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Three Types of Spirits! Can You Discern and Know the Difference?

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There are “**three different types of spirits**” that mortal men, women and children must learn how to properly discern in order to be able to walk successfully with the Great Yehovah Elohim (the true God) of the Universe, and in order to be able to walk in the mighty leading, blessings, prosperity, goodness, power, and victories of the Great Yehovah Elohim here on this Earth, and also in order to be able to discern what is “**Truth,**” and what is a “**Lie and Deception**” in every area of life. These three types of spirits are:

- 1) The Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim (the true God) of the Universe
- 2) The person’s own spirit
- 3) The evil spirits

The Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim

All throughout the Holy Scriptures there are verses that speak of the “**Spirit**” of the true and Great Yehovah Elohim, and how the Spirit of the Yehovah Elohim was manifested in many different areas.

Holy Scripture References Concerning the Yehovah Elohim’s Spirit:

- 1) Genesis 1:2
- 2) Genesis 6:3
- 3) Numbers 16:22
- 4) Nehemiah 9:20
- 5) Psalm 104:30
- 6) Psalm 106:33
- 7) Psalm 139:7
- 8) Psalm 143:10
- 9) Proverbs 1:23
- 10) Isaiah 4:4
- 11) Isaiah 28:6
- 12) Isaiah 30:1

- 13) Isaiah 34:16
- 14) Isaiah 40:7
- 15) Isaiah 40:13
- 16) Isaiah 48:16
- 17) Isaiah 59:19
- 18) Isaiah 63:10
- 19) Micah 2:7
- 20) Zechariah 4:6
- 21) Zechariah 7:12

Also, there is the Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim in “**wisdom, knowledge, and understanding**” upon and in a person.

- 1) **Spirit of Wisdom** - Exodus 28:3; 31:3; 35:21; 35:31; Deuteronomy 34:9; Isaiah 11:2
- 2) **Architectural Design** of the First Temple by the Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim - I Chronicles 28:12

The Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim “Upon” a Person

- 1) Psalm 8 - Adam and Eve had the Glory-Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim upon them when they were created.
- 2) Numbers 11:29
- 3) Numbers 24:2 - Balaam
- 4) Judges 3:10 - Othniel
- 5) Judges 6:34 - Gideon
- 6) Judges 11:29 - Jephthah
- 7) Judges 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14, 19 - Samson
- 8) I Samuel 10:6, 10; 11:6 - Saul
- 9) I Samuel 16:13 - David
- 10) I Samuel 19:20, 23
- 11) II Samuel 23:2
- 12) II Chronicles 15:1 - Azariah
- 13) II Chronicles 20:14 - Jahaziel
- 14) II Chronicles 24:20 - Zechariah
- 15) Psalm 51:11-12 - “your free spirit”
- 16) Isaiah 32:15
- 17) Isaiah 42:1, 5
- 18) Isaiah 44:3 - “I will pour my Spirit upon your seed”
- 19) Isaiah 48:16
- 20) Isaiah 59:21 - “My Spirit that is upon you”
- 21) Isaiah 61:1 - “The Spirit of the Yehovah Elohim is upon me”
- 22) Isaiah 63:11
- 23) Isaiah 63:14 - leading of the Holy Spirit of the Yehovah Elohim
- 24) Ezekiel 2:2; 3:12-14, 24; 37:1, 14

- 25) Ezekiel 39:29 - "for I have poured out my Spirit upon the House of Israel"
- 26) Joel 2:28-29 - pouring out of the Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim upon the people
- 27) Micah 3:8 - being full of Power by the Spirit of the Yehovah.
- 28) Haggai 2:5 - The Spirit of the Yehovah Elohim remaining upon a person.

The Person's Own Spirit Within Oneself

When the Great Yehovah Elohim created Adam he breathed into Adam his spirit, and Adam became a living soul. The Spirit of the Great Yehovah Elohim, and the spirit of Adam were two different spirits. Each person on this Earth has their own spirit. All throughout the Holy Scriptures there are Holy Scripture verses that speak of **"the spirit that is within the individual,"** and how the person's own spirit was right, or not right with the Great Yehovah Elohim.

Holy Scripture References Concerning One's Own Spirit:

- 1) Genesis 2:7; 1:26-28 - Adam and Eve
- 2) Genesis 41:8
- 3) Genesis 45:27 - Jacob's spirit was revived
- 4) Numbers 14:24 - Caleb
- 5) Zechariah 12:1
- 6) Numbers 16:22
- 7) Psalm 8:1-9
- 8) Psalm 22:9-10
- 9) Isaiah 46:3-4
- 10) Jeremiah 1:5 - The Yehovah Elohim knowing a person "before" the person is formed in the belly.
- 11) Ecclesiastes 3:20-21 - A person spirit returns to the Yehovah Elohim upon their death.
- 12) Ecclesiastes 8:8
- 13) Ecclesiastes 11:5
- 14) Ecclesiastes 12:7
- 15) Numbers 27:16
- 16) Joshua 5:1
- 17) I Samuel 30:12
- 18) I Chronicles 5:26
- 19) II Chronicles 36:22
- 20) Psalm 31:5 - "into your hand I commit my spirit"
- 21) Psalm 32:2
- 22) Psalm 77:3 - "my spirit was overwhelmed."
- 23) Psalm 77:6 - "my spirit made diligent search."
- 24) Psalm 78:8
- 25) Psalm 142:3
- 26) Psalm 143:4, 7

- 27) Proverbs 16:2 - The Yehovah Elohim judges the spirit of a person.
- 28) Proverbs 16:32 - Ruling your own spirit.
- 29) Proverbs 18:14 - spirit of man
- 30) Proverbs 20:27 - spirit of man
- 31) Proverbs 25:28 - rule over one's own spirit
- 32) Isaiah 26:9 - "with my spirit within me"
- 33) Isaiah 38:16 - "the life of my spirit"
- 34) Isaiah 58:15 - Revival of one's spirit.
- 35) Ezekiel 13:3 - Following one's own spirit.
- 36) Ezekiel 18:31; 36:26-27 - Renewing and revival of one's own spirit.
- 37) Daniel 2:1-3 - A person's spirit being troubled.
- 38) Haggai 1:14 - The spirit of Zerubbabel, and the spirit of Joshua.
- 39) Malachi 2:15-16 - "take heed to your spirit..."

Different Types of Spiritual Moods

- 1) Anguish of spirit - Exodus 6:9
- 2) Spirit of jealousy - Numbers 5:14, 30
- 3) Hardened spirit - Exodus 7:22 - (Pharaoh's heart/spirit was hardened.)
- 4) Hardened spirit - Deuteronomy 2:30
- 5) Sorrowful spirit - I Samuel 1:15
- 6) Saddened spirit - I Kings 21:5
- 7) Contrite spirit - Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 66:2
- 8) Right spirit within me - Psalm 51:10
- 9) Broken spirit - Psalm 5:17; Proverbs 15:13; 17:22
- 10) Faithful spirit - Proverbs 11:13
- 11) Hasty of spirit - Proverbs 14:29; Ecclesiastes 7:9
- 12) Breach in the spirit (of a person) - Proverbs 15:4
- 13) Haughty spirit - Proverbs 16:2
- 14) Humble spirit - Proverbs 16:19; 29:23; Isaiah 57:15-16
- 15) Excellent spirit - Proverbs 17:27; Daniel 5:12; 6:3
- 16) Wounded spirit - Proverb 18:14
- 17) Vexation of spirit - Ecclesiastes 1:14, 17, 26; Isaiah 65:14
- 18) Patient in spirit - Ecclesiastes 7:8
- 19) Proud in spirit - Ecclesiastes 7:8
- 20) Spirit of deep sleep (spiritual darkness) - Isaiah 29:10
- 21) Grieved in spirit - Isaiah 54:6; Daniel 7:15
- 22) Spirit of heaviness - Isaiah 61:3
- 23) Spirit of grace and supplication - Zechariah 12:10

The Evil Spirits

There are "**evil spirits**" on this Earth, and these evil spirits were in existence before the creation of Adam and Eve. All throughout the Holy Scriptures there are Holy Scripture verses that speak of the "**evil spirits**," and how these evil spirits were at times involved in the affairs of different individuals, and of nations in order to deceive or vex the person,

and/or the nations. Evil spirits are separate from a person's own spirit, yet they can try to **"influence and try to deceive"** a person. Evil spirits cannot make a person do anything; instead evil spirits try to influence or deceive a person to do things against oneself. Secondly, evil spirits can spiritually **"vex and torment"** a person. For example, King Saul of Israel was constantly vexed and tormented by an evil spirit; King Saul was in constant, severe depression and mental torment. (Read: I Samuel 16:14-23) Thirdly, evil spirits can influence others to try to deceive a person, or try to give to a person wrong advice. In the situation of King Ahaz of Israel, there was an evil spirit that was sent to deceive the false prophets of King Ahaz, and these false prophets gave wrong advice to King Ahaz, which advice led him to his death. (Read: II Chronicles 18:1-34)

Holy Scripture References Concerning Evil Spirits:

- 1) Judges 9:23 - An evil spirit was sent among the people.
- 2) I Samuel 16:14-16, 23
- 3) I Samuel 18:10 (Note how that the "evil spirit" prophesied.)
- 4) I Samuel 19:9 - An evil spirit was upon King Saul. King Saul of Israel was vexed and tormented by an evil spirit.

Different Types of Evil Spirits

- 1) Familiar (witchcraft) spirit - Leviticus 19:31; 20:6, 27; I Samuel 28:3-9
- 2) Lying spirit - I Kings 22:21-24; II Chronicles 18:20-22
- 3) Perverse spirit - Isaiah 19:14
- 4) Spirit of Whoredoms (sexual immoralities) - Hosea 4:12; 5:4
- 5) False spirit (spirit of falsehood) - Micah 2:11
- 6) Unclean spirit - Zechariah 13:2

Dreams and Evil Spirits

Evil spirits can influence a person's dream. Many false and deceptive dreams come from evil spirits trying to deceive and influence the person. A person must always hold to and trust in the **"written, Holy Word of the Great Yehovah Elohim,"** and to what the Yehovah Elohim has said (or has to say) about the situation at all times, and to not ever be misled by any type of dream, nor by one's own spirit, nor by an evil spirit, nor by another person.

A dream could be of the Great Yehovah Elohim; or a dream could be the working of an evil spirit; or a dream could be a sub-conscious desire, or a continuation of thought of a person. Also, have you ever desired something so much that you began to dream about it? Again, a person must always hold onto and trust the **"written, Holy Word of the Yehovah Elohim,"** and also a person must have daily fellowship with the Great Yehovah Elohim in order to **"not"** be deceived and misled by evil spirits, whether during the daytime, or even in the night, and of dreams; nor be misled by another person.

Spirit of An Entire People and/or Nation

- 1) II Chronicles 21:16 - Spirit of the Philistines and of the Arabians
- 2) Psalm 76:12 - "cut off the spirit of princes"
- 3) Isaiah 19:3 - Spirit of Egypt
- 4) Jeremiah 51:11 - Spirit of the kings of the Medes

Playing of Music and Spiritual Influence

Departing of Evil Spirits by "Righteous Music" - As mentioned, King Saul of Israel was constantly vexed and tormented by an evil spirit. The king's court advisors sought to have music to be ministered to King Saul. Righteous music was ministered before King Saul by young David playing on an harp, and the evil spirit departed from King Saul. (Read: Samuel 16:14-23)

There are questions that must be asked:

1) What happened that when the "**righteous music**" was played by young David that it caused the evil spirit to depart from King Saul? What spiritual forces were involved in the playing of righteous music that caused the evil spirit to depart?

2) On the other hand, can "**evil, unrighteous music**" cause evil spirits to come and dwell with a person, or in the midst of a family's home, or among the people? Can evil, unrighteous music cause a person, or a family, or even a group of people, to be confused, mean spirited, hateful, argumentative, and ready to fight? Secondly, can "**evil, unrighteous music**" encourage sins, evil deeds, and wickedness within the person, or among the people and nation? There are those who listen to evil, unrighteous music all throughout the day, and throughout the night. The question must be asked: Do these individuals have peace of spirit, and peace of mind? Truly, what spiritual influence does "**evil, unrighteous music**" has upon a person, and in their home, and surrounding?

Most important, what influence does "**good, righteous music**" has upon a person, and upon their spirit, soul, mind and body, and in their home and surrounding? How many times has a person been spiritually blessed, and in that their spirit, soul, mind, and body were lifted and refreshed by listening to "**good, righteous music**"?

Think about these things, and thoroughly examine: What spiritual forces are involved in the playing of "**good, righteous music**," and also what spiritual forces are involved in the playing of "**evil, unrighteous music**"? What types of music do you listen to?

The Prophet Elisha and Music - The Prophet Elisha requested that "**music**" to be ministered to him; and when the musician played the music (which was righteous music), the Prophet Elisha prophesied to the people. (Read: II Kings 3:14-15) What spiritual forces were involved in the playing of righteous music for the Prophet Elisha, and in that he gave forth righteous prophecy?

King Jehoshaphat, Music and Victory in Warfare - During the time of King Jehoshaphat there were three armies that came against the Kingdom of Judah. King Jehoshaphat appointed singers and musicians to sing and to play music of praises unto the Great Yehovah Elohim in going forth to military battle. The Great Yehovah Elohim intervened on behalf of King Jehoshaphat and the Kingdom of Judah, and the Great Yehovah Elohim caused the three armies that came against the Kingdom of Judah to be totally destroyed. (II Chronicles 20:1-25)

False Prophets, and False, Religious Leaders - Being Led by Evil Spirits

Can men and women trust, and allow themselves to be led by a religious leader, or even by a religious person who may say that he or she is of God? and who may say that he or she is a prophet of God? or who may say that God ordained them to be a religious leader or religious minister? or that God told them to establish a religious ministry, community, group, sect, or movement? or that God told them certain thing? or even that God told them to tell you certain things? Also, can men and women trust, and allow themselves to accept and believe someone who may say that a holy angel of God spoke to them?

All throughout the Holy Scriptures the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim warns against allowing oneself to be misled by **“false prophets and false religious beliefs.”** Additionally, a person must always examine their own spirit, and also must always be aware of evil spirits and evil influence in their own life, and of other individuals. Throughout history, multi-billions of people were misled because of blindly following after false religious beliefs, groups and sects, and because of following after false prophets, and false leaders, including false, religious leaders, and false government leaders, and false business leaders, and even because of blindly following the opinions of others - including those who claim the Name of God. Men and women are not to follow after, nor support false prophets, nor false religious leaders, nor false government leaders, nor any false individual. The Great Yehovah Elohim warns that the person will be deceived - if the person sought after and followed after false prophets and false gods, which false gods are false religious beliefs.

Men and women must stop seeking others for advice concerning their own personal and spiritual life, and concerning many other issues of life. Men and women must stop going to religious leaders in order to hear anything from the true God concerning any issue. Men and women must stop seeking business and financial counselors and financial advisers. Everyone must open up their eyes and see how that multi-billions of people have been deceived by false religious leaders, and by false religious beliefs, and false religious groups. Everyone must open up their eyes and see how that multi-billions of people have been deceived and/or misled by evil men in the various man-made governments, and by psychologists, and even by family members or friends, even unknowingly. Additionally, men and women must stop relying on their own ideas and desires. Everyone must spend time in perfectly studying, researching, knowing and understanding the Holy Laws, Holy Word, and Holy Spirit of the true God on an independent basis, especially because men, women and children were deceived by lies and deceptions, or by mis-information, or by the **“lack of knowledge”** of many things. Each individual person must spend **“private time”** with the true God every night and day. Each person must learn how to properly discern whether

something is truly right, or wrong; or good or evil. Moses had to meet with the true God in the wilderness, and also he had to go up upon Mt. Sinai - on a private basis. No one can fully know God, nor fully know of the true God's Perfect Will for "every area" of their life - unless the person spend proper time with the true God each night and day, and seek the true God for his perfect leading for their life. If a person is sincere in their love, obedience and faith in the true God, the true God will "never" forsake the person, and the true God will show the person the right path, especially if the person spend time in learning how to hear the Voice of the true God of the Universe, and also learn how to properly discern the various types of spirits, and also discern the spirits of other individuals. It must also be noted that evil spirits can try to influence others to misled another person, especially in the areas of religion. Secondly, a person must become aware of their own spirit and of their own inner desires, and not be deceived by their own mind and thinking.

It is very important for everyone to remember how that both Adam and Eve were "deceived by an evil spirit," and in that they were deceived because they turned away from the "TRUTH" of the Holy Word of the Great Yehovah Elohim. For the past 6000 years mortal men, women and children were, and have been deceived by evil spirits, even by evil spirits operating in another person, including operating as a religious leader, and by false religious beliefs.

Discerning of the Three Different Types of Spirits

Statement: God told me so! Really? Are you truly sure?

There have been many millions of people who claimed that God told them different things, even in starting new religious sects, groups, movements, or house of worship, and of many other things of life. Whether something may be right, or whether something may be wrong, there are questions that must be asked: Was it truly the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim who told the person certain things? Or was it the person's own spirit and inner desires? Or was it an evil spirit trying to deceive the person? Secondly, men and women must remember to always be on guard against the "dreams of others," and even of their own dreams, because spiritual forces (both good or evil) may try to influence a person.

In order to be able to walk with the true and Great Yehovah Elohim (the true God), and in the mighty leading, blessings, power, and victories of the true and Great Yehovah Elohim, a person must properly "know and understand" the written, Holy Laws and Holy Word of the Great Yehovah Elohim, and the person must properly "know and understand" the Great Yehovah Elohim's Perfect Will for them, including for their daily life, and also the person must properly "know and understand" how to properly discern the three different types of spirits. There have been many millions of men and women who sought to do that which is right, yet they were "deceived and misled" by evil teachings and by others; and there have been many millions of men and women who were "deceived and misled" by evil spirits, and also there have been many millions of men and women who were "deceived and misled" by their own inner spirit or inner desires. Additionally, evil spirits can have the appearance of being religious and holy, and many evil spirits have operated among religious men and women, and in religious communities, sects, groups, and in houses of worship.

The Great Yehovah Elohim will **“NEVER”** tell anyone to violate any of his written, Holy Laws and his Holy Word, nor to go against his Perfect Will in any area or way. Additionally, the Great Yehovah Elohim will **“NOT,”** and does **“NOT,”** contradict himself in any area or way at any time. A person can indeed learn how to properly discern and know the influence of the three different types of spirits, especially by seeking the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim each day, and by obtaining proper wisdom, knowledge and understanding into **“all”** of the written, Holy Laws of the Great Yehovah Elohim, and of his Holy Laws and Holy Word, and also by seeking the true and Great Yehovah Elohim in Prayers to know his Perfect Will for the person’s, and for every area of life, and for all situations of their life. It is **very important** to always seek the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim concerning the different areas and situations of life at all times - **on an independent basis**. Again, many thousands of false religious groups, sects and movements, and many false religious beliefs, and also false religious ministries, have been established because the person was **“deceived”** into believing that God told them to do certain things, and/or to establish their group, and/or their religious ministry, and/or told them to do whatever they sought to do, yet they were deceived, and in that many people were misled.

It must be fully known and understood that the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim will **“NEVER”** tell anyone to accept and to follow after any type of false religious belief; nor to follow after **“astrology, witchcraft, paganism, and false mystical codes;”** nor to establish, nor be a part of, any type of false religious group, nor false religious ministry, especially because **“all”** false religious groups, and **“all”** false religious ministries, are against the righteous Government-Kingdom, Holy Laws and Holy Word of the Great Yehovah Elohim. All false religious beliefs and sects, and all false religious groups and religious ministries, have been established because the religious leader was following their own mind, or because the religious leader was being misled by an evil spirit of religious deception, or even because the religious leader was greedy for power, control, and riches and wealth.

The true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim told the Prophet Ezekiel that the **“false prophets”** were **“following their own spirit.”** (Read: Ezekiel 13:1-3) Also, all throughout the Book of Jeremiah, the Yehovah Elohim spoke against the false prophets that were misleading the people.

It must be fully known and understood that **“none”** of the true prophets of the true God of the Universe ever claimed that the true God told them to be meddling into the people’s personal and private life; nor to tell others whom to marry or divorce; nor where to live. Secondly, the true prophets of the true God **“never”** told his holy prophets to be meddling into the people’s financial affairs, nor told the prophets to tell others, nor to pressure others, to give them money for any type of cause - not even for the ministry. It must be noted that in the Holy Laws of the true God, the people are to give Tithes and Offerings to the **“righteous ministry”** of the true God, yet not by being pressured by anyone. None of the true ministers of the true God are to be begging the people for money for any cause. Thirdly, the true prophets of the true God never tried to gain power and control over another person, especially for their own personal gains or reasons.

The true prophets and the true ministers of the true God in Bible times always dealt with the issues of the Holy Laws of the true God, and in warning the people when the people were living in rebellion and in defiance against the Holy Laws of the true God, and

not for all sorts of other issues. In the past, all too often men and women came forth claiming that God told them thus and thus, and/or that God told them to start a new religious group, or new sect, or new ministry, or that God told them to tell another person something - in order to gain perfect power and control over the person, or over the people, and also in order to gain wealth from the people. So therefore, always be on guard, and also always be fully aware of anyone claiming that God said thus and thus - especially when the person is not strictly dealing with the Holy Laws of the true God, and when the person is meddling, and/or wanting money, or even in wanting the person to do certain things. Even then, a person must be on guard because the Holy Scriptures have, in the past, been totally perverted in order to try to deceive others. In ancient times, the start of slavery, exploitation, oppressions, and many wars, was by individuals coming forth claiming the name of God, and claiming that God told them thus and thus.

Everyone on this Earth has a right to their own personal and private life, including to every area of their life, and another person has no right whatsoever to be obsessed with someone's life here on this Earth, even when another person come forth and claims to be so concerned in that the person is constant nagging or meddling into another person's personal and private life - even so-called for the person's own good. Is it truly for the another person's own good, or for seeking power and control over the person? Keep yourself from slavery of another, especially from slavery of those claiming God.

Within the past 6000 years how many billions of men and women were cursed and destroyed by the Great Wrath of Judgment of the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim because of blindly accepting and blindly believing many things by blind faith, especially because of blindly believing in false religious beliefs, and in following after and joining an **“unrighteous, false, religious sect, group, community, or movement”** - which false religious belief taught rebellion against the true and Great Yehovah Elohim, and against his Holy Laws and Holy Word. Today, there are over 2,000 different religious beliefs throughout this Earth among the over six billions people on this earth; yet, how many men and women have ever thoroughly and diligently examined their religious beliefs, and the source and history of their religious beliefs? A person must always thoroughly and diligently examine and seek the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the **“Truth”** of things, and not ever follow after and accept something because of one's own **“feelings of anything,”** especially because so many have been misled by their own inner spirit or inner desires, and so many have been misled by others, and also so many have been misled by an evil spirit.

I fully encourage everyone to always spend time in **“daily Prayers”** unto the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim, and in seeking him for his directions in their own personal life, and to always spend time in **“daily studying and meditating”** in the true, Holy Laws and Holy Word of the Great Yehovah Elohim - on an independent basis, and also to **“always”** examine everything, and to **“not ever”** believe anything by blind faith of anyone whatsoever - not even of one's own mind, spirit or inner desires. How many have been deceived by their own mind and inner desires, and the person failed to seek the true God for his perfect leading concerning every area and every issue of life?

It must stress again, that it is very important for everyone to always remember that there are **“three different types of spirits”** on this Earth, and that it is very important for everyone to always diligently seek the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim for the proper

discernment of whether or not “**the spirit**” that may be trying to influence them is of the true God - the Great Yehovah Elohim? or is of one’s own mind and inner spirit or inner desires? or whether or not “**the spirit**” is an evil spirit trying to deceive the person.
