

# DR. MARK I. BUBECK

**THE ADVERSARY--The Christian Versus Demon Activity** - Mark I. Bubeck  
(Moody Bible Institute, 1975, 160 pages).

Dr. Mark I. Bubeck received the D.Min. degree from Talbot Theological Seminary, a Diploma in Theology from Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, and graduated from Moody Bible Institute.

For the past ten years the author has been president of the International Center for Biblical Counseling, in Sioux City, Iowa. He taught demonism at Moody Bible Institute for many years, and Moody Press has published a number of his books on demonism. The logo for Moody Press is "Moody-The Name You Can Trust." But who can trust the publisher and promoter of Charismatic demonism?!

As with all Charismatic "demon deliverance" leaders, Dr. Bubeck's approach to the Christian life is from the wrong direction. His starting point, his subjective focus, is upon Satan and his demons. God is brought into the picture via "the name of Jesus," to do battle with so-called Satanic "forces of darkness." Actually, the author is using the Lord's name in vain (Exod. 20:7) by seeking to cast supposed demons out of members of the heavenly Body of Christ, "in the name of Jesus."

A very disturbing factor is that Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe, while pastor of Moody Memorial Church, in Chicago, wrote a commendation on the back cover of The Adversary.

Mark Bubeck does not pass along secondhand information; he has learned these truths through personal conflict [subjective experience] on the battlefield. He has tested the power of God's Word and seen victories. I commend this book to all believers who want to learn how to detect and defeat the forces of Satan.

We shall now consider just what Dr. Wiersbe is recommending, and what Dr. Bubeck considers to be some of his best--whereas according to the rightly-divided Word of truth, and just plain sanity, is the worst!

The Word of God says that sin, all sin, is to be freely confessed, whereby the believer is cleansed from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). But not Dr. Bubeck--he has to bring Satan in. The only "way" that Satan has is God's way--he is but servant of the Most High God.

Giving way willfully to practice sins of the flesh gives occasion for Satan to have his way in a believer's life. Although all legal claim of Satan against us was canceled at the cross, a believer's willful indulgence in fleshly sins gives the enemy a place or a claim against us which he will be quick to exploit.

There comes a time when the practice of a particular fleshly sin may move from a sin of the flesh into a sin controlled and dictated by satanic, demonic activity. Once spiritual wickedness has gained a foothold in a life, it seeks to go on to develop a whole hierarchy of powers of darkness against that person's life (pp. 34,35).

The life and ministry of these Charismatic demonists consist mainly of fleshly experiences and irrational stories.

On one occasion of prolonged prayer God answered with a most wonderful experiential moving upon me. God's presence seemed to flow over me like a warming, scintillating breath. Feelings flooded through my body like a gentle quickening charge.

I saw that my experience was similar to that of Eliphaz: "Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up" (Job 4:15). The supernatural presence of any powerful spirit being can and often does precipitate some unusual body and soul feelings and sensations in us mortals. Those who have attended séances and other spiritualist meetings testify to such fact (pp. 40,41).

Dr. Bubeck, being a true Charismatic, naturally believes in the gift of tongues for today.

Even the so-called experience of speaking in tongues must be exercised with care. If you speak in an unknown tongue, I urge you to obey this instruction of the Spirit. While using a tongue, your own mind must be largely inactive.

In your mind you can command the spirit behind the tongue to answer clearly with an answer to your mind. "Has Jesus Christ come in the flesh? Is Jesus Lord?" Insist upon a clear, definite, affirmative yes.

The Holy Spirit will always respond with a praising yes. Another spirit may well respond with some evasive answer or even a very blunt no. I know of cases where such testing has revealed the invasion of a wicked spirit into the experience of believers (pp. 41,42).

In one way or another this demon deliverer is going to see to it that the individual has been taken over by Satan.

I have been involved long enough in counseling troubled folk who are battling Satan to know that even the most nonchalant dabbling in the occult can spell disastrous results. Drug use, drunkenness, sexual licentiousness, and lying are other sins of human depravity which may open one's life to unusual Satanic takeover ( p . 87).

If I believe a lie of Satan and act upon it in some behavior, I give him ground against me. If I will to give in to some fleshly sin problem and fail to claim victory over the flesh, I give ground to Satan.

There are real spirit beings who have minds, wills, and emotions of their own. They desire to cause you to feel with their emotion, think with their thoughts, and will to do what is their will. They will be so clever as to make it almost impossible to separate your own mind, will and emotion from theirs (p. 89).

These demon deliverance leaders formulate imaginary demons in Christians, names and all; and then imagine victory over them.

"But I'm a Christian," he protested. "It couldn't be demons, could it?" I explained that I was not sure that it was, but from my limited experience, I felt it could be. I prayed with him, binding up all of Satan's powers [quite a feat!] that were seeking to destroy him.

The problem bore many symptoms of demon activity: At that time I was not yet willing to tackle the challenge on my own and sent him to a friend of mine who had experienced victory over demon control.

Four wicked powers revealed their presence. One of them had a name which was the same as the man's problem [self-abuse]. Another wicked power's name was Suicide. These powers were commanded to leave and go to the pit, which they did [how did he know?] (pp. 91,92).

When Paul was defeated by the law and sin in Romans Seven, did he consider it to be some demonic hold of Satan's powers? Hear Dr. Bubeck:

If I earnestly seek the defeat of one of the fleshly sins through biblical methods without results; if I find worldly temptation defeating me even though I am aggressively using my provided victory over the world, I must now consider the fact that my problem may well be some demonic hold of Satan's powers which must be broken (p. 101).

**THE SATANIC REVIVAL** - Mark I. Bubeck (Here's Life Publishers, 1991, 263 pages).

The author's theme in this book is a call for "revival," but that first there must be the defeat of Satan and his present revival of evil.

As a young pastor, I often found myself crying out to God for revival during extensive sessions of prayer. In the midst of one such prayer session an unusual, strong spiritual awareness suddenly overwhelmed me. I don't know how else to describe it. Although I did not hear a voice, there was a powerful communication to my spirit: "Before a revival like the one for which you are praying can come, there will have to be a strong encounter with Satan" ( p. 11). [ I knew it!]

In the front of the book there are a number of commendations by such leaders as Vernon Grounds, David Mains, Victor Matthews, Ed Murphy, Gordon Lewis, Timothy Warner, and John Wesley White.

The first and most extensive of these is by Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe; another of his demonist recommendations, this one given while he was with Back to the Bible Broadcast. See what you think of this:

I wish every Christian would read The Satanic Revival and take its burning message to heart. Mark Bubeck writes from the trenches, not from the ivory tower; and what he says is biblical and practical. Without warfare praying and confrontation with the enemy, there can be no revival; and without revival there can be no hope for the nation.

What sort of "revival" is Dr. Wiersbe talking about, which concerns the nation? That is Theonomic Reconstructionism.

Like all Charismatic demonists, Dr. Bubeck promotes the error of generational transference of demons; and as a result he has America all but totally "demonized."

In God's OT law, both the sin of dabbling in occultism, and sexual sin, were punishable by death. I believe one reason for such drastic punishment was that once demonization took place, under the OT religious system, their claim was fixed.

A further tragedy of individual demonization must be addressed. The Word of God hints that when demonic powers get their hooks into a person's life, a problem of transference to succeeding generations is created.

Demons that control a person exercise that control only as long as the person lives. When he dies, the demonic powers live on. Since they don't die with the person, they seek to carry on, and the most direct claim -for their next work seems to be the deceased person's children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Thus demonism becomes a generational problem.

The family lineage problem has far-ranging cultural implications. The more extensive the personal involvement becomes, the more the larger community represented by that individual will manifest demonic chaos. Demonization can become the plague of a whole culture.

The demonization of an individual is Satan's rule lived out in a human life; the demonization of a culture is Satan's rule spreading to the entire culture. I'm convinced that our own nation is rapidly undergoing demonization. Virtually everything that gave ground to Satan in Israel and Judah is now happening in our culture.

When such conditions prevail, God removes His protective restraint. Repeatedly we read, "God gave them over..." (Rom. 1:24,26,28). This giving over certainly included more than the perverted human practice of sexual sins. As mankind

engages in such sins, demonic powers take over; they can rule because God removes His restraining grace (emphases ours) (pp. 49-51).

But in the midst of all the "demonic darkness" of Charismatic out-of-control imagination, Dr. Bubeck senses a bit of revival brightness.

Not all signs of impending revival awakening are dark--there is a bright one. The word bright in conjunction with this sign is appropriate because of Bill Bright and his leadership of Campus Crusade for Christ. For several decades now, Bill Bright has kept an aggressive approach to world evangelization before the Christian world. And by no means does he stand alone.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has provided wonderful leadership in promoting world evangelization. The Lausanne Congress, Operation Mobilization, World Vision and other world relief agencies and denominational and missionary organizations are doing a great work.

Broadcaster David Mains [husband of notorious Karen], director of "The Chapel of the Air," is one of America's strongest contemporary advocates of revival. Mains defines revival as "an extraordinary sense of the nearness and presence of the Lord among His people."

Such a definition again focuses upon the experiential. It is similar to J. Edwin Orr's statement: "The best definition of revival is the phrase, 'times of refreshing... from the presence of the Lord'" (pp. 228,229,242).

**RAISING LAMBS AMONG THE WOLVES--How to Protect Your Children From Evil** - Mark L. Bubeck (Moody Press, 1997, 250 pages).

Finally, we must face up to the sad and tragic campaign that these demonists have mounted to foist their demonization upon the young children of Christian parents. The treachery of the tobacco industry is as nothing in comparison with this devastating effect on the Christian family.

Dr. Neil T. Anderson has written two similar books, titled The Seduction of Our Children (Harvest House Publishers, 1991, 245 pages), and Spiritual Protection for Your Children (Regal Books, 1996, 259 pages). This recent book contains recommendations by such demonists as Joseph Aldrich, Jay Bell, Mark Bubeck, Paul Cedar, David Funell, Jack Hayford, and of course, C. Peter Wagner.

Dr. Bubeck continues his "generational transference" of demons, applying it to Christian parents and their children--his "delayed harvest."

My biblical study and years of counseling the demonically troubled have brought me to the conclusions that I believe are biblically valid. From birth this young child probably was victimized by past generational wickedness. The family

generational door was opened. Wicked spirit activity was able to focus on the infant. It could have been a parent, grandparent, or even an aunt or uncle that opened the door for such tragic consequences.

Though no explanation is given, permit me to suggest what I consider a valid probability. Could it be [no] that one of the child's generational heritage had been deeply into some dark spiritistic practice? Such practices open any person's life to demonic activity and control.

Perhaps the one giving such serious ground had died, but demons don't die. They live on and seek to continue to do the same destructive, deceiving work of darkness in some generational family member.

In his extensive book on spiritual warfare, Ed Murphy lists six sin areas that can lead to the demonization [indwelling] of believers. The first on his list has to do with generational sin.

Dr. C. Fred Dickason, theology professor [Moody], counselor and expert on the occult, writes in Demon Possession and the Christian: "I believe this avenue of ancestral involvement to be the chief cause of demonization. Well over 95 percent [99?] of more than 400 persons I have contacted in my counseling ministry have been demonized because of their ancestor's involvement in occult and demonic activities" (pp. 53-55).

You name it--anything in a child's life and behavior that the parents do not understand, is probably demonic, according to Dr. Bubeck and his fellow "deliverers."

I conduct spiritual warfare conferences at local churches, and at one I met eight-year-old Todd's parents, a couple I'll call the Joiners. They were drawn into spiritual warfare study through Todd's experiences.

They both had felt an "evil presence" when their child awoke in sheer terror. Though they knew nothing about the subject, they together wondered if it could be demonic. They had looked for good reading on the subject and had been advised to read The Adversary, my first book on spiritual warfare.

The Joiners thanked me, saying the book had helped them understand some principles of using their authority to resist demon attack. They had been aggressively using their principles and had seen their son's release from both his dreams and his imaginary friend (emphasis ours) (p. 162).

Abnormal fears in our children should prompt an observant parent to begin to focus prayer against any demonic powers of fear that are seeking to rule that child. [Prayer is to be "focused" upon God.]

Tom, the young son of a pastor, would often complain in sheer terror of seeing sinister faces that grinned at him in the dark [how dark?]. One night the little fellow complained that there were "two of them." As the father neared the bedroom door, he heard voices in the room and began to feel cold chills sweep over him. As he pushed the door open, he told of seeing two dark, shadowlike figures quickly disappear.

Kneeling by his son's bed, that pastor-father prayed with his son for the Lord's guarding protection against such apparition appearances in his son's room. A consistent practice of warfare prayer saw the elimination of such unwelcome "visits" from the realm of darkness ( p . 171).

If Dr. Bubeck doesn't convince the gullible to get demonically involved, Dr. Anderson will.

Jennifer's parents knew there was something abnormal about their daughter's preoccupation with hatred, but they linked it with Satan's work only after reading Neil Anderson's book, The Seduction of Our Children.

The parents began a pattern of prayerful intercession and spiritual solutions. As they witnessed the changes taking place in their daughter in response to their application of warfare principles, they had no doubt that Jennifer had been under demonic assault (p. 173).

How would you like to have Dr. Bubeck put you and your family through the following routine for protection from generational demons? Is there a genealogist in the house?!

A deliberate denouncing of all generational claims of demons needs prayerful and tactful research. Sometimes one can do this by simply observing the obvious defects that were visible in our parents and grandparents' lives [a sure cause for demonic invasion!].

Conversation with living family members may also reveal suspected strongholds that were visible in the lives of our family lineage. Again it is helpful to-make a list of those things that may give suggestion or hint of strongholds that existed in our generational lineage.

Do it for each side of your parental heritage. Make a list for your mother's side of the family and another for your father's side of the family. The listing may include practices or behavior traits that range from occult practices to alcoholism and gambling addictions. They may also include emotional responses and practices.

As a deliberate renouncing of all generational claims, it would be good to include the naming of specific areas where there seems evidence of possible generational strongholds.

When those in our immediate family lineage are living a lifestyle that gives ground to the Enemy [one does not dare make a move!], a continuing renunciation of transfer claims should be affirmed. Parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, and even uncles and aunts [don't forget them!] need to be considered in this light [darkness] (emphases ours) (pp. 198,199).

Got all that?! How would you like to be in the hands of this demonic dementia?

One closing question for Dr. Bubeck and associates. While you are battling demons in Christian men, women, and children, what do you think the indwelling Holy Spirit is doing, the indwelling Lord Jesus Christ, and the Sovereign Father who controls every atom in the universe for His own blessed purposes, according to the good pleasure of His will?

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit... ?" (1 Cor. 3:16,17; 6:19).

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