as totally effective cures. However this is not true.

Another scripture bearing on demonic origin of insanity is **John 10:19**. There was a division among the Jews because of the teachings of Jesus. Many charged that he had a devil and had gone crazy therefore it was pointless to listen to Him. Have you received this accusation yet? If you begin to do the works of Jesus and stay on the deliverance trail, sooner or later you will be targeted.

Mental illness can definitely be attributed to the work of demons. Because of this, freedom can be obtained in the name of Jesus Christ. Be alert for factors which lead to mental illness. Knowing insanity is demonic is not enough, we must be aware of things which give it the ground to come in and attack the individual.

It is interesting that even the medical profession recognizes heredity as the primary ground for mental illness. You are like your parents and your children are embarrassingly like you. **Sins of the fathers** is one of the main reasons for mental illness and it passes from generation to generation through the blood line. **Deuteronomy 28:28** details promised curses from God for disobedience. "*The Lord shall smite thee with madness and blindness and astonishment of heart*." Running from the Lord in **disobedience** is one of the first things to open doors to insanity. Break the curses of disobedience and also the curses put on our children or ourselves by nicknames.

Sometimes in frustration and anger parents and siblings will sometimes use epithets when provoked by loved ones. *Imbecile, moron, idiot, retard or stupid* all refer to stages of mental retardation. How many of us were called these and other derogatory names when we were growing up? Those curses need to be broken without delay.

Ecclesiastes 7:7 says plainly, "Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad." **Deep oppression** is another invitation for attack by enemy spirits.

Thus saith the Lord thy redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb I am the Lord that maketh all things that stretcheth forth the heavens alone, that spreadeth abroad the earth by itself,

That frustrateth the tokens of the liars and makes diviners mad, turneth wise backward and maketh their knowledge foolishness. (**Isaiah 44:24-25**)

Divination or experimentation with the occult brings a curse from God which includes insanity and you begin to lose your mind. God will permit an evil spirit to come upon you for touching these items of spiritual filth. These contacts open the doors wide for entrance of mental illness and insanity.

A drought is upon her waters and they shall be dried up. For it is the land of the graven images and they are mad upon their idols. (Jeremiah 50:38)

Madness is synonymous with crazy or insane. **Idolatry**, witchcraft and dabbling in the occult are some of the fastest ways to pick up spirits of Insanity. Do not overlook the sins of our forefathers involving occult practices for this makes one extremely vulnerable to these spirits.

Buried inside, they make their hosts into walking time bombs. That is how they operate and what they do. "*The days of visitation are come*. *The days of recompense are come. Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool. The spiritual man is mad.*" (**Hosea 9:7**)

Operating in common with insanity are multitudes of **religious** spirits. "I know that is how I got some of mine. One of my great-great-aunts was found running naked through the cornfield, worshipping God. Religious spirits literally drove her crazy. They convinced her that she was out there serving the Lord. Thank God for freedom I received from that type of spirit!"

Spirits of **Nudity** are associated with insanity. Certainly our land is full of these. So many religious leaders today have gone whoring after other gods. Money, power, prestige, tricks of witchcraft, "gifts" of slaying in the spirit, etc., become their stock in trade. If you permit them to lay hands on you, you will go crazy along with them! If you believe "*slaying in the spirit*" is of the Lord, you already are a couple of sandwiches short of a picnic!

You might not be able to bind these powerful spirits completely in "great" and famous leaders. These are very forceful spirits and those controlled by them are usually totally surrendered. However, you can visit local assemblies where these things are being practiced. Bind up the religious and occult spirits which are operating there and watch the results.

Many times when we had no church to attend in California, we visited other groups. I really felt sorry for the people dazzled by the religious show being produced for their benefit. How awful to be deceived by that wicked thing and to think they are serving the Lord. You can sit there quietly and keep binding religious spirits. They will get to a point where it no longer works. Because you are only binding deception or religious spirits, no work being done by the Holy Spirit will be affected.

Some on national T.V. have a tremendous load of powerful religious spirits. Audiences come, filled with awe and desiring to see "*the power of God*." To be honest I must tell them it is empty showmanship, a scam operated by **Religious** spirits. Yielding to those leaders and having them touch you opens the way for spirits to transfer into you.

They will slip in and lie in wait for the right time to go into full manifestation.

"In that day saith the Lord I will smite every horse with astonishment and its rider with madness." (**Zechariah 12:4**) That word astonishment goes right along with the spirit of Insanity. In **verse 9** God promises, "And it shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." The judgment of the Lord comes against all those who come against God's people.

Insanity is a judgment from Almighty God!

Daniel tells about King Nebuchadnezzar being smitten and brought low so that he was naked and ate grass like an animal for seven years.

Is not this great Babylon that I have built for the house of the king by my power and by the honor of my majesty.

While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven saying 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken thy kingdom is departed from thee.' (**Daniel 4:30**)

Judgment brought insanity to the foolish king who dared to take personal credit for the things that the Lord had done for him. Pride which defied God and grasped for His glory opened the door for insanity and madness to cut him down in base humiliation and degradation.

Babylon has been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken, the nations hath drunken of her wine; therefore, the nations are mad. (**Jeremiah 51:7**)

Participation in **Babylonian worship** produces insanity. Here it is related to imbibing strong drink. Drinking alcohol and involvement in the Babylonian worship are tied together. Both are considered abominably filthy activities carrying harsh and extremely severe spiritual penalties.

It is common knowledge that both alcohol and drug use causes *permanent brain damage*. Sip a little "sauce" for your stomach's sake but you will lose your brain while you are using it. You may say "*I have a lot of brain cells I wasn't using anyway*." Unfortunately you

have no way of knowing which ones are being subtracted. You do not even know if you have a surplus. How embarrassing if you were in short supply before it began!

Mental retardation often slips in with alcohol and sets up a curse which is locked in on future generations with ancestral sins. You need to take a look at some of the fetal alcoholic syndrome cases, babies born to alcoholic or drug addicted mothers. It will break your heart.

Other openings for these spirits of Insanity come from various **sexual diseases**. For example, the end result of syphilis is insanity and madness. Throughout history many kings have gone mad and died because of this venereal disease. Other more common results include: traumatic brain damage, accidents, injuries, blood clots, brain tumors, arteriosclerosis, cerebral hemorrhage, thyroid, pituitary diseases, degeneration of the brain or nervous system, encephalitis and inflammation of the brain.

All these things are a part of the heritage of mental illness. **Alzheimer's** disease is a slow and gradual deterioration of the cerebral cortex, and is listed under mental illness. It is characterized by disorders in walking, disorientation, coordination and hallucinations. These are examples, but there are many more.

Saul was very wroth and the saying displeased him and he said, "They have ascribed unto David 10,000 and to me 1,000 and what could he have more than the kingdom?"

And Saul eyed David from that day forward. And it came to pass on the morrow that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul. (**I Samuel 18:8-9**)

This resulted from that curse of disobedience. God permitted the evil spirit to come upon Saul and drive him mad. **Notice this!!** The first thing he did when this evil spirit came on him was to **prophesy** in the midst of the house. *Caution, evil spirits can and do prophesy*. Just because somebody prophesies does not mean it comes from the Lord. It could be an evil spirit prophesying.

And David played with his hand as at other times and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

And Saul cast the javelin for he said, I will smite David even unto the wall with it and David avoided out of his presence twice.

(I Samuel 18:10, 11)

Here we see a bit of Saul and his jealousy. **Jealousy** is another fruit or symptom of insanity and all of the other things that John talked about.

Extreme rage is something constantly evidenced with the mentally impaired.

And looking round about upon them all He said unto the man stretch forth thy hand and he did so and the hand was restored as the other.

And the Pharisees were filled with madness and they communed one with the other what they might do with Jesus. (**Luke 6:10, 11**)

Jesus' enemies wanted to kill Him and were themselves manifesting madness and insanity. Today the courts call this *temporary insanity*. This is the polite way of saying the demon came up, instigated murder or some other outrage and then went right back down inside. The rage spirit is wicked and mean and this certainly describes King Saul. There was no reason for him to attack David even as there was no reason for the attempt to harm Jesus. These were wicked and vicious killer spirits.

"As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows and death, so is the man that deceiveth his neighbor and said am I not in sport?" (**Proverbs 16:18**) Again this is meanness, viciousness, and wickedness, all fruits of insanity.

Medical descriptions are interesting, however we need, not only to describe, but be able to do something to remedy the problem. Describing how these spirits operate will assist in dealing with them. Half the battle is knowing exactly who the enemies are. It is quite different when you are unaware of who they are or how they operate.

Mental illness will curb or inhibit development of coping mechanisms. There is a low tolerance to deal with even the simple stresses of life and a balanced mental emotional equilibrium is nonexistent. The God given balance between your thinking and your feelings is destroyed or heavily inhibited when mental impairment is able to strike through **arrested development**.

Everyone has known of cases when persons have made complete reversals of behavior because of simple stresses or traumas in their lives. Although we may think them weird, we do not feel that they qualify for institutionalization. It is still demonic activity.

People with mental illness or insanity live in a state of crisis, proceeding from one to another. The key is that things never get any better. They have a few favorite quotes: "*I am losing my mind*." This is demonic chatter and often you can identify the demon by listening. Another of their sayings: "*I am just afraid something dreadful is about to happen. I just feel it. I just know that something awful is coming. I just can't think straight. I am ready to pull my hair out, etc."*

Those who are mentally ill repeat cycles of ever increasing tension and disorganization. Constant attempts are made to escape the problems through blame or rejection. For example, a husband who feels anxiety over his son's juvenile delinquency may blame his wife and file for divorce. Alone, he will plunge right back into the cycle again, feeling even more anxious and frustrated, thus the sequence of insanity perpetuates itself.

In his case he could sit down and have times of lucidness. Free floating anxiety usually manifests itself in either the form of maniac depression or a constant anger. This emotional conflict is usually unconscious but effectively blocks real emotional needs from ever being met. Under these conditions, there is no way a mental equilibrium can be maintained when thrown into devastating situations.

We hear of those who have broken under pressure. There can come a time when if just one more frustration or disappointment is will create an intolerable load. These are the walking time-bomb spirits and sound like too many typical American parents. "*I can't handle it anymore*." One only has to have a drink or touch the occult to upset the delicate balance.

Never comfortable with themselves, these tormented beings are plagued with self hatred and a distorted view of themselves. Their environment is viewed as dangerous, hostile or threatening. Fears, dreads and paranoias take over to bring about paralysis or complete mental breakdown. Turn the tables on the enemy and put upon them the things they desire for you. Let them go crazy.

The mentally impaired lack the capacity for independent thinking and actions, and tend to lean heavily on those whom they trust. They trust with difficulty. Without a clear emotional and mental balance they are sometimes suicidal, unable to cope with anxiety, crises and depression. Often they long for death to relieve the emotional anguish which never seems to let up.

Ambivalence is a coexistence of two opposing desires or emotions toward the same person, object or goal. It is like a love or hate feeling directed toward spouse, pastor, computer, etc. A spirit of **Blocking** causes difficulty in recollection or an interruption of a train of thought/speech due to emotional factors. This will be so strong they cannot focus their thoughts and follow through.

Confabulation is an unconscious filling of actual memory gaps with imaginary or fantasy experiences counted as real. Delusion is another symptom which maintains itself against all logical arguments. There can be *Delusion of grandeur*, exaggerated importance of self. It could be a *delusion of persecution*, an unrealistic thought of being singled out -- they're all against me. It could be a *delusion of reference* -- an incorrect assumption of a casual remark applied to themselves; always taking things the wrong way.

Euphoric, exaggerated emotions not consistent with the stimuli present. **Exhibitionism**, showing off -- these "streak" through malls, mooning you on the freeways and generally revealing their lack of mental emotional balance. Extroverted, with attention and energies directed outward, they blame someone or something else as the predicament. They can never look to themselves for responsibility or change.

Hysteria refers to emotional conflict characterized and driven by arrested development. Immaturity and impulsiveness, combines with attention seeking and dependency. This can be introverted (a preoccupation with self), and reduction of interest outside of self. It

can be maniac depressive with severe mood swings between extreme elation and extreme depression.

Elation is characterized by a mind which never rests and is plagued with extreme over talkativeness. Others may want to shout "slow down, slow down, I want to talk to you," to such a person. That is the hyper side. The **depressive** phase slides into despair and passivity which cannot think of having any significant emotions. The victim will be caught in one of the two extremes and seldom will there be any in between.

Megnomania is the syndrome marked by delusions of great selfimportance or power. This one is a constant threat to the leaders. We will not explore other areas such as mongolism, Downs Syndrome, epilepsy, autism and schizophrenia at this time. However these are all included under the umbrella of insanity and mental illness. We are only dealing with the tip of the iceberg.

If you or your family have histories of mental illness or if you have touched the occult or alcohol/drugs, you have picked up many evil spirits, probably many in the insanity family. You don't know what is waiting to make you a walking time bomb for a disaster about to happen.

If you or your ancestors have participated in these things, demons are there. The battlefield in which the demons work is your mind. Go after them, dig them out and work to recapture your mind with real spiritual warfare. Reclaim it, fight for it and get into the Word. Memorize scripture to help rout the enemy and hold the ground gained.

You would not have recognized me when I began to get prayer for the alcoholic syndrome. My mind was shot. However, I reasoned that if God could give a dead body life, surely he could resurrect a dead mind. Accordingly, **on a daily basis I began to command my mind to awaken and that those destroyed brain cells be restored**.

This made a tremendous difference right away. I had launched into the slow, painful process of regaining a mind raped and largely stolen by demons. Attacking Insanity spirits will provoke heavy resistance, but do not let that stop you. It is worth it all to get your mind back.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:2, Paul gives sound advice:

Now we beseech you brethren by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together on Him that you be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled neither by spirits nor by word nor by letter as from us, as that day of Christ is at hand.

We are not to be shaken in mind, but through deliverance throw out these spirits to bring your mind under control of the Holy Spirit.

Paul urges:

Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. (**Romans 12:2**)

Get your mind back so that it can be renewed. This indicates a major overhaul, not a minor tune-up. Like a pie with several pieces missing, you must reclaim those pieces.

This must be done in order that "*ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*." If you desire to know the will of the Lord for your life, you must have your mind because it is the battlefield! Does this indicate you are retarded? No! Not necessarily, but definitely you are demonized, infested with evil spirits.

Everyone has demons, even those so puffed up with pride that they deny it! No family has missed the poisonous touch of the occult, alcohol or drugs. They are there, even though they may have been hiding. More and more they are manifesting openly.

Pressured by deliverance prayers, one by one they manifest in our loved ones and go berserk. As they leave, demons wail that, "*I just can't take it anymore*." The enemy has covered this area with deceit and religious confusion. I may still have some areas of my mind which are to be freed but large sections have definitely been restored.

It is so good to be free to use segments of my mind which had been occupied territory for so many years.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (**John 8:36**)

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