

Biblical schizophrenia or the death reason

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Abstract

I am adding to the book of the legendary bestselling author and renowned psychiatrist M. Scott Peck, “Glimpses of the Devil: A Psychiatrist’s Personal Accounts of Possession”, 2009 the following. For a psychiatrist who does not believe in demons, a couple of Bible passages are descriptions of schizophrenia. Therefore, schizophrenia is the demonic possession that does not give in to the exorcism of priests but is only cured by God himself. Demonization is not a sentence. Many demonic ones are saved by this difficult and dangerous cross. Jesus Christ came to Earth to heal our diseases. All diseases. Any. Even death. Where then is schizophrenia in the Bible?

I. ARE THERE DEMONS?

For introduction, please read, e.g., Malachi Martin, “Hostage to the Devil: The Possession and Exorcism of Five Contemporary Americans”, 1999.

Opponent (in the following it is fictional character): “And who told you that the Dr. Martin’s book, and your “Holy Scripture” are not from satan?”

Me: “If all books (not only religious books) are considered untrue or dubious, how do you reason and firmly stand on your feet? We choose for ourselves which books we like and which we trust. I FEEL THAT GOD IS EXISTING. And that scripture is not from the enemy. I know God who says “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” (John 10:14)

Opponent: “No empirical evidence, no tests here. Adding the demons to Science is over simplified explanation, and the Bible is surely not a biology textbook.”

Me: “Simply my arguments (I have used laws of logic, you know) have made no impact on you. You have seen the negative sights, because you are using “scientific skepticism”. Latter is the fallacy of wishfull thinking. Try again, but now use the “scientific trust”. The current Methodology of science is devil-oriented, e.g., methodological naturalism is demand to ignore the interplay between Nature and Religion, however nobody has found any matter in the Dark Matter. The scientific trust is not the fallacy of wishfull thinking. The scientific trust serves the interests of the author. It consists of following steps: 1. a referee felt, that this place in manuscript is doubt-full, 2. the referee supports this feeling with logical argumentation, 3. if this argumentation is found, then the referee tries to find for the author the excuse within author’s arguments in the paper, 4. if no excuse can be found, then referee rejects the paper.”

Opponent: “Do you speak of demons? Who are they? What are they in other religions?”

Me: “I rest on Bible. I do not rest on different platform. So, you can not disprove me by blaming, that I do not use your platform. The knowledge of a person is defined as knowledge, which is based on his platform. The Biblical God and His Church is my platform. So, please, speak in my terms. There are two basic platforms: Existent God and non-existent idol; it means, that I argue, that there are two options only: Theism or Atheism. You might see it different, but the word “God” is the name. Only one Being has this name. Buddhism is different from Christianity. In latter the God has name: “I will protect him, for he

acknowledges my name.” Psalm 91:14. I feel, that the name of God is simply God. Yes, it sounds different in different languages, but many human names are being written differently in different languages. Yes, the words God and Jesus have meaning, but majority of human names are simply the words from dictionary, e.g., estonian name Tamm means “the tree”. God is not title or affiliation, nor the diploma, which you can get: you can not become Jesus Christ, however you can unite with Him. No more basic platforms possible. I chose the productive one. But others have chosen to go through methodological naturalism, which has led them to absolute solipsism: “the universe should not exist” (says Dr. Michio Kaku, YouTube). I am speaking in behalf of my Religion. So, in my Religion an idol is understood as a thing, which has stolen from True God His holy name. There are many idols, including the idol of dis-belief. A mental idol is any wrong idea about the True God, including the atheistic absurd idea “True God is not existent”.

II. EVIDENCE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA IN THE BIBLE

2 Corinthians 12:6–9:

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of satan, to torment me. For this thing I besought the LORD thrice, that it might depart from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

Romans 7:14-25:

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our LORD! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

III. DEBATE ABOUT THE LATTER SECTION

Opponent: "this is bi-polarity".

Me: "So, there are two poles in Paul: good and evil. This means that a person has a splitted personality. Such a split was usually considered a schizophrenia. The fact is: nobody knows for sure what schizophrenia is and its mechanism. So, it can be a split in the brain. I quote the 2018 "Behavioral Health": "There is a split for those with schizo, between reality and fantasy. The origin of the word "schizo" literally means split. However, in this case, it refers to gaps (or a splitting) in a persons ability to think and express emotions." If a person has some kind of split, e.g., between reality and fantasy, then just formally is true, that the person with a split is simply a splitted person. Look here: a tree with a split is the splitted tree!"

Opponent: "The Paul's statements and the schizophrenia are not the same."

Me: "Are you loving Paul more than God? God is Truth and Spirit of Truth is God. Do not love Paul more than Obvious Truth. Bible needs Correct Interpretation. The Bible does not interpret itself, for it is not alive. As example, the satan is absolute evil, so he can not regret own sins. However is written: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." Philippians 2:10."

Opponent: "Schizophrenia is not from demons but from abnormal processes in the brain."

Me: "But can a demon to spoil and disrupt the physical and chemical processes in the entire body? As example, to excrete the foam from the mouth to fake the epilepsy?"

A. Evidence of faking epilepsy from Bible

Mark 9:16-28:

“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. (READER!!! LOOK AT THIS!!! THESE ACTIONS ARE FROM schizophrenia, NOT THE EPILEPCY!!!) But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

IV. CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

Schizophrenia is really a kind of “splitted personality”: in your body, you and your demon tempter are both present. The demon sometimes forces you to smoke and to drink, and to self-mutilate. To self-mutilate: recall Paul’s problem above “what I hate I do”.

The consensus of the Holy Fathers of the Church teaches that demons cannot read our thoughts. But if the demon is in your brain, then he hears each of your thoughts. Therefore, sometimes you feel that all demons in the world know everything about you; and you notice that your inner prayer burns and hurts you: but in fact, this is your inner demon who avenges you for your prayer.

Many talented people suffered from schizophrenia, e.g., the great mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. and perhaps the Van Gogh. Many talented people: recall Paul’s problem above “because of surpassingly great revelations”.

Opponent: “Down with the doctors who are dis-believers!”

Me: “This is not so simple. Doctors make a compromise, as it is believed that God is not scientifically proven. But they themselves understand everything and prescribe medications that help.”

Opponent: “Why does the anti-schizoid medication help?”

Me: “Because we treat the consequences of demonic attacks. Demons do mess, they change the chemistry in the brain; but the medication restores the order. Demons change the chemistry of the brain to defeat the will of the victim. The victim resists the absurd thoughts with his mind, using the capabilities of the brain. So the invisible demons spoil and disrupt the work of the mind.”

A. Solving the mystery of death and ageing

Seeing at this point of the paper the mental sickness as the demon possession, one can guess, that any sickness, including “natural” death and ageing is consequence of the demonic action; whereas the angel of death is living in your body.

Evidence from the Bible is following.

The chief demon’s name is Death, and he drives the victim into the grave by ageing and self-mutilating, because is written:

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” Romans 5:12, “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44, “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” 1 Corinthians 15:26, “When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.” Luke 4:13, what the opportune time? The time of Jesus’s death then? The demons have demonstrated the inability to rull over a living creatures, because is written: “He said to them, ”Go!” So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water.” Matthew 8:32.

So, any demon name is also Death, because is written: “If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!” Matthew 10:25.

Indeed, the deadly demon possession has begun the moment of the first sin, because

the Adam and Eve have acted as if they are suffering from strongest form of the Paranoid schizophrenia, because is written: “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” Genesis 3:8.

Opponent: “Ageing and Suffering is simply the most unpleasant part of our natural existence. But a natural process is not evil-minded.”

Me: “Have you read the argumentation in this paper of mine? If yes, can you disprove it?”

Opponent: “animals and plants die, are they demon possessed too?”

Me: “Your only aim is to confuse me. Do you know difference between animal and human? The animal can be seen as Biological Artificial Intelligence: bio-robot: “And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.” Genesis 2:20.”

B. The Artificial Intelligence demonic possession

Fact: no AI can reach the level of an animal brain capability.

Fact: animals can not talk like humans, but AI can.

Conclusion: AI are simply the microphones and tools of demons.