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Rebecca Brown, a woman who has dealt extensively with the occult and those in Satanism, lists the following ways that people actually will come in contact with demons:

- 1) Horoscope
- 2) Fortune Teller
- 3) Tea Leaf Reader
- 4) Palm Reader
- 5) Séance
- 6) Ouija Board
- 7) Occult Books
- 8) ESP
- 9) Psychic experiences
- 10) Astral Projection
- 11) Magic—Black magic does negative; White magic does positive
- 12) Prayers with candles
- 13) Any kind of spell
- 14) Levitation
- 15) Moving Objects without touching
- 16) Consult with medium, spiritist or witch
- 17) Yoga
- 18) Visualization
- 19) Self-Realization
- 20) Unbiblical Meditation
- 21) Hypnosis
- 22) Subliminal tapes
- 23) Water Witching
- 24) Dungeons & Dragons
- 25) Sex Outside of Marriage
- 26) Sex with animals
- 27) Sex with members of same sex
- 28) Sex with family members
- 29) Certain forms of martial arts
- 30) Occult objects
- 31) Rock Music
- 32) Abortion
- 33) Pornography
- 34) Tongues
- 35) Faith Healings

Dr. Brown suggests the following steps for anyone involved in these things:

- 1) If an unbeliever—Ask Jesus Christ to be your personal Savior and take away your sin.
- 2) If a believer—Confess the sin to God and ask for His cleansing grace
- 3) Destroy and get rid of objects or behavior that would link one to the spirit world

(Data compiled from Dr. Rebecca Brown, *Prepare for War*, Chick Publications, 1987)

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It must also be mentioned that there does seem to be a tendency for those believers who give themselves completely to this study to be somewhat unstable in their character and doctrine. God certainly wants us aware of the dangers of the satanic world, but He does not want us totally dedicating ourselves to a focus on Satan. God wants us focused on His Word. God wants us to know Him. Our great objective must always be to know God through His precious Word, not to know all of the various nuances of satanic or demonic things.

Terry Ann Modica, in her book, *The Power of the Occult*, lists twelve favorite strategies that Satan uses to try to lure people:

- 1) He convinces people that all spiritual experiences are from God.
- 2) He twists and perverts Scripture.
- 3) He makes life comfortable for people so they will see no need for a relationship with Christ.
- 4) He attempts to get people to doubt God's promises so they will not experience God's power.
- 5) He bombards minds with thoughts, motives and desires designed to lead one away from God.
- 6) He attacks emotions by making people feel negative and afraid so they miss the joy of the Lord.
- 7) He gives certain illness and diseases to discourage, blind and deafen one to God's Word.
- 8) He desensitizes people to immorality through repeated exposure to immoral things.
- 9) He continually tempts people with things that will lure them away from God and His Word.
- 10) He falsely accuses people, making them feel worthless, unforgivable and unworthy.
- 11) He causes people to become enslaved to something so they will miss God's abundant freedom.
- 12) He will possess as many people as he can in order to try to keep Christ out of a life.

QUESTION #10 – What will be the outcome of Satan and his demonic forces?

Satan and his forces have already been judged and all we are really waiting for is God's final execution of that judgment. The Word of God gives us a clear road map of the fate of Satan and his forces:

- 1) These forces have been cast out from the presence of God. Ez. 28:16; Rev. 12:4
- 2) These forces have been judged at the cross. John 12:31; 16:11; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14
Christ's work on Calvary judged Satan. This is a judicial, theological and spiritual judgment against Satan, which has not yet been fully and practically administered.
The cross of Jesus Christ did open the door for all people of the world to have a relationship with God.
- 3) In the future, Satan and his demonic forces will be cast out of heaven and confined to the earth. Rev. 12:7-11
- 4) At the end of the Tribulation, Satan will be confined to the bottomless pit. Rev. 20:2-3
This confinement will last for 1000 years, after which time he will be loosed for a short period of time.
- 5) Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Rev. 10:10
Here will be the ultimate end of Satan and demons—they will burn and be tormented in eternal fire forever and ever. Matt. 25:41

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It is a solemn reality that the angel that once started out being the greatest angel ever created ends up being the most condemned creature in all eternity.

The Apostle Paul, in I Corinthians 15:24, says that Christ will eventually “abolish all rule and all authority and all power.” The Apostle John, in Revelation 20:10, says that the devil will eventually be “thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone...and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

As Dr. Chafer said, “No one can anticipate the relief that will come to the universe when Christ will have done all of these things” (*Systematic Theology*, Vol. 2, p. 121).

Dr. Charles Ryrie gives a good piece of advice for the believer who senses he is under or has been under the attack of Satan and his demons. “He should examine himself to see if there are any areas of rebellion against the Law or will of God, confess any and all known sin, rely on the power of the indwelling Spirit who is greater than Satan (I John 4:4), and use all the armor of God (Eph. 6:13-18).”

Dr. Strong, in his *Systematic Theology*, concludes his study of Angelology with a section entitled “Practical Uses of the Doctrine of Angels.” In borrowing the basic concept from him, we conclude our study of Angelology in like fashion (pp. 462-463).

The doctrine of angels is a practical doctrine in the following ways:

1. It gives us a sense of God’s greatness in the magnitude of His creative genius.
2. It gives us a sense of God’s care for us, knowing His own angels are caring for people like us.
3. It gives us a sense of humility in service—angels minister to us, we should minister to others.
4. It gives us a sense of responsibility, knowing holy angels observe everything we say and do.
5. It gives us a sense of accountability, knowing we will judge angels (I Cor. 6:3).

The doctrine of demons is a practical doctrine in the following ways:

1. It teaches us how depraved even the best of moral creatures can become.
2. It causes us to hate evil, knowing that evil is rooted in beings who hate God and His Word.
3. It causes us to strive to accurately and precisely know God’s Word, knowing demons twist it.
4. It causes us to depend on God, knowing He is the far greater power in a world of Satan and demons.