

# The Invisible World

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## **For Discussion: The Invisible World**

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### **Is this physical universe all there is?**

The humanists certainly think so. But the Bible and other sources reveal there are two distinct worlds: the physical world and the spiritual world.

- They generally operate independently of each other yet there are intersections revealing the invisible.

### **Which is more real, what we see, or the invisible?**

2 Cor 4:18 – *What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever*

The unseen is actually more real than what we see.

### **What do we call those with a worldview that the physical universe is all there is?**

Teresa and I have discussed the best term to use...

- Materialist – has baggage because it conjures up images of being greedy
- Naturalist – also has baggage because it evokes up images of someone who love nature
- Evolutionist – closer but doesn't capture the idea of physical world only
- Humanist – the best we came up with because it puts humans in the place of God

### **Did God create the universe from nothing?**

He certainly could have but it is revealed:

Hebrews 11:3 – *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

Paul doesn't say the physical world we see around us was made from nothing. Rather, it was created from something invisible.

- The unseen is not imaginary; it is very real—just not visible.

### **How do we know the invisible world is not imaginary?**

The revelation of God's Word...

Colossians 1:15-17 – *He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or*

*dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*

Jesus created everything in both these physical and invisible worlds. And he is actively engaged in keeping it intact.

John 5:17 – *My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.*

### **How has science revealed the invisible world?**

- The behavior of quantum mechanics can not be explained by the physics of this physical world resulting in scientists theorizing there has to be other dimensions.
- It has been discovered that light traveling through, space did not always follow a straight trajectory but would sometimes bend in unexpected ways resulting in the theory of dark matter.

### **What else besides Scripture and science has revealed the invisible world?**

The Holy Spirit...

John 16:13 — *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative, but whatever he hears, he will speak; and he will disclose to you what is to come.*

Unfortunately, some prefer other spirits that will also reveal the invisible world; but getting involved in the occult comes with some very unpleasant consequences.

### **What analogy did Jesus give us to explain the invisible world?**

John 3:8 – *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes*

We can't see the wind, but we see its effects in trees bending, waves rippling, leaves in flight.

### **How does the spoken word demonstrate that something invisible can have an impact on the visible?**

While our words can be heard, they cannot be seen—yet they carry power.

- This helps us better understand the concept of things that are not seen affecting the things that are seen in this visible world.

- But the reverse is also true: things which are seen, likewise, affect things that are unseen. This principle flows in both directions.

### **How can our words and actions in this physical realm have direct consequences in the unseen realm?**

Hebrews 1:14 – *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

God's holy angels intervene in the affairs of men ministering to those who will inherit Salvation. There have been many testimonies of people having encounters best explained by the intervention of angels:

Hebrews 13:2 – *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.*

### **How are the unseen angels activated?**

The angels of God are activated to do His will when they hear the voice of His words spoken...

Psalms 103:20 – *Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.*

When a Christian speaks God's Word in faith in the realm of the "seen world," the angels of God respond in the "unseen world."

- The spoken Word becomes a bridge between realms, opening portals in the physical world for divine intervention.

### **How powerful are our prayers when they are made in faith understanding the will of God?**

Mark 11:23 – *I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*

We can figuratively move mountains... what is serving as obstacles in our lives.

### **What authority did God give His spiritual children over the unseen realm?**

Luke 10:19 – *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

When the spiritual hosts of wickedness come against us, we can use the authority He gave us over them...

Ephesians 6:11 – *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

### **What does our authority over the spiritual realm look like?**

We are able to stand against the wiles of the devil per Ephesians 6:11. And there is this:

James 4:7 – *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

When the demonic forces discover that you are well armored and able to stand against them, they will move on to easier targets.

### **How are our spiritual weapons described?**

They are mostly defensive armor: having truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, and salvation. But there is also the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God that is both a defensive and offensive weapon.

Altogether:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God*

Our weapons are not of this physical world but are spiritual in nature.

### **What are high things that exalts itself against the knowledge of God?**

These are called doctrines of demons in 1 Timothy 4:1:

- Universalism
- Salvation by works
- Theory of Evolution as "settled science"
- Religions not recognizing the authority of the Bible

### **How have some falsely applied Matthew 16:19 to spiritual warfare?**

Matthew 16:19 – *whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven*

Some today misunderstand this passage to mean that Christians can bind and loose Satan or demonic forces.

- The direct application here was to the Apostles having authority to forbid or permit something.
- The application for us today is that when we act in God's will, we will forbid or permit on earth what is forbidden or permitted in heaven and vice versa.

### **Despite what science has revealed, why don't people in our world today recognize the invisible world?**

Pride: they have bought into the narrative of the humanist culture that this physical world is all there is.

- And they have also been blinded to biblical truth by demons (2 Cor 4:4).

**What is the prophetic significance of people being wholly given over to the physical-world-only narrative?**

2 Timothy 4:3-4 – *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

The theory of evolution has been embraced by the culture as being settled science... it is a modern-day fable about how life came to be.

**How will the return of Christ shake people up who have a humanist world view?**

The supernatural intervention of God will be hard to ignore. And Satan along with his demonic hordes will be exiled from the spiritual realm and thus more active on earth.

**What indications are there that demons are more active today than they have been in the past?**

- More and more irrational (& crazy) people
- Apostasy of the church: more wolves & doctrines of demons
- Increasing antisemitism
- Increasing violence
- Growing interest in the occult
- UFO activity

**What applications do we see from this discussion?**

- Speaking God's Word without doubt, activates unseen forces to bring about victory in the visible world.
- Indications are we're on the cusp of the invisible world being revealed to the physical world in a big way.