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Handout #16: ARE DEMONS REAL?

The following is the beginning of a chapter written by Robert Liardon in His book titled:
"Haunted Houses, Ghosts & Demons: What Can You Do About Them."
This was written several years ago.

Not too long ago, I came across a true story about five college students who decided that they were too smart and too sophisticated to believe in evil spirits or ghosts or anything of the sort. They went out to a certain location near their school that was supposedly "haunted," and they made fun of whatever spirits were present in that place. They ridiculed them, and challenged them, and dared them to make their presence known.

They thought it was all so much fun.

Unfortunately, though, these students did not belong to Jesus. They figured that those who believed in Him were just as foolish as those who believed in evil spirits. Because of their unbelief, they were not protected by the Blood of Christ, and the demons of that place apparently decided to take them up on their dare.

Within six months of their visit to the "haunted" area, all of those college students had dropped out of school. Friends who knew them said they had become paranoid and fearful. They talked about strange things happening to them-about hearing voices and seeing disembodied spirits and feeling that their lives were in danger. Basically, those young men were into hiding. Goals and dreams were abandoned. They had learned a very important lesson about the reality of the supernatural world, but they had learned it at a very great cost.

Now I don't want to give you the impression that every so-called "haunted house" is actually the home of a demon (or demons). Most "haunted houses" are nothing more than old buildings that have become a little run-down and creepy looking, and because they look sort of "scary," people let their imaginations run away with them. There is far too much paranoia in the world, and I don't want to feed it. But it is vitally important to understand that some haunted houses really are haunted.

Almost always, in a case like this, you'll find out that they demon was attracted to the place by some tragedy that happened there. Demons especially seem to be drawn by the spilling of human blood.

And then, there are places that have been dedicated to Satan, and which are full of demons because of that.

I know of one instance, as a matter of fact, where an entire *country* was dedicated to Satan-and that is the tiny island nation of Haiti. Now Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, if not in the entire world. It is an incredibly impoverished, backward country, and it's a country that is very much into demonism.

Haiti has been through a series of repressive governments. It's a place where you can still hear Voodoo drums at night, and where, legend has it, zombies sometimes roam the countryside at night. Well, you know, I don't believe in zombies, but I sure do believe in the existence of demons.

Part of the reason for Haiti's trouble is that more than 200 years ago, one of the governors of Haiti was a Satanist. He had an official ceremony in which he dedicated the country to the devil, and effectively "handed over" Haiti to Lucifer's control. Poor Haiti has had terrible trouble ever since.

Now, I am not saying that there are not good Christian people in Haiti. But there are many more who have Christianity all bound up in Voodooism, and so there is an intense battle between the forces of good and evil in that country.