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Introduction

Yesterday, I was in Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado. There in the *Rocky Mountain News* I saw its tremendous coverage of NASA's latest thrust into space. It was an exciting and amazing feat of scientific achievement that made me proud to be an American.

But in that same newspaper there was another story, a very sad story, that told of a gruesome murder. Mr. William Kidd allegedly murdered another man and was caught by police at the airport as he was trying to leave town.

In Kidd's suitcase police found the hands of the dead man. In the refrigerator in Kidd's apartment, they found the victim's head and a foot. Other parts of the human cadaver were discovered wrapped in plastic bags in various shopping malls around the city.

What a contrast in news! One story tells of our scientific superiority, revealing America as the number one nation of the

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world. The other story describes a murder that would appall even jungle savages!

When we hear of such brutal crimes, we ask, "Why do they happen?"

There is one problem that stands out above others in our land today: the problem of unprovoked murder.

Unprovoked murder. What is it?

In using the term, *unprovoked murder*, I mean a brutal act in which one person destroys another person (or persons) for no apparent reason. The victim is either a stranger to him or a person with whom he has had no quarrel. He kills only because of a compulsion within him. It says, "Destroy," so he destroys. Oftentimes these brutal acts of destruction involve the innocent lives of women, children, and the elderly.

Through the centuries, there have been many cases of unprovoked murder, but today there is a dreadful acceleration of such crimes. Violent crime is increasing at a speed we cannot tolerate in our land. Last year alone, it increased 10%.

A few years ago the serious murder cases that we read about were always off

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somewhere in a big city—New York or San Francisco or Los Angeles. Today they are in your home town and mine. Statistics show that one out of every three American families have been touched by crime.

Why does one human being murder another?

Unprovoked murder has become an enigma to the legal and judicial authorities. For judges, attorneys, and juries of criminal courts, it seems that the easy way out is to issue a verdict of “insanity.”

What does *insanity* mean?

Is unprovoked murder *insanity*? Or is it demon possession?

These questions must be dealt with. We cannot just sit by and watch as humans destroy other humans. That time is past.

In the following pages, I attempt to answer these questions. I urge you to read these words with a heart that is open to the truth. The subject is not pleasant; but to reach a solution, you must be willing to face the problem.

Unprovoked Murder—Is It Insanity or

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Demon Possession?

Go with me now, and let's find the answer.

—Lester Sumrall
South Bend, Indiana

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Chapter 1

Unprovoked Murder in America

In every country around the world, there is the problem of murder. There are literally thousands of cases of unprovoked murder, but I wish to deal with the subject from the viewpoint of American society.

Society is like a growing vine, never the same—either growing or dying, increasing or decreasing. It will go up or down, depending on the way the people go. Just because our foreparents in America had democracy is no sign that our children will have it.

In every generation democracy must be reborn or it will die. The same is true of Christianity. We could have a Christian society in one generation and a pagan society among the same people in the next generation.

The values and morals of one generation

must be born into the next in order for their way of life to be carried on in that society.

I have written this book to point out the conditions that have become a part of our everyday lives. The words will be strong, but they must be.

It is remarkable and amazing to me that in America—the country to which more people seek to migrate than any other nation on the globe—murder is so very prevalent. You cannot pick up a newspaper or a magazine, or listen to a newscast over radio or television, without reading or hearing about it.

In America there are more than 20,000 persons murdered every year. That means one every 26 minutes! Half of those die from being shot with a gun.

Most of these murders are unprovoked and are committed by men and women who have already failed at rehabilitation programs in our prison houses, in our penitentiaries, and in our clinics.

These murderers are a burden and a danger to society as a whole.

Our jails and penitentiaries are burdened to capacity with men and women who have taken human life by the tens of thousands. Where there should be two prisoners, there are six.

Our wisest judicial minds are troubled about the future of these murderers and of the prisons which house them. Men of law don't know what to do about the situation. They do everything they can to reform the criminal; but when released, he often returns to crime and many times to an even worse life.

A Time of Decision

America is now at a point of final decision in this matter: *What will we do with America's killers today?*

The nation trembles under the burden of this evil.

Millions of people live in abject fear that they will be next on the criminal's hit list.

Some are afraid to ride a commercial aircraft because of international gangsterism by hijacking.

Some are afraid to do their shopping—afraid of being mugged, or robbed, or maybe even murdered, as they walk across the parking lots of the big malls.

In this country, 20,000 murders a year is altogether too much. One murder every 26 minutes is too much! We must do something about it.

Who bears the blame for these wanton

murders, both provoked and unprovoked?

There are several areas where we could lay the blame, but I feel that if each of us takes a personal responsibility, we can resolve the problem. Placing the blame on someone else will not bring relief. If we expect to find a solution, you and I must face the problem head on.

Americans can meet a challenge when they set their hearts to it, and I firmly believe that we can set our hearts to do this.

I Have Witnessed Murder

Having seen murder, I can testify that it is not a pleasant sight.

While in hinterland China, as I was riding down a city street in a ricksha, I saw a man being stoned to death on the sidewalk. I commanded the ricksha man to stop, and with my interpreter I got out to investigate.

Both men and women were throwing stones that were twice the size of a man's hand. Children were laughing.

When I pushed back the crowd, there lying on the ground before me was a Chinese man, battered to pieces. It was a horrible sight.

Working fast, my interpreter asked a few people, "What's going on? Why is a man being

killed? What's happening?"

Finally, someone said, "He was caught stealing. He was a thief, so we've killed him."

We waited a few moments as the crowd began to break up. Standing there across the street were some policemen, who had watched the killing take place, but made no attempt to stop it.

The next morning the dead body was hauled away by the garbage men to be burned at the garbage dump.

I may have been the only person so severely hurt that day, excepting the man who died. I could not get over it. I lived with it.

One thought haunted me: What if that man had not been a thief? What if somebody had lied and screamed, "Thief!", when it wasn't true?

Whether guilty or innocent, that man died without a judge, an attorney, or a trial. He had no help and died there on the sidewalk in that far-inland Asian town.

Another time while near Tibet, I saw a man executed by being tied to a thorn tree. The thorns were unlike those we have in America. They were three or four inches long and ten times stronger than those here. I saw men tie that man to a thorn tree, then kick him into the tree, driving those thorns four or

five inches into his body, from his head to his feet.

As blood began to pour from all parts of his body, the man screamed in agony, but they kept kicking him deeper and deeper into the tree.

I could not find out through my interpreter what the man had done wrong. He was being executed, not by police, but by civilians; and no one seemed to know why. That event burned a place in my consciousness that I could not escape.

Murder Without Reason

Today, so many horrible things happen without reason. A member of my church, standing on his own sidewalk, saw a young man riding a motorcycle on fresh asphalt and destroying it.

He said, "Son, you shouldn't do that."

The motorcycle rider came over to him and struck him in the head with his helmet. The man dropped dead in his tracks. His widow was so deeply grieved that she died soon after.

We later discovered that the motorcycle rider was out on parole for another crime.

That happened in my own town. It could have happened in yours or in any town in

America.

We Have a Problem

Unprovoked murder: What can we do about it? What must we do about it?

Is there a difference between the person who actually kills with a gun and the society that permits this kind of murder to continue?

Is there a difference in the kind of person who dynamites a boat, murdering all on board, as happened to Lord Mount-batten of England and those with him on his yacht?

Is there a difference in those who commit arson—burning a school, or a factory, or a hospital, or a hotel?

Unprovoked murder in any form is a terrible tragedy upon society, revealing a force not normal to humans. It is a netherworld spectra which stalks thousands of unsuspecting people.

What kind of person is it who commits murder or multiple murders?

Are they odd looking?

Are they peculiar in their dress?

Are they strange in their talk?

Just what kind of person would murder other persons?

In the following chapters, I will be

discussing unprovoked murder using, as examples, several documented cases of violent crime. The cases we will consider are:

1. The case of **Roland Kashney** in Chicago, charged with 2 counts of murder; found guilty of 1.
2. The case of **John Wayne Gacy** in Chicago, guilty of murdering 33 young men and boys.
3. The case of **Richard Benjamin Speck** in Chicago, guilty of murdering 8 student nurses.
4. The case of **David Berkowitz**, “**the Son of Sam**,” in New York City, guilty of murdering 6 persons.
5. The case of **Theodore Stresleski** in Los Angeles, guilty of murdering a Stanford University math professor.
6. The case of **Arne Cheyenne Johnson** in Brookfield, Connecticut, charged with 1 count of murder.
7. The case of **Stephen Judy** in Indianapolis, found guilty and executed for murdering a mother and her three small children.
8. The case of **Charles Manson** in Los Angeles, charged with murdering actress Sharon Tate and 6 others.
9. The case of **Jim Jones** in Guyana,

South America, in which **900** cult members committed suicide.

10. The case of **Peter Sutcliffe**, “**the Yorkshire Ripper**,” in London, England, guilty of murdering **13** women.

Chapter 2

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Case No. 1:

ROLAND KASHNEY

2 Persons Dead

Roland Kashney was charged with two bludgeon murders: In 1970 a 65-year-old woman was beaten to death with a porcelain toilet seat; in 1975 a 55-year-old man was fatally wounded in his Chicago home from blows with a wrench.

According to police, Kashney confessed to committing two murders, then later withdrew his confession. He claims that the devil made him confess a lie as demons severely beat him.

He says that in fright he had confessed to murders of which he was innocent. Policemen who were present at the time could not see the demons beating him.

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After more than five years of incarceration, Roland Kashney was brought to trial.

I was subpoenaed to appear at the Cook County Criminal Court to give “expert witness,” as the judge calls it, to what the State’s prosecuting attorney termed “empirical powers influencing a human person.”

The judge and court chose me as “expert witness” because of the books and articles I have written on the subject of demon possession and my personal experiences in over 100 nations of the world.

It is their considered opinion and that of the defendant, Mr. Kashney, who also requested my appearance at the trial, that there do exist sinister and malevolent entities which are capable of possessing and attacking human beings.

It is unique in the criminal courts of our land to subpoena this type of witness and to hear testimony of netherworld activities found to be satanic and demonic. The judicial and legal authorities are evidently convinced that there are in existence real powers, other

than human or divine, which can invade human affairs.

Four Visitors from the State Attorney's Office

Attorneys and certified court reporters asked for and received permission to travel 100 miles to my office in South Bend, Indiana, for an intense briefing on the subject of demons and human possession by spirits.

These four gentlemen—Brian Collins, Jack Smedon, Bob Colby, and Michael Harnet—represented the Prosecuting Attorney on behalf of the State of Illinois against Kashney, the accused.

I assured these four attorneys and assistant attorneys that my appearance at the Circuit Court of Cook County Criminal Division was in behalf of truth as I understand it from the Bible and from personal experiences. I made it clear that as a witness I would not appear in behalf of either the State or the accused.

I pointed out that since these violent crimes are on the increase in our country

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today, we must seek for an honest and truthful answer to this most serious problem of murder. So many murders today are unprovoked, and most involve the lives of innocent women and children.

It is known by our entire population how multiple murders have been committed in heinous fashion, oftentimes for no apparent reason, since there are no feelings of anger or hate between killer and victim.

Is it possible for a human being to be possessed by an entity beyond human power and strength?

Can a person become possessed by a power outside and beyond himself so that he becomes a destroyer, equipped with ability that is inhuman?

For over two hours these expertly trained, legal-minded men listened to my side of the story.

In our session together, I revealed from the Bible some intricate complexities of demon-inspired transgressions. They received from me considerable written material on the subject, including books and magazines.

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Very simply, I stated that to class all of these crimes together with the one word *insanity* is wrong for the accused as well as for the victim.

These attorneys were deeply moved by the interview. They heard things that day like they had never heard before and agreed that there could possibly be strange powers moving behind the facade of humans which the present legal justice may not be adequately acquainted with.

I was to meet them again as I stood before the judge in Cook County Criminal Court. Here is a portion of the testimony I gave at that time:

Q: "Are you familiar with demonology?"

A: "Yes."

Q: "Do you consider yourself an expert in demonology?"

A: "Yes."

Q: "Have you done any exorcisms?"

A: "Yes."

Q: "How many? Where?"

A: "Thousands. South America, Hong

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Kong, Indonesia, the Philippines. I lived with my family in the Philippines for five years.”

Q: “What is your definition of demons?”

A: “A demon is an entity. They fell with Lucifer. These spirits seek to have human expression.”

Q: “Have you ever seen a demon-possessed person?”

A: “Yes. I have seen many people possessed.”

Q: “Have you known people who have seen demons in others?”

A: “Yes. A man with great religious beliefs is able to see this better than anyone else.”

Q: “You preach the Bible?”

A: “Yes. I do.”

Q: “This possession or manifestation you are talking about—that has to be from external manifestation.”

A: “Normally a person can look like anyone else, but can be demon possessed.”

Q: “By looking around the courtroom now, could you find someone that is possessed?”

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A: "No. A person can change in his total personality... such as when a woman's voice goes much deeper than a man's voice."

Q: "In your book, *Demons The Answer Book*... you believe demon spirits are drawn to large cities."

A: "Yes. I believe the demon spirits are more active in the larger cities and are a place of worship of evil."

Q: "When was the first time you met Roland Kashney?"

A: "December, 1980."

Q: "When a demon possesses a human, could one person see it and no one else? Are there circumstances when only one person can see it?"

A: "When the Lord Jesus went into a certain place, the person cried out and the Lord set him free. He became different. There is always a manifestation. The Lord Jesus said go into all the world. This is the Great Commission. Any Christian should be able to cast demon spirits out of another person. They have to discern it in order to do it."

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Roland Kashney was found not guilty of murdering the woman, not guilty of robbery, but guilty of killing the man. His verdict was to be appealed and his case set for re-trial.

Case No. 2:

JOHN WAYNE GACY

33 Boys Murdered

John Wayne Gacy of Des Plaines, Illinois, was pronounced guilty for the murder of 33 young men and boys.

When police discovered one of the bodies in a river, tire tracks were found at the scene. Through the work of one hard-working detective, the evidence eventually led to John Gacy.

Police obtained a search warrant and went to Gacy's home. There they found certain items that linked him to one of the latest victims. When confronted with this evidence, Gacy broke down and confessed.

At Gacy's direction, lawmen dug beneath his house and garage to find skeletons and

decomposing bodies. In all, a total of 29 bodies were unearthed on Gacy's property, and the bodies of four boys linked with Gacy were discovered in the river.

Double Life of a Clown

John Wayne Gacy was 36 years old when taken into custody. The press described him as "chunky, moon-faced, and jovial." He had been most successful at leading a double life.

Gacy was a local businessman, a contractor. He lived in a nice house and was accepted by friends and neighbors. As a member and promoter of the local Democratic Party, Gacy was described as "always there," willing to do the jobs nobody else wanted to do.

Gacy very often dressed in a clown's suit for festive occasions in the community. Billing himself as "Pogo the Clown," he would perform magic tricks for children.

To the eye, John Wayne Gacy appeared to be an upstanding citizen. He was a business and social success; yet all the while, he was destroying human lives. He was indicted for murdering more people than any other

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person in United States history.

The citizens of the Chicago suburb wonder why it took the police three years to discover the man who had killed 33 youths and buried 26 of them in the 49-foot crawl space under his house.

No doubt Gacy thought that by donning a clown's suit, by being an active worker in the local Democratic Party, even posing with a Chicago mayor, he would be able to hide his true self and escape detection.

You may ask, "How could he get control over all those young men and boys?"

By using his clown tricks.

He would invite them to his home to offer them a job and then begin showing them tricks. First, he would put handcuffs on his wrists and maneuver out of them. Then he would volunteer to teach them how to do it. Once handcuffed, they were his prisoners. He forced them to engage in deviate sex with him; then choked them to death.

"Something" Made Him Kill

Gacy took these boys into his friendship

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only to have them die at his hand, in his home, and be buried beneath his house.

Why would a man kill 33 young people?

He had no quarrel with them.

He hardly knew them.

He had no reason for doing it, except that “something” within him gave him a strange compulsion to hurt and destroy.

Gacy’s two defense attorneys argued that their client was innocent by reason of insanity. In his closing statement, one attorney sought to create sympathy for the defendant by quoting from Robert Louis Stevenson’s *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

Throughout his 30-day trial, Gacy held to his confession. He remained stone-faced as the relatives of his victims sat sobbing only a few feet away.

Though a line of 101 witnesses had marched across the courtroom to the witness chair, it took only one hour and fifty minutes for the jury to reach their verdict. Gacy was found guilty.

The next day the judge pronounced Gacy’s

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sentence: death by electrocution. Under Illinois law, he was given an automatic appeal.

The day the court clerk read the names of the victims and pronounced the guilty verdict, Gacy addressed his attorneys: "Cheer up, boys, and keep a straight face." The news media said that on his way out of the courtroom Gacy winked at a sheriffs deputy.

Case No. 3:

RICHARD BENJAMIN SPECK

8 Student Nurses Murdered

On the night of July 13, an intruder, carrying a knife and a gun, entered a nurses' apartment building in Southeast Chicago.

At gunpoint, the intruder gathered together nine nurses into a bedroom and bound them. Then slowly he led eight of them one by one to other parts of the house where he murdered them by cutting, stabbing, and strangling them.

The remarkable thing is how none of the nurses cried out for help. How could eight young women be overwhelmed by only one

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man? One policeman speculated that they could have been totally paralyzed by fear like a bird is before a cobra.

Without a cry, without trying to escape, they died—all except one. A 23-year-old Filipino nurse, Corazon Amurao, slid under a bunk and was apparently overlooked by the killer. She stayed there until the next morning—until she was sure he was gone.

Matching fingerprints found in the nurses' home, Chicago police sought for Richard Benjamin Speck, a 24-year-old drifter from Dallas, Texas. He was positively identified 28 hours after the mutilated bodies were discovered.

When Speck heard that the police were searching for him, he tried to commit suicide by cutting his arms. He was taken into custody while in a hospital, suffering from the wounds.

Here we have a man who destroyed eight women. Why?

Speck told the doctors of his drug abuse and addiction. He related his violent fightings and wild drinking. He said he remembered taking barbiturates and

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drinking alcohol with a group of sailors the night of the dormitory massacre. That was his last memory before waking up the next morning with a gun and wondering where he got it.

The surviving nurse identified Speck as the killer. Though he accepted her accusation, he insisted he remembered nothing.

Symbols of Death

Speck's arm is a mass of tattoos. He said most of them were put on when he would go with a group of Navy buddies to the tattooer.

One of the tattoos below his right elbow is a long dagger with a snake coiled around it. On the little finger of his right hand is a solitary letter, L.

Above his left elbow is a grinning skull with the words, "Born to Raise Hell."

While being questioned by a psychologist, Speck rolled up his trouser leg and revealed an obscene picture tattooed on his shin.

Tattoos cannot be removed, so Speck carried those symbols of death on his body at

all times. He couldn't get away from them.

Fits of Anger

The judge appointed a public defender as defense counsel for Speck, and a court hearing was set for early November. From July to October, an examining panel of psychologists worked to prepare the report on Speck, regarding the eight murdered nurses.

During this time of examination, Speck told one of the five psychologists, "You see, when I'm sober, I'm... I'm... well... okay. But when I drink... I'll tell you, once I smashed my hand through a wall rather than to hit her."

The psychologist stated that Speck's hatred for his stepfather and for his former wife were two of the greatest hatreds of his life.

He confessed that once, in a fit of anger, he kicked his mother in the head, seriously injuring her.

Later in one of his more relaxed moments, he said, "I should have seen a doctor when I was 18 years old, when I beat the hell out of my mother."

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The psychologist asked what was happening inside him when he kicked his own mother and if he was sorry. Unemotionally, Speck replied, "Nope," and showed no interest in pursuing the subject.

About the Nurses

The psychologist talked long hours with Speck, discussing his feelings about the eight murders and his fits of anger.

Speck asked, "Could this mean I can't control myself when I'm angry and wild, not knowing what I'm doing?"

In his most serious moment, he declared, "I don't know why I killed them."

He said that he had not been to the nurses' dormitory before and did not know anything about it or the nurses. He just went there and did it.

The doctor asked, "Do you ever think about that at night?"

He replied, "Naw, it's all gone. I only think about it when people ask me questions."

Of the eight student nurses, Speck was

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accused of murdering only one, Gloria Davy, who was also sexually assaulted.

Savage Impulses

Speck very often acted out of savage impulses. While in prison, he did such things as assault a fellow prisoner and throw hot water on the sergeant on duty.

A most dramatic moment in prison came as one of the psychologists was talking with Speck in his cell. Suddenly, Speck leaned toward the doctor as a razor blade flashed between his fingers.

Holding the blade only inches from the doctor's face, he said, "Look, if I'm such a killer, how come I don't kill you? I have nothing to lose."

Then he put the razor blade back in his pocket and smiled.

The Verdict

It took the jury only 49 minutes to reach a unanimous decision. Their verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Richard Benjamin Speck, guilty of murder in the manner and

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form as charged in the Indictment, and we fix his punishment at death.”

Of the death penalty, Speck declared to his medical counsel, “I want it to be. I want it over with. I’m ready for the chair.”

Once when he heard about a mass murder in Arizona, he told his doctor: “I would like to take care of him. My last wish is to kill him, just kill him, and I will die happy.”

Case No 4:

DAVID BERKOWITZ “Son of Sam”

6 Persons Dead

At the time of his incarceration at age 25, David Berkowitz was known to America as “the Son of Sam” killer. Using a .44 caliber pistol, “the Son of Sam” was responsible for an orgy of murder that put metropolitan New York in a state of terror for a year. In all, his murder spree left six victims dead and seven wounded.

Guilty as Charged

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David Berkowitz declared himself guilty of all charges against the protests of his attorneys who desired for him to be found not guilty by reason of insanity.¹

Born Richard David Falco and given up at birth by his unwed mother, David was later adopted by Nathan Berkowitz, the owner of a small hardware store in the Bronx, New York.

David was a quiet child. A sharp contrast in personality was displayed later in life when he called himself “the Son of Sam” and signed himself “the Master of Reality.”

In the Army, Berkowitz served in Korea as a rifleman in the Second Infantry Division. It was while stationed in Korea that he plunged into drugs including LSD.

The sparsely furnished apartment in Yonkers where he lived was located on the seventh floor of a building that overlooked the Hudson River. Police found that the windows were covered by sheets to keep neighbors from seeing in. Pornographic magazines were scattered around on the floor.

1 *TIME* Magazine, May 22, 1978.

An Instrument of the Devil

After his incarceration, Berkowitz gave details of his murderous activities. Describing himself as “an instrument of the devil,” he told of hearing strange voices which commanded him to kill. He said these voices gave him power to act beyond his will or responsibility.

He received these orders to kill from a dog, a black Labrador retriever. However, he went on to explain that the message actually came from a 6,000-year-old demon who was reincarnated as his next-door neighbor.

In addition to his rash of killing, Berkowitz also kept a diary in which were listed 1,400 fires he had set in New York City.

Here was a man who committed heinous acts of destruction through a direct relationship with demon power.

During that terrifying year, Berkowitz called himself by several names: Duke of Death; Wicked King Wicker; 22 Disciples of Hell; and John Wheaties, Rapist and Suffocator of Young Girls.

How He Killed

The “Son of Sam” did not look for any particular kind of girl. When he got “a calling,” he would cruise certain neighborhoods in his Ford Galaxie sedan and look for a spot.

In choosing his victims, Berkowitz admitted favoring girls from Queens because they were the prettiest. His first victim was only 18 years of age.

The officers who interviewed Berkowitz said he had no remorse for the killings, that to him it was the same as eating an ice cream cone. Psychologists described him neurotic, schizophrenic, paranoid, and psychopathic.²

The night David Berkowitz was taken into custody by the police, he was carrying a semi-automatic rifle in his car.

He told the police he had planned to drive out to a fashionable Hampton resort in Long Island and shoot into a discotheque or nightclub.

He wanted to kill.

With a smile, he said he was ready to go

² *TIME* Magazine, August 22, 1977.

down in a blaze of glory.

Case No. 5:

THEODORE STRELESKI

Brutal Murder of College Professor

Theodore Streleski was the perfect image of a mathematics professor: tall and bony, with stringy brown hair and an unkempt beard, flecked with gray.

But Theodore Streleski possessed a spirit of hate and revenge that was beyond human realization, beyond the way a human normally thinks or talks.

Streleski's Reason for Murder

Because he was not developing in life as he desired, Streleski vented his feelings of anger on a fellow professor, Karel De Leeuw.

When the court asked Streleski if he murdered the Stanford mathematics department head, he replied simply, "Yes."

"Why did you kill the mathematics professor?"

"So that the State of California may

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provide sustenance for me to study my math.”

“Do you feel that this is morally correct?”

“Yes.”

Though a very competent person mentally, Streleski’s problem was with finances. He hated having to do menial jobs—tasks that he considered beneath his ability.

As he explained to police: “I didn’t want to be involved in making a living or any struggle situation. I felt it was more constructive for me to commit a murder than to hunt for a job. I now have what I want: the leisure to study without the distraction of having to support myself.

I view prison as a sort of utopia with some restraints.”

Countdown to Murder

Theodore Streleski entered the University of Illinois at the age of 16. In less than three years, he finished his work in engineering physics. His ambition was to be a mathematician, so he moved to California to earn a Ph.D. in math from Stanford

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University.

During his time at Stanford, Streleski's advisor and professor was Karel De Leeuw. After deciding that the professor was blocking his progress, Streleski began living a countdown.

For three years he wanted to kill De Leeuw, but he deliberately waited until his thesis was acceptable. He felt obligated to complete his thesis for his own self-respect and to prove to others that his murder was not because of sour grapes.

Of the professor, Streleski said, "Dr. De Leeuw helped to take 19 years of my life." He said he just could not let that pass, so he killed him.

He struck the professor four times on the head with a two-pound sledge hammer which he carried in a red flight bag. Then he placed a plastic bag over the victim's head because, as he said, he did not want to offend the person who found the body.

No Feelings of Remorse

Streleski decided to turn himself in at a time of day when there would be the least

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commotion, so he picked the predawn hours. While waiting for that time to come, he read a Western novel.

It was 3:30 a.m. on August 19 when Theodore Streleski entered the North County Jail and told deputies: "I hit him in the head with a hammer. It's in the bag over there near the door. There's some blood on it. It's in the plastic bag."

Streleski showed no remorse for his deed. Given similar circumstances, he said, he would do it again.

He even had a second choice as a murder victim: Professor David Gilbarg, chairman of the physics department. Streleski said he attended a two-year seminar with Professor Gilbarg in which the professor sneered at him.

When questioned, Gilbarg said he had never taught a two-year seminar and did not remember Streleski in any of his shorter seminars.

The Murder Sentence

The attorney for the defense argued that his client suffered from "diminished mental

capacity.”

Streleski was not sentenced for first degree murder, but for second degree. With good behavior, he would be eligible for parole within six years!

Case No. 6:

ARNE CHEYENNE JOHNSON

1 Man Dead

Arne Cheyenne Johnson—a slender, muscular youth of 19 years with curly blond hair—killed his friend, Alan Bono, the manager of a dog kennel. This was the first slaying in history in the small town of Brookfield, Connecticut.

Did the devil make Arne Johnson kill?

His defense attorney, Marvin Minnella, is working with psychic experts and Catholic priests, seeking to prove that the devil is responsible. Minnella says he has substantial evidence to prove that what occurred was a result of demonic possession. The story, he says, is more frightening than “The Exorcist.”

According to the Associated Press, this

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bizarre story began eight months prior to the killing when Arne Johnson was in the presence of some priests as they sought to rid a 12-year-old boy, David Glatzel, of demons.

Tape recordings made at the time reveal the boy making guttural and hissing sounds, cursing his mother, threatening to kill those present in the room, and even using supernatural strength at times to resist them.

Observing the conditions of the boy, Johnson became angry. He dared the devil to leave the boy alone and try him instead. It was something like a challenge to fight.

He screamed at the devil, "Take me on! Leave him and take me on!"

Though Johnson was unconverted and knew nothing of the born-again experience, he felt that he was stronger than the devil. The priests, present at the time, were astonished when the young man ordered the devil to take him on.

For the next several months, young Johnson had several strange manifestations, encountering what came to be known as "the beast." He would growl, his eyes would roll,

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and he would jerk uncontrollably. One day, while in church, he started stamping his feet. He stood up, shouting and cursing, and had to be dragged out of church.

Then one night Johnson suddenly stabbed to death his friend, Alan Bono.

At the exact time of the murder 12-year-old David woke from a deep sleep, screaming. He began to describe what was happening with Arne as if he were there. David said "the beast" forced Arne to kill.

Regarding the killing, Johnson said he didn't remember being in Bono's apartment and didn't realize he had done it.

Johnson was charged with murder and placed in jail under a \$125,000 bond. His friends say he was charged with murdering a man that he liked.

His attorneys use demon possession as a defense, arguing that "the devil made Mr. Johnson do it."

Attorney Minnella says in strong words, "The courts, I imagine, have dealt with the existence of God. Now they are going to have to deal with the existence of the devil. People may not believe in the devil, but he exists."

Case No. 7:

STEPHEN JUDY

4 Persons Dead

Stephen Judy, a former construction worker, raped and strangled Terry Chasteen, a young mother; then drowned her three children: Misty Ann, age 5; Stephen Michael, age 4; and Mark Lewis, age 2.

Judy had a long criminal record that began at age 13 when he raped and brutally stabbed a woman. Eight of his last eleven years were spent in and out of prison and mental institutions for rape, robbery, and burglary.

Death Penalty

After receiving the death penalty for the murder of the young mother and her three children, Judy requested that the penalty be carried out.

He actually threatened the jury by telling them how to deliver his sentence: "You better vote for the death penalty, or it might be you or one of your family next."

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Judy recognized another power or spirit over him.

At a news conference, he told reporters that he did not lose any sleep over the slayings of these four people. To him, it was just something that happened.

He told the press that the death penalty was fair punishment for the crimes he had committed and felt that it should be carried out. He said he did not believe in God; but he did believe in reincarnation, though he didn't know exactly how.

Stephen Judy of Indianapolis, Indiana, was 24 years of age when the 2,822 volts of electricity pulsed through his body. He was the first person to be executed in Indiana in 20 years.

In his last talk with his foster mother, Judy said, "Don't make me a headstone. Just drive a wooden stake into the ground."

After the execution, Indiana Governor Robert Orr made this statement: "Now that this difficult ordeal is over with, I am at peace with myself because I believe justice has prevailed."

The case of Stephen Judy would have to

involve a form of demonic possession. It is not normal for a human to murder a mother without reason, then kill her three small children.

Case No. 8:

CHARLES MANSON

7 Persons Dead

One of the most notorious cases in American history is known as “the Manson Case” and has been termed the most senseless crime of the century.

It was Charles Manson who screamed at his hippie followers: “Society has wronged me. I will kill whatever pigs are in that house. Go in there and get them!”

His bewitched and bewildered followers, dressed in black, broke into a secluded mansion in Benedict Canyon, California. Their orgy of hacking, stabbing, and shooting left 5 persons dead, including actress Sharon Tate, who was 26 years of age and 8 months pregnant.

The night following the Tate murders, the “family,” as they called themselves, killed a

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middle-aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Leon La Bianca, at their home in the Los Feliz area.

All of the victims were strangers to Manson and his clan.

The story goes that Sharon Tate had rented the house from Terry Melcher, Doris Day's son. Apparently, Manson had a grudge against Melcher for refusing to hear a song he had written. Manson ordered everyone in the house killed, not knowing who the tenants were.

To show how senseless it was, one victim—Steven Parent, 18 years of age—was simply visiting the caretaker's cottage at the time.

According to "family" member, Susan Atkins, they picked the La Bianca couple at random and murdered them just to prove they hadn't lost their nerve.

History of Crime

Charles Manson had a five-page criminal record. As the son of a teenage prostitute, he never knew his father. While his prostitute mother was often in jail, young Manson was shifted from relatives to foster parents to

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reformatories.

His young life was one of rejection and delinquency. His last and most permanent home proved to be the Indiana Boys' School where he was taken at age 14.

At age 20, Manson decided to go to California, so he stole a car and struck out for Los Angeles.

For the next several years, Manson drifted in and out of jail. While in prison, he became interested in music. He learned to play the guitar and decided he was a composer.

Another area of special interest to him was the occult. He spent time reading the Bible and studying about Scientology. Soon he decided that the Book of Revelation had predicted the Beatles.

When released from prison in 1967, Manson traveled to Haight-Ashbury in San Francisco. The next year he gathered together a group of misfits, moved to Los Angeles, and finally settled on the Spahn Movie Ranch. From there, he made his attacks upon society.

When police raided the ranch and

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discovered stolen goods, Manson led his followers into Death Valley. There, in an almost savage existence, they lived by stealing cars for cash and sometimes eating garbage.

A Cult in Action

The Manson “family” could be called a semi-religious hippie cult. Susan Atkins said it was led by a bearded person named Mahdi, who dispatched the girl killers with hunting knives to commit at least eight murders. According to Miss Atkins, they often styled themselves as slaves to their leader.

The national news media reported of suspicions that the group was amusing itself with black magic rites and drugs. One man who practiced a native Jamaican voodoo was a friend to the group. This may be the reason why, at the Tate murder site, a hood was found over the head of victim Jay Sebring and a rope was binding him to Miss Tate.

Charles Manson held a strange and cultish spell over all his followers. Mesmerized and hypnotized, they obeyed him like God. His female followers called him God

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and Satan. Some of them believed he was the Messiah come again.

Manson read deeply in Oriental theology and believed in reincarnation. He did not accept the significance of an individual and would say, "Let's shoot and kill all of the pigs. They are destroying the earth."

Charles Manson possessed a tremendous amount of hostility and anger toward all mankind. To have the girls who lived with him do the killing was his way of expressing hatred for the total society.

The Trial

During his trial, Manson pulled some strange antics. One time he actually vaulted over the defense table and tried to attack the judge with a sharpened pencil. Another time he swung several blows at his defense attorney and had to be pulled away by the bailiff.

Manson appeared in the Los Angeles courtroom wearing on his forehead what he called a "symbol of apartness": an "X" in his own dried blood. As he said, "I have X-ed myself from your world."

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Manson's trial proved to be the longest murder trial in California history—129 days. He refused to plead insanity and was found guilty of first degree murder.

Case No. 9:

JIM JONES

900 People Dead

Jim Jones was a self-proclaimed messiah who mesmerized his followers, giving them the impression that he was omniscient. By demanding total loyalty and adoration from them, Jones was able to lead his community of 900 people in Guyana, South America, in a ritual of mass suicide.

His Beginning

James Warren Jones was born in 1931 in Lynn, Indiana, but his story really began with the spiritist activities of his mother. Torn between the choice of a career or marriage, she dreamed repeatedly of her dead mother. Then one day her mother called to her from beyond the grave and said she would bear a son who would right the wrongs

of the world.

Jones' mother accepted a proposal of marriage and, when her first child was a boy, she was convinced that he was a messiah.

Raised a Methodist, Jim Jones was fascinated by pulpit oratory. As a young child, his favorite game was playing "pretend church."

His Career as Pastor

In his 20's, Jones became pastor of a Methodist church in Indianapolis, but his liberalist ideas about church integration caused problems in the community. Soon disenchanted with the Methodist church, Jones began his own church and eventually opened the first Peoples Temple.

After a visit with Father Divine, the famous black cult leader in Philadelphia, Jones adopted Divine's idea of insisting on fierce personal loyalty from his church members. He set up a committee in the church to question anyone who dared to speak against him.

Warped Theology

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It wasn't long before Jones' view of his own worth was utmost in his thinking. In his sermons he declared that he no longer believed in the Virgin Birth. At times, he would throw his Bible on the floor, exclaiming, "Too many people are looking at this, instead of at me!"

In 1962 Jones moved his family to Brazil. There his messianic ideas grew stronger and he began doing good deeds for the poverty-stricken people. It was while here that Jones visited Guyana and apparently caught a glimpse of a remote utopian settlement.

When he returned home, Jones seemed even more caught up with his own "calling." Money had become high in his thinking, and people were welcome at the church if they had money to donate.

Though Jones wasn't a Christian, the concept of Christianity was very much with him. He began telling friends that he himself was Jesus Christ. Suddenly, he was willing to do whatever was necessary to win the people to his side. Fake "healings" became important tools of his trade.

Warped sexual practices were also a part

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of Jones' lifestyle. He engaged in sexual activities with his followers—both male and female.

Jones considered himself to be the only meaningful source of guidance, discipline, and sex for his followers. He required everyone in the cult to refer to him as "Father."

A Suicidal Ending

When threatened by newspaper investigations that would expose his activities, Jones moved his people to Guyana where he had leased a 27,000-acre tract of land.

As investigators drew closer and exposure seemed certain, Jones devised a way that he and his followers could perform what he called "a dignified revolutionary act."

This "act" was mass suicide.

Vats of cyanide were brought from the medical shack, and one by one the Peoples Temple followers took the poison and died.

In the midst of children wailing and mothers crying, Jim Jones joined the ritual

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by putting a bullet through his head.

Case No. 10:

PETER SUTCLIFFE “The Yorkshire Ripper”

13 Women Dead

In October, 1975, the mutilated body of a 28-year-old prostitute was found in Leeds, a community in the Yorkshire area of England. Five years, 17 attacks, and 13 gruesome murders later, police were still searching for what they termed “the murderer without a motive.” Soon, he was being referred to as a “modern-day Jack the Ripper.”

The first few victims had been prostitutes; others were respectable young women. The last, number 13, was a 20-year-old university student, described as quiet and respectable—a perfect example of the girl next door.

After the 11th killing, the assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire was quoted as saying, “Clearly, we have a homicidal maniac at large.”

In June of one year the Yorkshire police received a 260-word tape recording from

“Jack the Ripper,” telling of plans to strike again that year: “Maybe September or October—even sooner if I get the chance.” The next killing, number 12, occurred in September.

Psychiatrists' Explanation

Over the 5-year period, there were as much as 13 and 14 months between killings. Why such long gaps? Police have no explanation.

According to one psychiatrist, there is no accurate explanation for crimes such as this. He admits, “Nobody really knows what makes a man do this. Is it innate evil? Did his mother leave him? We just don't know.”

Psychiatric experts describe murderers like “Jack” as being “over-controlled psychopaths.”

They explain that an “over-controlled” man is capable of keeping himself under control emotionally until he reaches a certain point. He seems quiet until pressures within him mount.

When he reaches that “point,” he must strike out.

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The extent to which this “quiet type” of murderer vents his anger and aggression will tend to be much greater and his crimes are always the most vicious.¹

Confession

A few weeks after the body of victim number 13 was discovered, police made an arrest. Peter Sutcliffe, age 35, was arrested initially for petty theft, then formally charged with one count of murder for the death of the 13th victim.

Sutcliffe, described as a quiet, hardworking truck driver, eventually confessed and was found guilty of committing the murders.

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Kashney, Gacy, Speck, Berkowitz, Streleski, Johnson, Judy, Manson, Jim Jones, Sutcliffe—all are human beings.

All were born into the world as innocent babies.

But as they grew up in our society,

1 *ESQUIRE*, January, 1981, “The Ripper” by Guy Martin, pp. 60-61

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something happened.

They changed.

They became strange, evil, possessed—
and the result was unprovoked murder.

Chapter 3

Why Does a Human Murder Humans?

The problem of murder is not new. It has been around for a very long time, beginning with the first family on the face of the earth. God's first man and woman, Adam and Eve, bore two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain was a murderer; he killed his brother Abel.

The Book of Job is said to be the first book of the Bible ever written. Perhaps it is the oldest book in the world. Job 24:14 says,

*The murderer rising with the light
killeth the poor and needy, and in the
night is as a thief.*

If the oldest book known among men makes a statement like this, then apparently the subject has been under discussion for quite a while.

Murder is not a new sin; it is not a new problem. It is only an aggravated problem, an

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enormously growing and increasing problem, one that must be faced head on.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 19:18, "*Thou shalt do no murder.*" During His three years of ministry on earth, the Lord Jesus Christ reiterated nine of the Ten Commandments. He put them back into focus again and caused man to know that he was responsible under the New Covenant of grace, just as he was under the Old Covenant of the Law.

One of the Ten Commandments states: "*Thou shalt not kill.*" We must learn *why* we are not to kill.

Why does one person murder another person?

Why does one man desire to destroy the life of another man?

This could perhaps be man's oldest problem.

It could be the deepest problem of medical science today.

It certainly is one of the greatest problems facing modern society as a whole.

In the great judicial world, millions of

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dollars are being spent as legal experts seek to know how to reform a murderer. The penal institutions have not resolved the problem: What are we to do with him? Where are we to put him?

Psychologists and psychiatrists spend their lives seeking to know why humans act certain ways, why they say and do certain things.

Unprovoked murder, especially multiple murder, is one of the deepest mysteries of what truly motivates a person.

God vs. the Devil

Actually, there are only two motivational powers in our universe: God and the devil.

The motivation of God is the good motivation—the motivation of love. God is a Creator; He is not a destroyer. The Bible says that God is love. (1 John 4:8.)

The other motivation comes from sin and rebellion which, in turn, comes from the devil. The devil was originally in Heaven as an archangel, Lucifer, who rebelled against God and was cast out of Heaven.

Rebellion and Murder

The motivation of sin and rebellion is the motivation of hate and of destruction.

Rebellion and murder go together. Rebellion will eventually end in murder. There will be no murder without first having rebellion. The Bible says of the devil that he was a murderer from the beginning. (John 8:44.)

From the beginning, man was made in the image and likeness of God. When created, he was given priority on the face of the earth. The very first chapter of the Bible tells how God gave man dominion. Man is the king and the lovely creature he lives with, his woman, is a princess, a queen. (Gen. 1:26, 27.)

Commandment to Love

The essence of the Jehovah God is love. All love comes from God. He demonstrates His love through every aspect of His divine personality.

Whenever you find a manifestation of good which can be related to love, you are seeing God because God is love. On the other

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hand, when you have a manifestation of hate and destruction, you are seeing the evil one, the devil.

In Mark 12:29-31, the Lord Jesus said there are two great commandments, two above all others:

The first of all the commandments is ... And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

The first of these two commandments is the easy one. It is easy to love the One Who loves you, Who cares for you, Who blesses you.

The second commandment takes a little more effort. You are to love your neighbor as yourself. How do you love yourself? You feed and clothe your body. You take good care of yourself. Jesus said you must treat your neighbor the same way.

Upon these two commandments hangs

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the whole of the divine concept of Scripture. If these two are in focus, everything else will be in focus. If you love God and your fellow man, you will know God's love in its fullness.

Love does not destroy; it is not a destroyer.

Love does not kill; it is not a killer.

Love has a deep respect for itself and for others. When you love horses, you won't mistreat them. When you love flowers, you will care for them and be very particular to see that they grow properly.

That which we love, we care for.

There should be one love above all others in this earthly realm: love for the immortal man.

Every human who is born into this world, the Bible says, will live forever. There is no reincarnation—no beginning, and beginning, and beginning again. Every human being lives only one time: forever. The Bible specifically says it is appointed unto man once to die.

(Heb. 9:27.) *Once*—not two, or three, or six, or a million times. That totally

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eliminates the theory of reincarnation. The Bible very plainly says there is no coming back.

Love knows that human life is immortal, that it will exist forever. When you get love in your heart, then you will know it, too.

Love knows that human life is very precious. The Lord Jesus said that one person is worth more than this whole world. God puts a premium on human life. We must learn to do the same.

The Reason For Murder

Why does one person murder another person?

Simply because he is connected to the wrong powerhouse.

When a person is connected to God, he will not hurt others. God loves, so he will love. But when he is connected to Satan, he is open to the demonic entities and negative forces in our universe of which Satan is the head. When he is connected to Satan, he is connected to the source of murder.

When a person refuses to respect human

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life, when he ignores the preciousness of that life, when he determines to destroy the one that God has created in His image and in His likeness, **there is a price to pay** and he must expect to pay it.

When one person destroys another person, he is striking out at God. He is taking it upon himself to remove the force of life from that other person.

A Price for Murder

All of us must realize from the beginning of our lives that there is a price to pay for our deeds. Every person should be taught from the cradle that there is a penalty for taking another life. He should be carefully instructed in the wages of transgression.

In some countries, especially the Arab countries, if a person is caught stealing, his hand is cut off. To their way of thinking, the solution is very simple: If you don't have a hand, you can't steal. But the real problem of theft is not the hand. The real problem comes from within. Their solution never reaches the source of the problem.

Surrounded by Evil

Many of our homes today are destroyed because of anger and hatred. In many instances, they have become breeding places for these evil forces that will eventually culminate in murder.

So many families today never read the Bible and never have a time of family prayer, which is so very important. Because parents were never taught the principles of love, they don't teach their children. They were not taught love and respect, so they don't know how to show love and respect toward others.

The American schools could very well be termed as seed beds for producing murders. Our school system glibly teaches that man is an animal, just a little higher than the beasts. This removes any recognition of the sacredness of human life.

When a child leaves school, he comes under the influence of movies and television, where he learns how to applaud killers and praise murderers.

From the time a child enters kindergarten until he graduates from high

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school, it is estimated that he has seen a minimum of 18,000 murders on television and in the movies.

What a difference it would make in his personality if he could see 18,000 people being loved, blessed, cared for, healed, and saved!

The Value of Human Life

One of the fastest growing elements in our society is humanism—a philosophy that has infiltrated our entire educational system. This teaches that man does not need a personal God; that because there is no God, man must impulsively do what *he* thinks is right in every circumstance.

In a humanistic society, there are no rules and no laws to govern man's activities. He is his own god and his own savior. The doctrines of humanism totally relieve man of his responsibility to God and to his fellow man.

One of the greatest jobs for our generation is to teach children and adults the preciousness of human life.

Beyond doubt, human life is the greatest

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treasure this world has ever had or ever will have.

Human life is a mystery—from the time of its conception to the time of its departure from the body.

Human life is very beautiful.

Every person can contribute in making this world a better place in which to live.

It Begins in the Home

When proper punishment for misdeeds is given—first in the home, then in the schools—we will be able to save our nation from the sadness and horror of murder, which it is experiencing right at this moment.

We will never be able to do it through legislation or through the judicial system. It must come through our homes and in our schools.

My mother taught me as a little child that I was not to bite other children. She said, “Lester, whenever you bite a child, I will bite you.”

And she did!

I screamed and looked at the place on my

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hand where she had bitten me.

She said, "Now you know how that child feels, so never do it again!"

I was taught from a baby that I had no right to hurt others.

All of us must realize the fact that when one human being takes the life of another, he will be held accountable, not only by the government, but by the God of this universe.

Chapter 4

Is Unprovoked Murder Insanity?

The word *insanity*, used so flippantly today, comes to us from the Latin word *insanus*. In its origin this word has to do with being feeble-minded and mentally ill—not sick in your stomach, but sick in your mind. It has to do with mental derangement, with unsoundness of mind, with lunacy.

The term *insanity* concludes that a person's mind is not flowing precisely and correctly into the details of life and into the problems facing him. Such a person is not normal: He neither thinks nor acts normally. He is incapable of carrying on the ordinary and regular functions of life.

Insanity describes a human mind as having been either destroyed materially and physically, or having been taken over by an ulterior power—a power that functions from outside the person's will.

Temporary Insanity

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For several years, the criminal courts of the United States have used the phrase, *temporary insanity*, for the purpose of setting free people who have committed terrible and dreadful deeds upon society.

Is *temporary insanity* a true and honest phrase to use in these cases?

The disturbing fact regarding this is that, by using the term *temporary insanity*, the courts in our land have released back into society dangerous men and women. These criminal elements are first sent to hospitals or clinics for observation, then are set free to once again steal, kill, and destroy.

Is unprovoked murder *insanity*?

Is *temporary insanity* a correct verdict in such cases?

Consider the murder cases set out in chapter 2. The men involved were capable of carrying on regular activities. They could drive an automobile, write letters, and converse normally with friends or relatives. Yet beneath all that, there was a desire to kill and destroy human lives.

To the judges and legal authorities of our land, I would like to direct this question: Is it

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honest to term a person *insane* in order to relieve him of the responsibility of killing a fellow human being when, in fact, that person was capable of carrying on all the normal, natural functions of society? He was the same as any other person except for the fact that he had a desire to kill, whether for a moment or for a period of time.

Why do psychiatrists consider a person to be insane at the time of a murder and legally pronounce him “innocent by reason of *temporary* insanity”?

By doing so, a murderer is legally returned to society.

On their court reports, judges and legal physicians declare that such a person suffers a severe mental illness (schizophrenic paranoia), and they recommend for him what is called “involuntary hospitalization.”

With this decision the criminal is placed in an institution which is supported by taxpayers such as you and me. After a period of time, a psychiatrist submits a written report, telling how the prisoner has done a good job while under his care and has shown himself capable of returning to society.

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Many times criminals in situations like this are released, only to be taken into custody again after committing the same kind of crime.

Three Elements For Murder

Personally, I believe that unprovoked murder as a whole is not a product of insanity, but can be the result of three elements: anger, jealousy, and demonic activity.

Uncontrolled Anger

If a child is not taught at a very early age to control his anger, he may at some time in his life destroy another person in a fit of rage. When I was a child, anger was not permitted in our home. If I tried to throw a temper tantrum, my mother would throw water on me!

Anger does not always have to be focused directly on another person. You can be angry at God, or angry with society, or angry with people in public positions of authority. Yet you will vent that pent-up anger by striking out at another human being.

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Uncontrolled anger can cause murder. A doctor may call it “temporary insanity,” but it is not. It is a person permitting himself to be controlled by the devil in fits of anger.

Deep-Rooted Jealousy

Murder can be, and has been, caused by deep-rooted jealousy. Jealousy is a force that can grow in a person and become rooted so deeply within him that it becomes unreal. The Bible says jealousy is as cruel as the grave. (Song of Sol. 8:6.) That means it is a killer!

Many times jealousy has absolutely no relationship whatsoever to reality. It comes into a person’s consciousness only because that person permits it.

Jealousy, like anger, comes from the devil. It is a part of the devil’s arsenal, but the courts will not admit such a thing.

The people who kill out of jealousy are pronounced “temporarily insane” by the courts; but they do not fit the definition of *insanity*.

Again, I refer to the Latin root of the word *insanity* which means

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“feeble-mindedness.” People who kill because of jealousy are not feeble-minded. Many times they are lawyers, doctors, and other highly skilled people.

It is dishonest to declare a man insane because he gave himself over to uncontrolled anger or uncontrolled jealousy to the extent that he eventually rose up and killed another person. He is not insane. Jealousy is not insanity!

Jealousy has never solved any problems; it only leads to more. Because of jealousy, a person will take another person's life when he has absolutely no right to do so.

Demon Possession

By demon possession, I mean a person under the influence and direction of a demonic entity. A person can deliberately permit himself to become so full of destruction that he obeys a satanic voice to take a human life.

The devil says, *Strike!*, so he strikes.

In some of the cases of unprovoked murder we examined in chapter 2, the murderer claimed that he was told to kill by

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another “personality.” This “personality” was a demonic spirit.

In the Arne Johnson case, young Johnson said he was following the instructions of a being he called “the beast.”

David Berkowitz, “the Son of Sam” killer, claimed he was given instructions through a dog. The dog, he said, was controlled by a 6,000-year-old demon.

There are some issues today that our courts must deal with, and one of them is the reality of demon possession. Why should we be so sophisticated in this nation and so humanistic that we say a person cannot be under the power of demons?

When a man feels the urge to kill so much within himself that he finds a spot and waits for just the right girl to come along, then that man must be dealt with.

We can no longer “solve” a case by dropping it in a wastebasket labeled “Temporary Insanity.” To me, that is not being honest. It is not true. It is not justice.

I maintain that it is wrong for the criminal attorneys and judges to stand in our courts and allow murderers to go free on the

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basis of temporary insanity.

In Florida, there was one case in which a college professor was shot and killed by a student. Two court-appointed psychiatrists concluded the killer to have been insane at the time of the shooting; then later they declared him competent to stand trial. According to these psychiatrists, the man was insane one day but sane a few weeks later.

How honest can such findings be? The human mind cannot be twisted around like that. It cannot be a certain way one moment and a different way another moment.

One of the cases we referred to in chapter 2 involved "the Yorkshire Ripper." In this case thirteen women were brutally murdered in the Yorkshire area of England over a period of five years.

Is Peter Sutcliffe, the man responsible for these horrible killings, a lunatic? Is he crazy? Insane?

For these five years he continued to carry on his business. He made a living. How can he be a lunatic?

Apparently, "the Yorkshire Ripper"

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conducted himself as a normal person, doing normal things, until a strange compulsion came upon him. Then he had to go out and find a woman to kill.

Can such a person be “temporarily insane”?

I say, No.

I have been inside prisons and talked with people who have committed murder. Some say they just didn’t know what they were doing at that moment. But they did know. They were fulfilling that desire to kill inside them and they knew what they were doing.

Let’s not permit ourselves to be deceived. There is too much unprovoked murder in the world today for us to let it go any longer. If there were only one or two people killed each year, it might be different. But these stories are in our newspapers and on our TV news broadcasts every day. Then when it happens next door, we have no choice: we must face the stark reality.

It happened in our neighborhood. Our paper boy slipped out of bed one night, went next door, and murdered the lady who lived

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there—a widow who had done nice things for him. He stabbed her to death, went home, and crawled back into bed, still wearing his bloody clothes.

You can say that he was “crazy,” but his school teachers would disagree. He wasn’t crazy; he could learn. There was something else.

What was it?

Chapter 5

Can a Human Be Possessed by a Satanic Entity?

To properly answer the question of whether a human being can be possessed by a satanic entity, we first have to understand how a human is designed.

Man's Threefold Existence

There are three parts in man's being: spirit, soul, and body. The soul is where I want us to focus our attention.

Within the realm of the soul, there are three parts: the mind, the will, and the emotions. These three great deciding factors—mind, will, emotions—come to us through the adamic nature we possess, and they will be either the cardinal strengths or weaknesses of our total being.

The mind functions remarkably as the primary guide to our lives.

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The emotions include the vast areas of feeling: temper, anger, happiness, contentment, etc. If not stabilized, man's emotions will run out of control.

The will governs man's decision-making process and controls how he acts, whether good or bad.

If these three elements of the human soul are not given over to God, they will be taken under the control of the devil.

Strength of the Human Mind

Within the realm of the soul, the most powerful element is the mind. The human mind is the citadel and stronghold of a person's soul, leading, guiding, and directing his life.

The mind is capable of moving in any direction to learn and to train itself. Through the mind, a person can become a farmer by learning about soil and seed. He can learn medicine and become a doctor, or learn law and become an attorney.

There is no limit to the knowledge that can be accumulated through the facets of the human mind. We see this today in a world

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that is exploding with remarkable and amazing discoveries.

Without doubt, the mind is the most outstanding factor in the human personality.

The Mind Must Choose

The Lord Jesus Christ said specifically that man should serve God with his mind. (Luke 10:27.) If we don't serve God with our minds, then we will serve another entity—a personality unlike God, a personality that is not good or kind or holy or righteous.

Every human mind on the face of the earth serves some entity whether it be good or evil, whether it be God or the devil. Each person must make his own decision as to which of the two he will choose to serve.

With your rational mind, you can make the decision to serve the Almighty God.

You can think about God: calculating His greatness and His majesty, recognizing Him and honoring Him as Creator of the stars and the seas and the mountains.

You can understand God and know that He is the heavenly Father, that He is *your*

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Father. You can love Him and draw nigh to Him, knowing that He is never far from you and that He cares for you.

You can let every day be a day when you give service to God—praising Him, worshiping Him, blessing His creation.

You can choose to serve such a God, or you can choose to serve another god—the god of this world, the god who controls the negative things of this world—but that will only lead to a satanic situation in your life.

Just as the human mind can be directed in its positive relationships, it can also be directed in its negative relationships. A person can be possessed with either good or evil.

I am a possessed person: possessed of God. I know exactly when I became possessed. I was a sinner, away from God and loving the devil; but I made the decision to give myself over to the entity called God. When I divested myself of the influences of the devil, refusing to serve him any longer, I became a new person through the power of God that had entered my life.

You must decide the same in your own

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life.

Too many Americans have said, “I will live bad. I want to live bad. I desire to live bad.” In so doing, they hurt themselves, their community, and society as a whole; but, most of all, they affect their own eternity.

God wants you to serve Him, to love Him. You can serve God with that positive relationship and be possessed of His goodness and love; or you can serve the devil with a negative relationship and be possessed with an entity of evil that is far beyond human strength.

You must choose!

In truly understanding this, there are three facts that must be realized.

The Devil Is Real

A person must come to know that there is an entity of evil commonly known as “the devil.”

As long as a person or a society denies this fact, it will be impossible for them to understand what really happens to many thousands of human beings—not just those

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found to be criminals, but others who are intensely jealous or go crazy with anger.

For instance, a wife may become so consumed with jealousy that she throws dishes against the wall, and some men get so angry that they kick doors or break furniture.

These people are under the influence of “something.” But what?

Their actions are not normal or natural for a human being. They certainly are not under the influence of a loving Heavenly Father. So there must be something else, another power or force to consider.

If such actions are not the result of God’s power or human power, there is only one power left: satanic power. The devil is real!

The Devil Is Evil

Once we recognize that there is an entity in existence called Satan or the devil, then it is necessary to identify him.

Very simply, Satan is the source of all evil, of all that is bad and ungodly. The devil hates God. He is angry at God.

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There is a war going on between the forces of good and evil, a battle that is cosmic and demonic. It began when an archangel named Lucifer (or Satan) was dethroned. It will continue until Jesus Christ returns to earth, redeems the earth from Satan's power, and throws Satan into the Lake of Fire for eternity.

Until then, the devil will strike out at God the best way he knows how, and that is by trying to hurt the object of God's love: you and me.

I have three sons and four grandchildren. The best way to hurt me would not be by striking out at me directly, but by hurting those closest to me.

To the devil a human being means absolutely nothing. Satan has no interest in humans, either positively or negatively. Mass murder is one method he has devised to destroy that which God has made. He stands back, laughing, and says to God, "See. That's Your image. But look at what I've done to him."

Crime and sin are ways the devil has of mocking God. All he wants to do is get at God

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through us. By dominating us, he takes God's place in our lives.

It is remarkable to me how people in Africa and Asia can worship the devil as they do. They worship an entity that shows absolutely no regard for them. He won't provide for them. He won't give them a good harvest. He won't do anything except push them down into the muck and mire of their human existence, taking them as deeply into nothingness as he can.

The devil has no regard for those who serve him. Only God loves the people who serve Him and look to Him as their provider. Until people realize this, they will continue to wander in a labyrinth of confusion in the world.

The Devil Can Possess a Human

The devil is real; he is evil; and he has the potential power to possess a person's mental faculties and emotions.

In the Roland Kashney case (see chapter 2) in which two people were murdered in Chicago, the defense was based on Kashney's contention that he was under the influence of

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demonic forces when he confessed to having committed those murders.

Both prosecution and defense attorneys in this case requested that I give what they called “expert witness” regarding the subject of demon possession. I was subpoenaed to appear in the Cook County Criminal Court and testify of my experiences with demonic forces.

These legal minds were endeavoring to discover if it is possible for a human being to come under the strange influence and power of an entity outside the realm of human existence.

Without hesitation, my answer was a most definite yes.

Chapter 6

“The Devil Made Me Do It!”

Several years ago this saying was made popular by comedian Flip Wilson: “The devil made me do it!”

True or false?

It would be very easy to always blame our problems and weaknesses on others. These days it seems that more and more people are blaming their woes, problems, and shortcomings on the devil. As we have seen in previous chapters, there are even cases of murder in which the defendant is crying out, “The devil made me do it!”

By using attorneys and legal procedures, criminals are seeking to be set free from the responsibility of their crimes by shifting the blame over on the devil.

In the case of Arne Cheyenne Johnson (see chapter 2), attorney Martin Minnella is basing his entire defense on the claim that the devil possessed Johnson and caused him

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to commit murder—to stab to death his friend, Alan Bono.

“Jekyll and Hyde” Excuse

Another strange case of murder occurred in Sacramento, California. Sometime before dawn on an August morning, Paul Miskimen woke up, walked downstairs, picked up a piece of firewood, returned to his bedroom, and struck his wife in the head as she slept. He continued to brutally beat her and then strangled her with her own stocking.

According to family, friends, and neighbors, Paul Miskimen was a great family man, a hard worker, and a good citizen of the community.

Why would he murder his wife?

They had no answer.

When confronted by police, Miskimen broke down and confessed; but he could give them no explanation as to why he would kill his wife. Then later under hypnosis and “truth serum,” a Jekyll-and-Hyde type of answer began to unfold. Another “personality” within Paul Miskimen emerged and apparently was responsible for the

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killing.

This “Mr. Hyde” was opposite in personality from Paul Miskimen. He even had a different name, calling himself Jack Kelly. While Paul was mild-mannered, Jack was arrogant and domineering.

This case of murder never reached a courtroom. The court-appointed psychiatrists who examined Miskimen concluded unanimously that he could not be held responsible for the murder. In their report, they stated that Paul and Jack were two separate and distinct personalities, and they considered it obvious that at times Jack had determined Paul’s behavior.

Based on their findings, a California Superior Court judge found Miskimen “not guilty by reason of insanity” and placed him in a state mental hospital.

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In my investigation and experience through many countries of the world regarding people who were possessed of devils, I continue to discover this very important fact: Demon possession does not

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fully take over a person's decision-making process.

I have talked with people who were possessed of devils and they told me that the devil could make them do many things, but that he could not make them go against their own willpower.

Every human being possesses a free moral agency, a free will capability which the devil *cannot*, and God *will not*, dominate.

Your will is a part of your being that you are obligated to give account for. The only deviation from this is when a person's mind is injured or destroyed by sickness and he becomes a vegetable. In such cases, that person would be unable to work and carry on daily activities. He could not be a C.P.A. in the daytime and kill people at night.

In visiting asylums where people are restrained, I found most of them to be docile. They are not noisy. They are not dangerous. They are not demon possessed. Those are people whose minds are sick. They have no power of decision and normally are harmless.

The one case that stands out above others in my experience is the case of Clarita

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Villanueva, a young girl in the Philippines, to whom I was able to minister deliverance from demonic influence. (I go into more detail about this case in chapter 13.)

After Clarita was completely delivered, I went to court for her and had her released. For a time, she lived in the home of one of our church members, a medical doctor. During her complete recovery, I was able to talk with her about her experiences.

A number of times, I asked her, “When you were possessed of that devil, did he ever tell you to do things that you refused to do?”

She said, “Yes.”

“Could he overpower you and make you do them?”

She said, “No, he had to ask me.” “Then you were possessed according to your own will?”

She answered, “Oh, yes. I was just wanting to get something I had not known before.”

“What did he ask you to do that you completely refused to do?”

“He asked me to go away with him and

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never come back, but I refused.” (No doubt this was death, but she was afraid to go.)

She had the power to resist that satanic entity. She refused to go with him and he could not force her to.

When a person wants to kill, he makes up his own mind to do it. When a man can be a doctor in the daytime and a demon-empowered person at night, that man must give an account for all of his actions. He cannot blame it on an entity completely outside himself and say, "I'm not to blame. The devil made me do it." Another situation I encountered in the Philippines was the case of Cornelio, "the invisible boy." (See chapter 13 for details.) Through a supernatural manifestation, this boy could disappear.

After I had prayed for him to be set free, Cornelio told how a spirit would touch him and make him disappear. He described this spirit as a beautiful young girl. But after he was delivered, he saw it as a hideous monster. The spirit had deceived him.

I asked, "Did this spirit ever tell you to do things that you didn't want to do?"

"Yes, a number of times."

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"Did you refuse?"

"Yes. She told me to go away with her and never come back. I was afraid, so I wouldn't go. I only obeyed what I wanted to as she told me to do it. Even when I disappeared from human sight, I had to touch her first. I disappeared only when it was my desire to do so."

Cornelio's ultimate decision was in his own heart and within his own mind. No one could take that decision from him. He had strength within himself to say, "I will be what I want to be."

Man Is Responsible

I believe that any person who murders another person does so of his own volition and, therefore, must be held responsible for the things he does.

Though he may be infuriated with anger, it doesn't matter.

Though a sex spirit may rise up within him in an overwhelming way, he is still responsible—both to God and to man—for the deeds he commits.

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We cannot overlook what God has said. He holds a person responsible for murder, so we must hold him responsible, too. If we will do that, we will certainly be what God would have us to be.

We can no longer allow ourselves and those around us to blame our actions on the devil. We can no longer use the excuse: "The devil made me do it!"

There are several factors that can be examined as reasons for unprovoked murder. In the next three chapters I will discuss perhaps the most prominent of them all: hostility, cultism, and sex.

Chapter 7

Hostility and Unprovoked Murder

If you study the lives of people who commit murder, whether it be male or female, you will find that inside they are boiling with hostility. The ultimate result of hostility will be some form of demon possession.

In the Bible, hate and murder are classed together. First John 3:15 says,

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

If you hate your brother, you are a murderer and no murderer has eternal life. In other words, if you have hate in your heart, you have no way of ever going to Heaven. Hate will cause your immortal soul to lose its position in Heaven—the position God wants you to have.

A Spirit of Hate

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Hate is a negative response of the inner person. It is like a disease, very much like cancer. It never stops eating until its victim is dead.

Once you begin to hate, the situation will not get better; it will only get worse. You will hate more next year than you hated this year.

Hate is an evil thing that eventually will lead to demon possession. You will find yourself hating one thing, then switching over and hating something else. You will be unable to stop hating because that spirit of hate inside you knows no termination except death.

Hate invariably demonstrates itself in the form of hostility, usually directed toward another human being. Oftentimes it will be directed toward the person you love and care for the most—your husband or wife, your children, your mother or father.

Sometimes it is directed toward a group, like an ethnic group—blacks, whites, Chinese, Mexicans, etc.

It could be directed toward police and government officials, or toward certain

churches and religious groups.

Hate and Revenge

Eventually, this kind of hate will surpass human reasoning and ultimately cause a person to kill. The case of Theodore Streleski, detailed in chapter 2, is a prime example.

Streleski felt hostility toward his math professor, Dr. Karel De Leeuw. He viewed Dr. De Leeuw as opposition to his development. That feeling of hostility grew into hate, then developed into an overwhelming desire for revenge. He had to kill. In Streleski's mind, the professor was a hindrance that would have to be destroyed.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was hurt during His three years of ministry; but He had no revenge toward those who hurt him, no hate toward those who nailed Him to the cross. If Theodore Streleski had met the right person, his life could have been happy.

All unprovoked murder has hostility at its roots.

If a person does not learn as a child to control his temper and pattern of negative thinking, he will, with time, learn to hate

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and even to murder.

No one kills without being angry at someone or something. Killers always hate. They see murder as a way of getting even with the human race. Murder is the climax and terminal point of hate.

Missing Ingredients

What is lacking in a person who kills?

Friendship

Hostility has no roots of friendship. It has a way of destroying friendship, even among members of the same family.

A normal person would never kill a friend. He will do all kinds of good deeds for him and protect him, but he will never destroy him. Destruction comes from only one source: the devil.

God wants you to be a friend to others. He wants you to be friendly. He wants you to look at another person and say, "I'm your friend. I clasp your hand in friendship and love." A murderer cannot do that.

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Pity

Hostility knows no pity. When we see a person who is hurting, we should have pity in our hearts for him and reach out to help.

How can a person brutally beat or stab a fellow human being and think of pity? That is not possible.

Pity heals. Pity reaches over and lifts up. Pity is being a good Samaritan, finding a stranger and taking him in, taking care of his needs.

Even in the jungle, oftentimes wild animals will adopt another animal not of its species or of its kind. They have even been known to find a lost child, adopt it, give it suck, and provide for it.

A person who commits murder is certainly not trying to heal the hurts of another person or family. There was no pity in Stephen Judy. (See chapter 2.) He raped and brutally murdered a young mother, then destroyed the lives of her three small children. These were people he had never seen before. The murders were totally unprovoked.

Forgiveness

There is no forgiveness in hostility and in murder. Many times, murder resulted because one person could not forgive another person. The opposite of this can be seen clearly in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus had a spirit of forgiveness. He even forgave Judas Iscariot, the man who had betrayed Him.

As the Romans were nailing Him to the cross and the Jews were laughing and mocking Him, Jesus said with love, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing. They don't understand. Forgive them, Father."

The spirit of forgiveness is a Heavenly spirit. The spirit of anger and hostility is demonic and will culminate in murder.

Compassion

One of the greatest descriptions in the life of the Lord Jesus was that He had compassion. He had compassion on the multitudes.

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Hostility has no compassion. Hate has no compassion. These satanic forces are killers, destroyers; but the Spirit of Jesus is compassion.

When the Master said, *"I will have compassion on the multitude,"* it moved Him to act. He lifted their hunger and their sickness from them. He lifted their pain and their sorrow from them. Why? Because He had compassion.

Compassion is the divine ability to enter into another person's sorrow and help him. Unprovoked murder is the very opposite of that. It kills. It brings sorrow. It creates problems. Acts of unprovoked murder are not human, and they certainly are not divine.

Study any of the cases of unprovoked murder and you will see people who are without compassion. Even after they were sentenced to death, they had no feeling.

After killing eight nurses in Chicago, Richard Speck was asked, "Do you have any remorse?"

He answered simply, "No. They're dead."

After killing the young mother and her three little children, Stephen Judy was

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asked, “Any remorse?”

“No. That’s past.”

That shows you just how far removed God is from such situations.

Rather than help the person, they hurt them. Rather than have feelings of compassion toward the person, they desired to destroy them.

Hostility Must Be Stopped

Hostility breeds like an epidemic of cholera. It won’t stop by itself. It must be stopped! You must not let hostility grow, especially in the lives of children. You must stop it!

It is obvious that hostility is a symptom which produces unprovoked murder.

According to 1 John 4:20, you cannot love God and hate a brother. If you claim to be a Christian and say you love God, you cannot hate your brother. If you hate a brother, the love of God is not in you.

Jesus said in John 8:44 that the devil was a murderer from the beginning. All taking of life comes from him.

Chapter 8

Cultism and Unprovoked Murder

The Apostle Paul, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote some very remarkable words in his first epistle to Timothy:

The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils (1 Tim. 4:1).

These words were written by the power of the Holy Ghost, and you and I should listen very carefully to them.

There are situations in the world today that are exactly what this scripture is speaking of. People have departed from the faith. They no longer have faith in God. They have taken on something else in its place—a strangeness and a peculiarity that is not human.

Cultism and spiritism have become very popular among certain segments of our society. These people go about their daily

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work in a normal fashion, but religiously they are under a negative influence that is superhuman.

Do cultism and spiritism have any direct relationship to unprovoked murder?

If you study the purposes and the reasons for unprovoked murder, especially those involving multiple murders, you will discover that in so many of the cases cultism is a basic element. The people responsible are involved in the occult and, therefore, are under the influence of demonic spirits.

The Manson case in California is an example. (See chapter 2.) The Manson “family” was so deeply involved in demon worship that they were performing blood sacrifices. Charles Manson’s followers were actually deifying him and, in doing so, they delivered themselves over to the influence of demonic powers.

We can see this also in the case of John Wayne Gacy of Chicago, who was found guilty of murdering 33 young men and boys. (See chapter 2.) According to Gacy, there were four personalities, or spirits, within him who made him kill these young people. He

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was dealing in the spirit world with demons, and the result was the largest group of murders in American history.

In most cases, Gacy could not identify his victims. He didn't know them and had no animosities toward them. The conflict was totally within himself. John Gacy ended up being strapped down in a mental hospital to live with his memories.

Perhaps the most hideous waste of human life as a result of cultism occurred with Jim Jones and the mass suicide in Guyana, South America. (See chapter 2.) With demonic control comes total deception, and the Jones' massacre is an excellent example.

What began many years ago as a sincere effort for good in a young minister gradually became warped and perverted. As Jones' own ideas and thoughts became uppermost to him, the devil was able to make inroads in his life. The final result was a satanic deception that led 900 people to their deaths. Sheer waste!

The Church's Responsibility

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It is clear that the responsibility for the problems of our times is not related solely to the courts and the judicial system, but part must be laid at the doorstep of the Church.

In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, Jesus Christ said in the Great Commission to the Church:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils... (vv. 15-17).

According to these words of the Lord Jesus, anyone with the Spirit of God within him has the capability of relieving a person of a demon spirit through exorcism. According to 1 John 4:4, He that is in us is greater than he that is in the world. As Christians, we can truly set people free from the power of the devil.

We cannot pass all the responsibility on to the judges and attorneys. The Church has a responsibility here. We must not fail this

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generation by being so cowardly that we will not face the issues of our time or the problems of our society.

In order to truly and completely solve situations like the Manson and Gacy murder cases, we must leave the courts and delve into the realm of the spirit. We must identify these situations properly and fight them at their source, which is demon power.

When Jesus' disciples failed at casting out an evil spirit from a child, He told them it was because they had not prepared themselves. He said, "*This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting*" (Matt. 17:21).

Perhaps the Church in America has not prepared itself spiritually for conflict by strengthening itself with God's power. The Lord Jesus said that if you are to enter a strong man's house and spoil his goods, you must first bind the strong man. (Matt. 12:29.)

If the Church does not have the power to bind the forces of evil, which is the devil, then it cannot set people free.

But the Church does have the power! God's people are stronger than the forces of evil in the world.

Standing in the Face of Demons

I prayed for a man in South America who said he was Napoleon.

I asked, "Do you go out to war?"

He said, "No, I possess this person."

"Why are you calling yourself Napoleon?"

"Because I once lived in Napoleon and made him do the things that he did. Now I am living in this man, making him do the things he does."

That demonic entity was speaking to me through that man.

I said, "You spirit that caused Napoleon to do evil and caused this man to do evil, I speak to you by the blood of Jesus Christ. I bind you, and upon the force and authority of the Great Commission, I come against you. I now exorcise you. I command you to come out and let this man go free!"

Immediately, the man was set free. From the time of their fall from Heaven, Lucifer (Satan) and his angels have gone to and fro to hurt and destroy everything God made in the universe, whether on this planet or some

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other planet. But God has given His people, His Church, authority over these demonic forces.

There is not one place in the Bible where you are told to be afraid of evil spirits. There is no reason for you to be afraid. You can stand victoriously against demons. The devil has no authority over those who are truly born again by the Spirit of the living God.

While dealing with a certain case in the Chicago area, I visited with an attorney who had been involved with murder cases for 15 years. I asked him if there had ever been a time in dealing with a suspect that he was afraid. In reply, he told this story:

There was one man I was dealing with who was okay as long as I was agreeing with him about how to get him set free.

But when I became the devil's advocate and started showing him the weaknesses of the case, immediately he changed: his eyes enlarged, his facial muscles tightened, and a growl came up from inside him. It terrified me.

There was evidently within that man a demonic spirit that had not surfaced until that time.

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Another murder case where demonic spirits were extremely active was the case of David Berkowitz, also known as "the Son of Sam." (See chapter 2.) Calling himself by several names such as "the Duke of Death" and "the 22 Disciples of Hell," Berkowitz said he was told to kill by a demon spirit.

When asked why he murdered, he said he was given a sign, a spiritual sign, and he followed it.

To his investigating attorney, he said. "I had to do what I had to do."

The Devil Demands Blood

In so many cases of multiple murder, the murderers are in some way connected with the occult.

One horrible case of murder which occurred in the Philippines involved a couple who came home from a spiritist meeting under a spell. When they walked in the door of their home, they suddenly saw their two children as demons. The devil within them said the children were demons, so the parents jumped on the bed and attacked them.

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For some unknown reason, they killed their son and daughter by jabbing sticks down their throats, up their nostrils, in their eyes and ears. The children screamed until they finally died.

When the police arrived, the parents were still screaming, “They’re demons! They’re demons!”

It is a fact that unprovoked murder has to do with demon power, not with insanity. Very often these cases involve demon worship and blood sacrifice.

The Bible told us centuries and centuries ago that the life of the flesh is in the blood. (Lev. 17:11.) The mystery of human life is in the blood—not in the skin or in the bones. When you take the blood from a human, you take his life.

The devil takes advantage of this. He wants blood. He desires blood. He demands blood.

The very foundation of Christianity is a blood sacrifice. God gave His Son so that He might bleed for you and me. Jesus couldn’t give His life without giving His blood. He gave His life to save all of humanity.

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Human life is the most precious commodity on the face of this earth. When a person becomes a destroyer of human life, then he is obeying the dictates of the devil.

Whenever you play around with evil religions—with spiritism and the occult—you will be led down a path of destruction.

A member of my church, who had been delivered from the occult, lost two fingers while at a spiritist seance. He said the spirit demanded to eat the two fingers; so, immediately, they took a knife and cut them off. The person in charge of the seance ate the fingers there in front of the man.

Because of the problems in society today, many people have been drawn into the occult sciences. They view the occult as a solution, a way out of all that faces them, but it is only a deception. The occult will not lead them out. It will only take them in deeper.

The occult sciences deal only with a negative power or spirit. A person cannot receive help there. Help will only come from the positive force which is the Originator of the universe: Almighty God.

We must study what God has to say about

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these things, then believe what He says and act on what He says. God is love, and love does not kill.

Chapter 9

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The human sex drive was divinely given, placed in man and woman by God at the time they were created. It is not dirty and it is not bad. It is good.

Sex is the motivating force and power which guarantees the continuance of the human race. Without it, there would be no human family.

In its divine order, sex is beautiful—a fulfilling experience that can bring great happiness to a man and woman, who have been brought together in the bond of marriage.

Deviate Sex Demands Blood

There is a strong relationship between sex and unprovoked murder, particularly in cases of mass murder.

Almost without exception, people guilty of unprovoked murder are sex misfits. They

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practice deviate sex and many times are engaged in homosexual activities.

In many of the murder cases set out in chapter 2, the people were involved in deviate sex. This occurs due to the fact that sex in its deviate setting can only be fully consummated with blood.

Deviate sex must have blood. It strives for blood. It cries for blood.

Many times sex maniacs become involved in beatings and other torturous practices. They find sexual gratification by inflicting pain upon other human beings. They hit each other with chains, ropes, and other instruments of torture while engaged in sex—and they call that making love! Pain and torture is a part of their sexual experience. Only the devil could originate such a thing. You can see instantly how abnormal and unnatural this is.

Murder and Sexual Perversion

When a person is yielded to the devil, the ultimate sexual perversion is the taking of blood. The case of John Wayne Gacy in Chicago is a prime example of such

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perversion.

As we have already discussed in chapter 2, Gacy sexually abused young men and boys, killed them, then buried them under his home. One report stated that he even slept with one of the bodies.

According to Gacy, there were four entities within him. One which he called "Jack" did not like homosexuality. Yet Gacy was driven to commit homosexual acts with his victims before he killed them.

So here is evidence of conflicting demonic personalities: one wanted it, one hated it. But in either situation, the end result was murder. The spirit that demanded sexual perversion also demanded blood.

In many instances men who have committed sex murders cannot give a reason for it. It is a confusing thing to them which shows how the devil has taken over their lives in such a strange way.

Another case that clearly fits this category is the Richard Speck case. (See chapter 2.) The spirit of murder that was in him demanded the blood of innocent women. He forced his way into a nurses' dormitory

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and killed eight women.

Why?

He had no reason. He didn't know them or anything about them. He says he can't remember all that he did there, but he raped at least one of them. Here again, we see the direct relationship between sex and the destruction of these beautiful young girls.

David Berkowitz, "the Son of Sam," looked for beautiful girls to kill. He said that he liked to work the Queens area of New York City because the girls there were the prettiest. There was a sexual abnormality within him that drove him to take the life of these young girls—girls he had never even seen before. That demonic force within him drove Berkowitz until he had to obey it. He had to destroy lives.

Charles Manson had five women who lived in an almost hypnotic state around him, treating him like a king. They served him in any way he asked. At times, they would be nude as they brought him food and drink, arousing every instinct they could within the man, offering him anything his heart desired.

Sex had a tremendous involvement in the

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whole Manson situation. The Manson “family” often engaged in a kind of sexual “free for all.” They would come together as a group, giving rein to their fleshly desires as they moved from one person to another.

The Preciousness of Sex

What motivates a person to commit sex murders?

I asked the Lord, “Why is it that a man can steal, and people will forgive him; but if he commits adultery, they won’t ever forgive him? Why is it that King David committed adultery 3,000 years ago and people still speak against him? If he had stolen a block of gold, nobody would have ever said anything.”

The Lord pointed out to me how sex is directly involved in the reproduction of immortal souls. Because of that, God had to place safeguards around it.

Sex is a very precious thing in God’s eyes. He created it as an act that is gentle and loving. It is a normal, natural, healthy function of human life. When viewed through God’s eyes, it is a holy thing.

That means the devil hates it and will do

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everything he can to pollute it; to make it dirty, filthy, and unholy; to destroy it. He wants to hurt God in every way possible.

The immoralities of our time are directly related to the satanic influences and powers in our country.

As I often say, there is nothing new about sex. The women in this day do not have one thing that Eve didn't have in the Garden of Eden. To act as if sex today is something new and special is nothing but a fabrication. There is no reality in it whatsoever.

Sex has been with us since the beginning. Multiplied generations of people have been born from it. Why don't we settle down and treat it as it should be treated? If you leave sex as it was created to be, it is divine and beautiful. If you distort it, then it becomes a monstrosity. In our world today, it is a monstrosity.

Jim Jones: A Story of Distorted Sex

The hideous story of Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple tragedy in Guyana, South America, gives clear evidence of how sex can become so distorted.

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While in San Francisco, Jones surrounded himself with women. It was reported that he boasted publicly of having had sexual intercourse with all of them; that they begged him for it; and that, at times, he even denied husbands the privilege of touching their own wives.

There is no doubt to me that such behavior only added fuel to the raging fire of filth and degradation within Jim Jones—a “fire” that eventually destroyed 900 lives in one afternoon.

It was reported that Jones was a religious man, but I understand that not one Bible was found in the Jonestown settlement in the Guyana jungle. Jim Jones was not following the Bible. It was not a part of his philosophy.

The Peoples Temple followers were like Marxist revolutionaries. While seeking some sort of socialistic government, they developed only a dictatorship where fear was the ruler. Machine guns were in evidence to keep some of the people from running away.

The Jonestown “massacre” was a very wicked and dreadful thing—and sex was closely related to it all.

Sexual Destruction

Since the sexual desire in humans is so strong, Satan can easily pervert it into a tool of destruction. Because sex is the God-given method of reproduction, Satan wants to use it to destroy. Then he can stand back and laugh at God!

It is the manipulation of the devil that causes human beings to hurt and to destroy one another. Whenever a person permits Satan to dominate his life, it can only lead to destruction.

In the case of the Yorkshire Ripper (see chapter 2), thirteen innocent women were brutally stabbed to death; then their bodies were horribly mutilated. When a person reaches such a place of depravity, only Satan could be responsible. There can be no other reason for such violent and unprovoked destruction of human life.

Consider Ted Bundy

Ted Bundy is a very handsome man, university-trained, intelligent with an I. Q. of over 120, articulate, clean-cut, charming,

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wholesome in appearance and manner.

But apparently Ted Bundy has a problem. Having been convicted for the murders of three young women in Florida, he is a top suspect in 36 murder cases spanning an area of six states and a period of several years.

The quick verdict in a case such as this would be insanity; but if Bundy is insane, there is very little evidence of it.

His alleged trail through six states left gruesome murder scenes, but very little evidence. It seems that Bundy was always a neat housekeeper, even wiping off fingerprints from some of the apartments and hotel rooms where he stayed.

Ted Bundy has quite a mind, and I find it difficult to consider him "insane" (feeble-minded).

Most of the murders to which Bundy is allegedly linked involved sexual assault and abuse. The victims were usually beaten, raped, and strangled. One young girl was sexually assaulted with a bottle. The details are gruesome, but I want you to realize the type of person we are dealing with in these cases.

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Can such a person be considered “temporarily insane”?

Is it right for the court to order him to a state mental hospital to live the next years of his life while the real source of the problem goes undiscovered?

The devil is behind the desire within humans to destroy other lives. By becoming the master of a person's life and the energizing force that dominates his being, Satan is able to lead that person to destroy the precious life within other people.

What Can We Do?

It is time that the courts of our land stop and view this situation in the proper light. They have used psychology, psychiatry, and all the methods having to do with human reasoning. Now it is time to consider another course of action.

So you ask, “What can we do?”

The right kind of people can pray for others who are caught in the throes of Satanic bondage. They can be set free from that desire for illicit sex and murder.

Chapter 10

Prophecy and Unprovoked Murder

Prophecy has to do with the fulfillment of history. When it is spoken beforehand that a certain event will come to pass, and that event does come to pass, prophecy is fulfilled.

When I was a boy, it was said that crime would cease when everybody was educated. They said that since crime had to do with ignorance and with poverty, once the people had a good education and were making money, there would be no more reason for crime.

Even preachers were saying this. They thought that when ignorance and poverty were taken care of, society would be well on its way to utopia. But suddenly they realized that conditions were becoming worse than ever.

You could probably start a university within the walls of our federal prisons in

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America, because of the number of college professors and qualified teachers found there. Though a man is tremendously accelerated in mental knowledge, he is not always made better morally.

The First Murder

After Adam and Eve had openly rebelled against God and were driven from the Garden of Eden, the first great sin recorded was the sin of fratricide—the act of a brother killing a brother. Cain murdered Abel.

The disagreement which created the atmosphere for this first murder was not regarding food, or real estate, or precious jewels, or personal honor and prestige. It had to do with religion, a subject that has caused enormous controversy and strife among men ever since.

Both brothers wanted to be accepted by God, but only one gained that acceptance. Each brother brought his sacrifice before the Lord, but only one was found acceptable in God's eyes. When Abel's sacrifice was received by God, Cain became angry, so he rose up and slew his brother.

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Abel did not provoke Cain to commit murder. He was simply worshiping God, but his brother could not accept that. When anger and jealousy rose up within Cain, Satan took advantage of it and led Cain to commit an act of murder.

God, responding to this emotional and satanic deed committed by Cain, said to him: *“The voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground”* (Gen. 4:10).

Blood has a language.

God could hear Abel’s blood crying out to be avenged. He had to do something about it, so He placed a curse upon Cain.

Murder Prophesied

This first case of unprovoked murder should be noted very carefully in man’s destiny. Murder has been in the world ever since.

The Bible reveals many terrible incidents of one human being maliciously taking the life of another.

According to biblical prophecy, in the last days, preceding the Great Tribulation and at

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the time of the rapture of the saints, murder will be at a greater degree of prevalence than it has ever been in the history of the world.

We have now reached those final days of God's Dispensation of Grace. Before we enter into the Great Tribulation period, there will be an acceleration of murder.

Perhaps we should view the increase of murder as a prophetic sign that Jesus is coming soon.

Perhaps it should stir our hearts to get right with God, to seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. (Is. 55:6.)

James, the brother of our Lord Jesus Christ, wrote a message to the Church in the New Testament. He speaks of the Last Days in chapter 5. In verse 6 he sights one of the conditions that would be present at that time:

Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

We are seeing this very thing in the world today. Just in the atheistic countries throughout the world where Communism reigns, many innocent and godly people have

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been condemned and killed. The lives of men, women, and children have been mercilessly destroyed because of the way they chose to think and live.

A spirit of murder is upon the face of this earth. People are killed without having offered resistance.

For the people responsible for these millions of lives that have been lost, God has a day of reckoning.

These are the Last Days. We are living in a moment of prophecy. There will be gross multiplication of people who will lose their lives through murder. Totally without cause, people will be killing other people.

In verse 8 of James, chapter 5, God says to His people who love Him:

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

In the midst of the sin and slaughter, God admonishes us to be patient and look for the coming of the Lord.

The Horsemen in Revelation

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The Revelation of St. John, the last book of the Bible, prophesies of more slaughter than the world has ever known. It will be a frightening situation.

Chapter 6 tells of things that will surely come to pass. It describes the problems coming to the earth as resembling horsemen.

The first horseman (v. 2) is riding a white horse and represents world leadership without war. The second horseman (v. 4) is sitting upon a red horse, which speaks of war.

In both cases the rider is the same person—the Antichrist—only he has changed his stance. First, he was a man of peace, then he became a man of war. This verse says he will *“take peace from the earth”* and people will kill one another. This will be the beginning of the greatest carnage mankind has ever known.

There will not be a lessening of murder, only an increase.

I urge you to read the entire chapter; then read chapters 8 and 9 to see what will be taking place just after the Church is raptured, after the good people have gone to

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The fourth horseman (v. 8) is riding a pale horse. The white horse was the horse of peace. The red horse was the horse of war. The pale horse is the horse of death.

This fourth horseman, riding a pale horse, will go out to kill one fourth of the earth's population with the sword. This will be a result, not of war, but of anger and hatred within the people.

The spirit of murder will be so prevalent within people that one fourth of the world's population will be destroyed. If there are four billion people living today, that means there would be one billion human beings killed! This is really beyond human comprehension—a slaughter the world has never known.

The War of Wars

Chapter 9 tells how the Antichrist, empowered by the devil, will gather together an army of fighting men. Verse 16 says, "*And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand.*"

The war that comes at that time will cause the destruction of one third of all men.

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Verse 18 says they will be destroyed by the fire, the smoke, and the brimstone: The fire comes from heaven; the smoke comes up from the earth; the brimstone comes out of hell. At the junction of these three, one third of all mankind shall die.

The world has not known war and death as it will be known at that time.

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Verse 20 says, *“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands...”* These people will see all the devastation, but still will not repent of their works.

The first of these “works” is: *“... that they should not worship devils.”* This prophecy reveals how people, more and more, are going to worship devils. They will become involved in spiritism and occultism. They will delve into the Oriental philosophies. All of this, involving demon worship, will continue to be accepted.

Verse 20 says they will worship devils and have idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood.

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Verse 21 says, “*Neither repented they of their murders.*”

We are seeing this scripture fulfilled today in such horrible cases of mass murder. Most of these men are not sorry for what they did.

When asked, “Are you sorry?”, they answer without emotion, “No. I did what I had to do.”

The devil told them to do it, so they did it.

Neither repented they of their murders, nor their sorceries (spiritism and occultism), nor of their fornication (sexual immoralities) nor of their thefts (v. 21).

Some people today will kill just to steal fifty cents!

The sins that are prevalent today are the sins of the Great Tribulation period that is coming upon this world. I am very plainly revealing to you a picture of the world—as it is today, and as it will be.

Mankind is headed into the Great Tribulation. But we don't have to go. Nobody has to go. We can look up, call on God through Jesus Christ, and be saved from the

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things that will be coming to pass. That is the reason The Revelation was written: so we can read it and be saved from the things coming upon the earth.

The Bible gives a clear description of how things will be at some time in the future. Revelation 22:14, 15 says:

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

All these people—sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, who love and make a lie—will never get inside the gates of Heaven. They will be forbidden entry into Heaven forever.

The Lord Jesus said in John 16:2, “Whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.” The time will come when people will kill good people and think they have done God a service and have done the will of God. They will say, “I did it for God’s sake. I did it to show how good I was.”

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In the times in which we live today, there are many far-fetched religious ideas in circulation. I urge you to give heed to what the Bible says for the Bible is the truth of God.

God's Word says in James 4:2, "*Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain.*" There is no one who kills for satisfaction and gets it. A person may kill, thinking, "I'm going to have fulfillment. This will give me what I need." But that is impossible.

Killing has never brought fulfillment and satisfaction. Fulfillment comes from loving God, from serving God, and living before Him.

Only love—nothing else—can bring fulfillment to our lives.

People who kill are seeking to have peace within themselves, to find fulfillment, but God's Word tells us that a murderer will never have fulfillment.

A Spirit of Murder

A few days ago, I heard this testimony of an ex-Chief of Police:

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There was a time when I could sit down and eat a meal with a man sitting across the table from me. I could get angry at that man, take out my gun, shoot him dead, lay the gun on the table, finish eating my food, get up, go home, undress, go to bed, and sleep well. I had a spirit of murder in me; but when Jesus came into my heart, He took that spirit of murder from me.

There is a spirit of murder operating in the lives of multiplied thousands of people today. Some have actually committed murder; many others have wanted to kill, but didn't. Perhaps they were afraid. Maybe they didn't have the opportunity. In either case, the desire was already in their hearts.

I cannot tell you, prophetically speaking, that the world is going to get better. I cannot tell you that you are going to be safer than you were before. I can only say what God's prophetic Word says and warn you about that which is to come.

Are more people going to church today because of the increasing crime in our communities'?

No.

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Are more people getting right with God as they see and hear of the slaughter of their fellow human beings?

No.

Every 26 minutes a human being is killed in our country.

Are we seeing any spirit of revival in the hearts of those who are not killed?

Very little.

If there was ever a time when men need to seek God, that time is today.

If there was ever a time when human beings need to know the peace of God in their hearts, it is today.

Prophetically, we are living very close to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Unprovoked murder will become more and more prevalent in the world. Without rhyme or reason, people will continue to destroy the lives of innocent men, women, and children.

Chapter 11

Is Capital Punishment Murder?

When a person is found guilty of unprovoked murder, what happens then?

Today we live in a doubleminded society. If someone kills one of our loved ones, we angrily demand the death sentence. But when somebody else is killed, we say, "Well, maybe we shouldn't send him to the electric chair. After all, capital punishment is inhuman."

There is a segment of American society today which vocally opposes the use of the death sentence by force of governmental decree.

In 1967, the United States Supreme Court announced it would take capital punishment under advisement. At that point the lower courts in the nation were obligated to place the question of capital punishment in limbo. They were unable to enforce it until they received orders from the highest court.

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In 1972, five years later, the Supreme Court voted that the death penalty laws in 41 of the 50 states were unconstitutional on the grounds that they were applied arbitrarily and in a discriminatory manner.

In the decade from 1967 to 1977, the number of violent murders more than doubled on a per capita basis.

The opponents of the death penalty claim that death by governmental decree is cruel and unusual punishment, and thus is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States.

God's Answer Is Definite

Revelation 13:10 says, *"He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword."* You may disagree with this statement or with other statements in the Bible, but that doesn't change a thing.

You can disagree with the law of gravity; but if you jump off a ten-story building, you will find the law of gravity still very much in effect. The only thing changed is your body when it hits the ground!

All of us must realize that the laws of God

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were set into motion before we were born, and they will continue in motion after we are gone. We have nothing to do with them, except to either obey or disobey them.

What God Has to Say

According to the Bible, it was God Who first inaugurated capital punishment. In the first book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, God said:

And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Genesis 9:5, 6

According to this, a willful murder had to be judged. God said so. One life had to be given for another. Even when a beast killed a human, the beast had to die.

These words were not given just for those days. In verse 12 of the same chapter, God sealed the matter by saying:

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This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations.

God was very careful in the Scriptures to pronounce capital punishment in the exact manner that it was to be applied.

In the second book of the Bible, the Book of Exodus, it says, “*He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death*” (Ex. 21:12).

In the Book of Leviticus, chapter 24, verses 17-22, we read:

And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.

And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.

Ye shall have one manner of law, as

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well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the Lord your God.

This was a divine law relating to both man and beast. It applied to every hurt that could be suffered.

In the Book of Numbers, chapter 35, verses 9-15, we read:

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares.

And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

And of these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge.

Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge.

These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the

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stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

God appointed six cities as places of refuge. If anyone killed another person in error or unwillingly, he could flee to one of these cities and find peace and protection. He would be safe there until he could stand before the judges.

Exodus 21:22 says,

If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

In other words, if neither the pregnant woman nor the unborn child are harmed, the woman's husband will determine punishment.

Verse 23 says, "*If any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life.*" If either the baby or the mother dies, then there is an automatic penalty: a life for a life.

No doubt some people will dispute this on the grounds that it is taken from the Old

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Testament. In Acts 25:10, 11, the Apostle Paul said:

I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest,

For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

To Cleanse the Land

The Bible clearly teaches that when a person willingly takes another person's life, he automatically forfeits his own life. God knew this was the only means by which He could uphold the sacredness of human life.

Both Old and New Testaments instruct that the payment of a murderer's life must be taken to fulfill this obligation. But such payment is to be taken by the civil authorities, not by individuals.

The civil government is responsible before God. When it does not fulfill its obligation, it

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becomes weakened and begins to die.

Capital punishment was established by God to protect the innocent and to maintain a correct society. When it is not enforced, all individuals in that society become threatened.

God was very careful to point out that murder pollutes the land. Numbers 35:33, 34 says:

So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the Lord dwell among the children of Israel.

In God's eyes, the only way to cleanse that land was with the death penalty.

Capital punishment *must* be enforced, but never abused. It must never be enforced in a spirit of anger or hate, but always in obedience to the Word of God, with one goal in mind: to keep the land clean from evil.

Love and the Death Penalty

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There has developed in Christianity a completely false attitude toward the death penalty.

Many people contend that because God tells us not to kill and not to hate, the death penalty is not of God. They say that the government has no right to perform the laws of God. But people who feel this way have missed the point.

In the New Testament there are many passages that teach the Christian to love and forgive. Jesus specifically said that if a man hurts you, you are to turn the other cheek.

These rules are good and true, but they apply only on a personal basis between individuals. God has set up governments to carry out the laws of the land.

The Bible teaches that we are not to personally show hatred to others, but it also says that we are not to permit criminals to destroy our people indiscriminately.

In the Bible, the death angel went through Egypt one night, and the firstborn in every family died. God did that as a penalty against Egypt for the enslavement of an entire nation. The Israelites had been held in

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bondage and their children had died at the hands of the Egyptians.

In the Old Testament, King Saul lost his kingdom because he did not carry out capital punishment. (1 Sam. 15.) God told Saul to take the city of Amalek and spare no one, but Saul disobeyed. He saved King Agag. So God repented for setting Saul as king over Israel and rejected him from being king.

A Price to Pay

In Numbers 35:30, 31 God specifically said:

Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.

There is a price to pay when one person takes the life of another person.

Every person should be aware *before* he commits an act of crime that he will be

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required to accept and endure the penalty for that crime. Every person must be taught from babyhood to adulthood that when he hurts, he is to be hurt.

It should be a clear and simple fact in every person's thinking: You just don't take human life! You don't do it! If you do, then you forfeit the right to live.

When you treat others wrong, you must be treated wrong. The Bible says, "*Be sure your sin will find you out*" (Num. 32:23); and, "*The wages of sin is death*" (Rom. 6:23). Sin receives wages, and those wages are death. The ultimate penalty for sin is death.

We need to fit these truths into our legal system. Today, in this country there are unregenerate persons who are beyond rehabilitation and, therefore, have become a burden and a danger to society.

When a person is tried for murder and a jury of his peers is convinced of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, then our government and the laws of God say that person is worthy of capital punishment. There should be no question about it at that point.

Chapter 12

Is There Hope for the Criminally Possessed?

Is there hope for a person once he has committed murder?

Is there hope for the criminally possessed people in the world?

Yes!

Being a person of positive life and action, and having faith in God, I know there is hope for any and every human being living on the face of this earth.

The Thief Was Saved

Many people saw Jesus Christ die on the cross. Many heard His words. But only one man found eternal life that day. The only person converted at the cross of Jesus was a criminal: a thief who was hanging on one of the crosses next to Jesus. That person turned to Jesus and said, “*Lord, remember me when*

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thou comest into thy kingdom” (Luke 23:42).

When Jesus heard those words coming from the heart of a thief, He did not scold him because of the crimes he had committed. He simply turned to him and said, “*Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*”

God will save anyone who will turn to Him—no matter how deep into sin they may have gone. Any person who is truly sorry and turns to God in repentance can be saved.

I am a very positive person. I live a positive life. I have positive actions and faith in a positive God. I believe that God can save any human being upon the face of this earth—whatever he might be.

God *can* save. He *wants* to save. He *will* save.

“Chiefest of Sinners” Saved

God’s desire to reach out and pull man up from his sin is evident in the life of the Apostle Paul.

Before he was saved, Paul (then known as Saul of Tarsus) was responsible for putting

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both men and women in jail. (Acts 8:3.) He stood by and affirmed the death of Stephen. (Acts 7:58; 8:1.) He may have even murdered many people, having been involved in the great outburst of hostility against the infant Christian Church in Jerusalem.

But while on his way to Damascus to destroy the Church there, Saul had a vision of Christ:

There shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (Acts 9:3, 4).

At that moment Saul surrendered to the Lord and became an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then the man who called himself the chiefest of sinners was converted and wrote most of the New Testament.

That is what God did for Paul, who in his own words was a murderer, a persecutor, and a blasphemer. (1 Tim. 1:13; Gal. 1:13.)

If God can do that, He can save any criminal in any penitentiary. Just because a person has done wrong does not mean that he cannot become good. God wants to save everyone, even the criminally possessed.

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There are people who say, "I've done too much that is wrong. I can't be forgiven." That is not true. No human being can sin too far, not if he still has life and sincerely wants God.

Those who sin against the Holy Ghost don't want God, or the Bible, or the Church, or good people. They are against everything pure and holy.

Murder is not a sin that is beyond salvation. Many murderers have been saved, but they had to turn their hearts to God. There is no person beyond His redemptive hand, but they must reach up and place their hand in His.

There is hope for the criminally possessed—those who have brought destruction, those who have hurt others, those who have committed murder.

There is hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. He saved the Apostle Paul and transformed him into a precious minister of the Word—and He will do the same for people today.

He will deliver a possessed spirit from the clutches of demonic power.

He will renew a warped mind through the

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power of His Word.

Why?

Because He cares for all men. But they must permit Him to come into their lives. He will not force His way in. Even Saul of Tarsus had to willingly open his heart and receive the Lord Jesus into his life that day on the road to Damascus.

Our ministry reaches into more than one hundred prisons in the United States. Chaplains have shared how our teachings have been received by prisoners on death row, men who are awaiting execution.

They receive our teachings because we tell it like it is. We are bold to tell them how Jesus Christ loves and cares for them, how He is reaching out to them.

They have transgressed. They have stepped across the line. They have taken another person's life, and the government may be required to carry out the death penalty that was imposed on them.

But God will save those who put their faith and trust in Him, regardless of what they may have done. If they will turn to God in true repentance, He will meet them there

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and cleanse their souls of sin.

Sin Cannot Be Hidden

If you try to hide your sins, God will reveal them. *“Be sure your sin will find you out”* (Num. 32:23).

I remember an incident that occurred when I was a boy that serves as an excellent example of this scripture truth. A man killed his neighbor, wrapped a chain around him, and dropped his body into one of the log ponds at the saw mill. The man who died was named Mr. Rice.

There was no explanation for Mr. Rice’s disappearance. Because his body was not found, his wife thought he had run off and left her; so after a period of years she was remarried.

Ten years went by.

Then one day the murderer, who was working at the log pond, said to a fellow worker, “I buried a grain of rice in these waters ten years ago, and it didn’t sprout.”

The man he was talking to began to think of how his friend, Mr. Rice, had disappeared

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ten years ago and had never been found. He went to the legal authorities with his story, and a new investigation was begun. They decided to drag the pond; and when they did, a man's skeleton was found with a chain wrapped around it.

After all those years, the man who killed Mr. Rice was put in prison. His sin ultimately found him out. I don't know what happened to him, whether he received the death sentence or a prolonged prison term; but he paid a penalty for his actions.

The devil won't let you keep quiet. That man had to make some remark, even if only in jest. If you try to hide your deeds, you will never make it. Your sins will find you out.

The Bible says some men's judgment goes ahead and some men's judgment follows after. (1 Tim. 5:24.) If you don't confess and ask forgiveness, you will have to stand before God and answer for it. So many unsolved murders will be accounted for at the great judgment seat of God. Many hidden mysteries will come to light at that time.

My friend, if there is anything in your life that is hidden, I want you at this moment to

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ask God to forgive you for it. Ask God to come into your heart and into your life.

Chapter 13

Demon-Possessed People I Have Known

My first observance of demon power came when I was in my early twenties. I had joined evangelist Howard Carter of London and, together, we were traveling through many countries, teaching and preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

During these travels, we spent three months in Java, Indonesia. While there I was engaged to speak at a local church and during the song service that evening, I saw a demonic manifestation.

A young girl about twelve or thirteen years of age left her chair and began to writhe on the floor like a serpent. She would stick out her tongue as her face was drawn in all kinds of terrible expressions. A repulsive green foam began to ooze from her mouth.

The Javanese minister in charge of the service paid no attention to her and

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continued with the service.

When I walked to the pulpit, God told me to speak freedom to that girl. Although I had never experienced such a thing, I said firmly, "Get back on that seat."

Though the Indonesian girl did not understand English, the devil within her did. Instantly, she returned to her seat and sat motionless while I preached the message. At the close of my sermon, I prayed for her deliverance in the name of Jesus. That transfixed look left her eyes. She relaxed and smiled. There was no struggle.

All my words to her were in English. I did not use the interpreter, but the devil understood. He knew I had authority over him through the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Invisible Boy

One of the strangest situations I have encountered through many years of worldwide ministry involved a young Philippine boy named Cornelio who was about twelve years of age.

It seems that Cornelio had an unusual habit of disappearing into thin air. He could

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be sitting in the dining room with the family and simply disappear. Not a door or window would move. At other times, he would be playing with his brothers and sisters in the front room. Suddenly they would cry, "Cornelio is gone!"

At school one day, Cornelio disappeared while writing on the blackboard. I have testimony from his school teacher about it. It so alarmed and frightened her that she suffered a nervous breakdown and never sufficiently recovered to teach school again.

These strange disappearances caused his family much consternation. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church and had no idea what to do about these occurrences.

Together with their minister, Cornelio's parents brought the boy to one of my meetings in Manila. When they described the situation to me, I immediately realized the satanic power involved. When I looked directly into Cornelio's eyes, I could see that he was demon possessed.

I laid my hands on him and prayed for God to break the power that this evil spirit

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had in Cornelio's life. Then I prayed for his salvation. After praying for his deliverance, I was exhausted physically; but I was sure that God had answered my prayer. From that moment forward, the boy never disappeared again.

A short time later I was able to spend some time with Cornelio and his family. He told me then in detail about his strange disappearances.

Approximately a year before, Cornelio had been walking across a field on his way home from school when he saw a girl in a white dress. She was very pretty with beautiful long hair. She came up to him, smiled, and said, "Please go for a walk with me."

He said they spent much time together. Whenever she touched him, both of them would become invisible.

They walked for hours, sometimes all night and all day, never getting tired. Then when she touched him again, he would become visible.

While questioning Cornelio, I asked if he had ever felt the body of the girl. He said,

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“Yes, she was always cold, never warm.”

When I asked about the manner in which she enticed him to go with her, he seemed a little frightened. He said she was very demanding, that she would grab him and become angry if he did not obey her every wish.

I asked if anyone else had seen this girl. He told how he was the only person who could see her and that she was standing near him most of the time.

At this point I began to question Cornelio more intently. In answer to my probings, he admitted that the “girl” was not really a girl at all and that “she” was not even young.

He said there were many times that she asked him to go away with her and never return. But he would not go.

He seemed happy to be delivered from that “presence” and said, “I used to see her all the time. The night you prayed for me she was standing at the church door, begging me to come with her. But I have not seen her since that night. I am glad God has set me free.”

Today Cornelio is leading a normal life.

The Brazilian Witch Doctor

In my travels throughout the world, I have met human beings who were not senile or feeble-minded, stupid or insane. Yet their actions at times were inhuman. They were possessed with an entity beyond themselves.

One such person was a Brazilian witch doctor. His business was witchcraft. Before he was born, he had been baptized to the devil by a witch doctor and dedicated to certain spirits. Warm chicken blood from a slaughtered chicken was placed upon the naked belly of his mother a few weeks before he was born.

Soon after his birth, it was very apparent that these spirits controlled him.

At age two under the power of the devil, he could write out prescriptions in Latin for people seeking medical help to take to the local druggist. He could not read his native language of Portuguese, nor did he bother to look at what he had written—he couldn't read it! But the druggist who filled Latin prescriptions read and filled the prescriptions he wrote.

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As a witch doctor, he brought not only curses upon people, but healings as well. He committed many crimes, doing all kinds of horrible and demonic things under the power of witchcraft. At night, he would slit the throat of a chicken and drink its blood.

Though this man was very active as a witch doctor, he was also very civilized and held a position in the office of the President of Brazil. Each day, dressed in a tuxedo and white gloves, he would greet guests and usher them into the President's office.

What a contrast! A respectable government employee during the day; a professional witch doctor at night.

No doubt psychologists and legal experts would say the man lived a "Jekyll and Hyde" existence, that he possessed a split personality.

But when this witch doctor was prayed for by a minister of the Gospel, he was instantly set free from the power of all evil entities. He became a new person.

When I brought him to America, he traveled from Florida to the state of Washington, testifying of his conversion. He

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has now given up his work in the executive office of his country and is a minister of the Gospel.

Clarita Villanueva

One case of demon possession that was given great news coverage at the time occurred at Bilibid Prison in the Philippine Islands.

A 17-year-old harlot named Clarita Villanueva had been picked up off the streets of Manila at 2:00 a.m. for soliciting trade and was placed in Bilibid Prison.

Bitten by Demons

Within 48 hours, unusual things began to happen. On many areas of her flesh there appeared human-like teeth marks, deep impressions with blood running from them. There were marks on the back of her neck, the back of her arm, her shoulder and hips—places that were impossible for her to reach.

The six doctors on staff at the prison called in a number of physicians and psychiatrists. They found Clarita to be completely sane at her rational times; but

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when this entity, which came to be known as “The Thing,” would bite her or possess her, supernatural phenomenon would occur.

The man in charge of medicine at the prison, Dr. Mariano Lara, was highly educated and experienced in the medical field. He was professor and head of pathology and legal medicine at Manila Central University as well as a professional lecturer of legal medicine at the University of Santo Tomas.

Through 38 years of practicing medicine, Dr. Lara had never accepted the existence of any non-material force in the universe. At first, he paid no special attention to the reports of his two assistants about the strange occurrences surrounding their new prisoner. He concluded that the attacks were epileptic and thought the girl should be transferred to the psychiatric hospital.

However, when Dr. Lara was present during one session with Clarita Villanueva, he was able to see for himself the human-like bite impressions on her body. He later recounted the incident to me, describing it as a frightening experience.

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When first brought into the office, Clarita was unconscious, in a trancelike state. As Dr. Lara closely examined her body and scrutinized the bite marks on her skin, she began to recover from the trance.

Unable to stand up by herself, one of Dr. Lara's medical assistants, Alfonso Aquino, took hold of her and placed her on a bed. When he put his hands on her arms, she began to scream as if in dreadful pain.

In relating the incident to me, Dr. Lara said, "When I removed Alfonso's hand from Clarita, I saw with unbelief a great number of teeth-like marks as from the upper and lower jaws of a human. It was moist in the area bitten. Even with my unbelieving eyes, I could not understand or explain how they were produced."

Clarita continued to scream for about fifteen minutes. Then she began to turn blue in the face as if being choked, and reddish welts appeared on the front of her neck. Again, she went into a trance that lasted about ten minutes.

When she regained consciousness and became normal again, she was able to talk

with a group of interns, answering their questions sanely and intelligently.

When Dr. Lara asked her who was causing the bites on her body, she told of two “beings” that were alternately biting her. She described one as a big, black hairy human-like fellow, very tall, with two sharp canine teeth and a long beard like a Hindu. She said his feet were three times the size of normal human feet. The other creature was very small, about two or three feet tall, and also black, hairy, and ugly.

Faith vs. Science

At the time of this incident, I was living with my family in Manila while founding a church there. Having heard of this strange occurrence over the radio, I was deeply disturbed as my heart cried out for this girl.

Doctors and psychiatrists were trying to cure her through medical means; but I knew she was demon possessed, and the only cure was for her to be delivered through the power of God and the name of Jesus.

While in prayer for the girl, I sensed the Lord leading me to go pray for her. After

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praying all night, God spoke to my heart and said, "If you will go to the jail and pray for her, I will deliver her."

My immediate response was, "No."

However, I found that I could no longer pray for her with a clear conscience. I was not being sincere before the Lord. If I truly wanted her to be delivered, I had to be willing to go there myself and pray for her. Finally, I decided to go to Bilibid Prison.

Through a network of political connections, I was able to gain entrance into the prison and speak with Dr. Lara. He was the person who would have to grant permission for me to pray for Clarita.

My first objective was to convince Dr. Lara that I was capable of helping Clarita. Since he possessed such a scientific mind and rejected the idea of spiritual phenomena, I decided to begin my argument there.

In speaking with him, I explained the existence of three powers in the universe: positive (which is God), human (which is man), and negative (which is the devil).

Dr. Lara admitted that Clarita's behavior could not be attributed to a positive power

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nor could it be considered human; but because of his many years of medical experience, he could not simply accept the explanation as being “supernatural.”

I continued by pointing out how a negative force could not have control over a positive force; that if evil was mightier than good, our universe would no longer exist.

Then I read Jesus’ words from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, verse 17: *“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils.”*

I was bold in my presentation of Christian authority, explaining how Clarita without doubt was under the influence of demonic power and that the Lord Jesus Christ was able to deliver her from it.

Dr. Lara agreed to let me pray for her, and an appointment was made for me to meet with her the next morning.

Clarita Pronounces Death

Before I became involved in the case of Clarita Villanueva, there were some truly frightening manifestations of demonic power through her.

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The newspapers had picked up the story and sent reporters to investigate. One of them that came to Bilibid Prison to interview Clarita was Manuel Ramos. Ramos was very outspoken in his unbelief of the matter and made sport of the idea, stating that he believed it to be a hoax.

While Ramos was making fun of her, Clarita mumbled, "You will die."

The next day at the very same hour, Manuel Ramos was pronounced dead of a heart attack.

Captain Anthony Ganibi, the chief officer of Bilibid Prison, was Clarita's official custodian. There were many encounters between them during the three weeks of these manifestations.

One day Clarita said, "Captain, don't worry me any more or it will be your neck."

Captain Ganibi suddenly began to lose weight. Though the doctors did their best to assist him, he became like a wilted flower and eventually died.

I happened to be at Bilibid Prison when his funeral procession left for the cemetery. Dr. Lara said, "This is a strange story of the

death of our Captain.”

Deliverance in Jesus' Name

If she were in our country today, I expect Clarita Villanueva would have been put under the influence of drugs and placed in a padded cell. The news media would never have known about it.

In fact, today in America there may be thousands like her in our padded cells: human beings, absolutely naked and living like animals, eating their food with their hands—food that is pushed to them underneath bars.

We say they are demented and crazy, but they are not. The devil has entered into them to destroy them. That is what happened to Clarita Villanueva.

The day I went to Bilibid Prison to pray for Clarita, there was a group of perhaps a hundred spectators—newsmen, police officers, photographers, even some prisoners. Much curiosity had been raised about this man who had come to pray for a girl he called “demon possessed.”

When we had gathered together in the

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chapel, Dr. Lara had Clarita brought in. When she entered the room, she looked closely at each person. When she came to me at the end of the line, her expression changed. She glared at me and said, "I don't like you!"

I had her to sit on a wooden bench, and I pulled up a chair in front of her.

There followed a confrontation between the powers of God and the devil. The demons spoke through her lips and used the vilest language to curse me, God, the Holy Spirit, and the blood of Jesus.

The words coming from Clarita's lips were in English; but later I had to use an interpreter for she could not speak English.

That morning I experienced the greatest battle of my life. We spent hours in a verbal confrontation.

The demons would scream and curse God. I would rebuke them in the name of Jesus, demanding that they leave her body and telling them how God is holy.

They would curse the blood of Jesus.

I would rebuke them, reminding them of

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how Jesus had authority over every evil power and how His blood is holy.

When they would curse the Holy Spirit, I would rebuke them and tell them how God's Spirit is holy.

When they would curse me, I would rebuke them, telling them how the power of God was within me.

Eventually, it seemed that deliverance had come. The demons quit talking to me and the biting stopped. But I knew that the battle was not over.

It was nearly noon. I was soaked with perspiration and nearly exhausted. I told Dr. Lara I would go home, spend the next day fasting and praying, and return the day after.

When I arrived at Bilibid, I was told that Clarita had not been bitten since I had prayed for her. But I knew she had not been delivered.

When the devils saw me, they immediately began to cry, "Go away! Go away!"

I answered them in the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, "No, I will not go away.

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You are going away! This girl will be delivered today!"

Again there followed a battle, but it was different this time. The devils knew they would have to go.

When they finally departed, Clarita relaxed. The demonic glare left her eyes and she smiled. It was an emotional time. Some of the reporters and doctors were weeping, giving evidence of how terrific the battle had been.

When I asked Clarita if the demons were gone, she answered in her own language, "Yes."

"Where did they go?"

She replied, "Out that window."

The Demons Return

As we were preparing to leave, Clarita screamed and the glare returned to her eyes. I knew the devils had come back.

I said to them, "Why have you returned? You know you must go and not return."

Through her lips came these words in English, "But she is unclean. We have a right

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to live in her.”

In a strong voice, I answered, “Mary Magdalene was unclean with seven like you, but Jesus came into her life. She became clean by His mighty power. So I command you to depart now and Jesus will make her clean.”

The demons left and Clarita became normal again. I explained to her what had happened and had her pray with me for the forgiveness of her sins.

A short time later, the same thing happened again. The demons returned saying, “She has not asked us to go. She wants us. It is only you who desires for us to leave.”

Again, I demanded them to leave, and they left immediately. Then I had Clarita to demand that they leave and never return. When she did, I taught her to pray and plead the blood of Jesus against them.

Before I left Clarita, I warned her that the demons would try to return, but that she must demand that they leave.

They did return to attack her; and when she commanded them to leave, a strange

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thing happened. After struggling against them, Clarita went into a coma with her fists clenched. As Dr. Lara pried open her hands, he found some long, black hair of a coarse texture.

Under the microscope Dr. Lara discovered that this hair was not from the body of a human. Here was a mystery the doctor could not explain. How could an invisible being lose a hair that becomes visible when it is pulled out by a human being?

Clarita Is Free

When Clarita came before the judge to be tried on charges of vagrancy and prostitution, she told of her deliverance. The judge placed her in a home for wayward girls for observation.

While she was there, Dr. Lara and I visited her twice. Both times she was excited and happy to see us. As we talked with her, it was obvious that she was not the same girl who had been kept at Bilibid Prison. The girl at Bilibid was tormented and tortured by demonic power. This girl was perfectly normal. There was no doubt that she had been delivered from satanic power and had

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recovered from the nightmare of demon possession.

When Clarita was paroled, she stayed in the home of a Christian family for a time, then moved to a small town away from Manila and settled there.

The story of Clarita Villanueva's deliverance is outstanding. Through this miracle, great revival came to the nation of the Philippines and the city of Manila.



Dr. Lester Sumrall

About the Author

Lester Sumrall entered full-time service for God after experiencing what he recalls as the most dramatic and significant thing that ever happened to him.

At the age of 17 as he lay on a deathbed, suffering from tuberculosis, he received a vision: Suspended in midair to the right of his bed was a casket; on his left was a large open Bible. He heard these words: "Lester, which of these will you choose tonight?" He made his decision: He would preach the Gospel as long as he lived. When he awoke the next morning, he was completely healed.

In nearly 50 years of worldwide missionary evangelism, Dr. Sumrall has ministered in more than 100 countries, including Soviet Siberia, Russia, Tibet, and China.

Today, his evangelistic association, headquartered in South Bend, Indiana, is actively spreading God's Word. Dr. Sumrall's goal is to win 1,000,000 souls for the Kingdom of God. His ministry includes the World Harvest Bible College, radio and television stations, a teaching tape ministry, and numerous publications.

In addition to this, Dr. Sumrall is still deeply involved with ministry overseas.

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Dr. Sumrall called on by court to testify regarding demon possession.

Sumrall to testify as exorcist in trial of self-proclaimed prophet

By ROSALIND ROSSI

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CHICAGO — Lester Sumrall, a longtime South Bend evangelist and now described as an "exorcist," said Saturday he would testify in the trial of a self-proclaimed "prophet of God" who says the devil beat a phony murder confession out of him.

Court-appointed defense attorney William Wise said the unique testimony in the bizarre case might be unprecedented.

Wise expects to call Sumrall, who claims to have performed hundreds of exorcisms, as an expert witness in the murder trial of Roland Kashney.

Sumrall, 67, pastor of the fundamentalist Christian Center Church on E. Ireland Road in South Bend, said he would testify when the trial begins Oct. 6.

Principals in the case suspect Kashney, an unemployed barber turned evangelist, is either insane, a man possessed or attacked by demons or a calculating killer.

Kashney, 43, is charged with two bludgeoning deaths — the 1970 murder of Margaret Riggins, 65, and the 1974 slaying of Benjamin Peck, 55. Ms. Riggins was found in her apartment, beaten to death with a porcelain toilet tank cover, and Peck died

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of multiple skull fractures inflicted with a wrench in his home.

"Kashney says he doesn't know either of these individuals, he didn't commit the murders and he was forced to confess to them by demons attacking him," Wise said. "Since I met him three years ago he's been saying the same thing."

Kashney allegedly tried to rent a room from Ms. Riggins and killed her during an argument over religious beliefs, Wise said. He allegedly beat Peck during an argument over the purchase of a car.

Wise said the murder charges were based on Kashney's confession

and prosecutors would not disclose evidence linking Kashney to the crimes.

In a letter to Wise made part of the Cook County Circuit Court record, Kashney wrote that in 1975 police "started accusing me of two murders when I seen their faces changed though the devil had taken possession of them. I felt something hit my head and start squeezing my head like a vise.

"I also began hearing a voice such as, 'God wants you to confess or these men will kill you.'"

Kashney told Wise the demons

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Court calls on Lester

TV evangelist exorcist expert

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SOUTH BEND — To religious television viewers, Lester Sumrall, 67, is a familiar figure.

Even those who turn the dial when "Today With Lester Sumrall" comes on probably recognize his face, his voice and his evangelistic style. Since the 1930s, in more countries than he can name, Sumrall's Christian message of healing and divine miracles has been circulated via TV, satellites, radio and the 50 books he has penned.

He is, by now, a part of the American fabric.

And through it all, the concept of demon possession — the ongoing battle between good and evil — has been a consistent thread in Sumrall's ministry. Until recently, however, when Sumrall was called to testify in a Chicago murder trial on the phenomenon of demon possession, no one really considered him an exorcist.

Sumrall, himself, currently head of a corporation which owns religious TV stations in Indianapolis and South Bend, refuses to call himself an exorcist. He does profess to be a world authority on the ways of the devil, however, and to be one of a number of people who understands the process of "casting out" demons.

"I just obey the Bible, and it works," Sumrall told The Journal-Gazette in an interview last week, one of the few press meetings he has permitted since his December court appearance was publicized.

The trial at which Sumrall will testify involves a north Chicago man, Roland Kashney, 43, who is facing charges in two bludgeon murders — that of 65-year-old Margaret Riggins who was beaten with a porcelain toilet seat in 1970; and that of 55-year-old Benjamin Peck who was fatally wounded in 1974 by a wrench-wielding assailant in his Chicago home.

In 1975, Kashney, an unemployed barber, confessed to both murders. Now, he says he is innocent. He claims to be a prophet of God who was forced by the devil to confess to crimes he never committed so that his evangelistic work would end. Kashney asked for Sumrall's testimony to bolster his defense.

Told he would be subpoenaed if he did not testify voluntarily, Sumrall agreed to appear in the proceedings as an expert witness. In the interim, he has met with Illinois state attorneys, and is collecting data on mass murderers Richard Speck, David Berkowitz and John Gacy, among others.

Dr. Sumrall gives "expert witness" testimony at murder trial in Cook County Court.

Sumrall points to them as cases in which peoples' actions were so far out of the norm that demon-possession may have been an element.

Sumrall says he is not going to testify about his beliefs — but about his experiences ministering around the globe for the past 40 years. These experiences, he contends, occurred years before Hollywood producers sensationalized exorcism in the movies, spreading lies and misconceptions in the process.

In his testimony, Sumrall will undoubtedly point as documentation to the book he has written, "Demons: The Answer Book" and to a movie he made 20 years ago in Manila, the Philippines, for private viewing.

The 1953 film is of a 17-year-old Filipino woman, Clarita Villanueva, who was being held in a prison on vagrancy charges. The girl, much to the interest of the world press, claimed she was being "bitten to insanity" by invisible persons. She would have animalistic fits, with witnesses present, after which she would display deep saliva-covered bite marks.

Witnesses said she could not have bitten herself. Doctors, scientists and spiritualists were unable to explain it; psychoanalysis, tranquilizers and truth serums didn't have an effect.

Sumrall soon convinced authorities that Villanueva was a case of demonic possession. The cure, he maintained, could be found in the Gospel of Mark: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils ..." Sumrall wanted to meet the girl and pray for her. Skeptical, the doctors let him try.

On the prison grounds, amid a swarm of journalists, Sumrall met the girl. At first glance, she said "I hate you." Sum-

rall says she had never seen him before. Nor did she speak English.

Sumrall responded. "I said, 'spirit, I know you hate me. I have come to cast you out of this girl.' "

Thence commenced an extended verbal battle, the girl cursing the Trinity, Jesus Christ and Sumrall. Sumrall replied with words alone, he says, no potions or strange chants. And, finally, it worked. The voices and biting stopped. The girl, Sumrall said, had been freed.

"I went and prayed for that girl and God healed her in front of 125 newsmen, doctors and psychiatrists there from all over the world," said Sumrall, who continues to minister in the Philippines, with a mass rally planned there this winter. "I mean he healed her just like a dog becoming a human. God came in that place and healed that girl by the power of prayer.

"So, we were moving on this thing (exorcising) long before it got to be a big thing in the newspapers."

Sumrall had similar experiences elsewhere. Earlier, in Java, a land of witch doctors, he exorcised people writhing like snakes in the aisles of his revival settings. In Poland, Sumrall added, he pacified a woman barking like a dog.

Usually, no touching was required — just words.

Sumrall maintains his ability to exorcise is nothing special. He says any "good person" with faith can simply command demons out of a possessed soul. And, he added, unlike the priest in the "The Exorcist," no one will die for his efforts.

Said Sumrall: "If I see a person that has a negative force that's destroying him, I have the strength of God to cast it out of him, especially if he wants it out. That's what exorcism is all about."

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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1981
 Mass murderer pounced on university
**THE RIPPER'S
 13TH VICTIM**

IN five years, the Ripper's shadow has stretched to six towns and cities in the North.

His trademarks are an almost uncanny stealth and a frequent need to mutilate his victims. Police refuse to disclose details of the injuries.

This is his catalogue of murder :

Victim 1 — October 1975 in Leeds, Wilma McCann, aged 28.

Victim 2 — November 1975.
Preston, Joan Harrison, 26.

Victim 3 — January 1976,
Leeds. Emily Jackson, 42.

Victim 4 — February 1977.
Leeds. Irene Richardson, 28.

Victim 5—April 1977, Bradford. Patricia Atkinson, 33.

Victim 6—June 1977, Leeds.
Jayne McDonald, 16.

Victim 7 — October 1977, Manchester. Jean Royle, 28.

Victim 8 — January 1978,
Bradford. Yvonne Pearson,
22

Victim 9 — January 1978,
Huddersfield. Helen Rytka,
18

Victim 10—May 1978. Manchester. Vera Millward, 40.

Victim 11—April 1979, Halifax. Josephine Whitaker, 19.

Victim 12—September 1979,
Bradford. Barbara Leach, 20.

And now, **Victim 13**, November 1980, Leeds. Jacqueline Hill. 20.

The early victims were prostitutes, then there appeared to be a few mistaken identities. Now the Ripper appears to be killing indiscriminately.

Jayne McDonald had been taking a short-cut through a red light district. Josephine Whitaker was returning home from her grandparents. Barbara Leach had been in a pub with friends.

Unprovoked murder case went unsolved for five years while killer maintained the appearance of a normal life.

The Yorkshire Ripper strikes again

'Girl next door' who liked the quiet life

RIPPER victim Jacqueline was described last night as 'the perfect example of the girl next door'.

Her close friend and flat-mate Patti Hewstone, 20, also a third-year student at Leeds University said: 'She was always the quiet one—the one who stayed at home while the rest of us went out.

'Really, she was a very domesticated person, the type who would have made an ideal wife or mother. She loved sewing, knitting and cooking.

Tragedy

'The probation service was a vocation for her. I believe during her holidays she used to help out with underprivileged children. That was the type of girl she was.'

Jacqueline was visited regularly by her fiancée, junior technician Ian Tanfield, who is on a course at RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire. He has been granted compassionate leave.

Her parents John and Doreen Hill, of Ormesby, Middlesbrough, were too shocked to discuss the tragedy last night.

At the 6th form college where Jacqueline gained three A-levels in English, History, and Art the principal, Mr John Warden, said: 'She was a bright, intelligent, and popular girl. This is a most terrible tragedy for the family.'

Victim No 13

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could have driven him to kill again.

'Since the last murder he has probably had a relatively stable period in his life when his relationships have gone well, when he has not been under any pressure and the urge that drives him to kill has not been stirred,' said Dr Shaw.

'The trouble with a man like this is it takes only a little thing, something the rest of us would dismiss as trivial, to set him off again.'

'It may have been something as silly as a barmaid not serving him quickly enough

that set off his homicidal instincts towards women.

'Since the last murder there have been other killings and attacks on women in this area, and it may be that he feels someone is poaching on his territory. This could be his way of showing that he is still around.'

Police at first dismissed speculation that Jacqueline had been murdered by the Ripper. But they changed their minds after seeing a forensic report on her body.

The body, a mass of injuries, was first mistaken for a tailor's dummy when first spotted over a car park wall by a motorist returning from the shopping centre.

From fuck the Ripper

The signature on one of the Ripper's letters

Unprovoked

MURDER

Insanity or Demon Possession?

IS THERE AN ANSWER?

What causes a human being to enter into a realm of bizarre, complex horror and stark terror so alien to our average concept of daily life?

In this book, Dr. Lester Sumrall examines 10 cases of brutal abuses to society involving acts of unprovoked murder.

Dr. Sumrall was recently called to Chicago to appear as an "expert witness" on demon possession during a murder trial in Cook County Court — the largest criminal court in the world.

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