



Reflections on 'The Greater Things'

"Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

(John 14:12)

THAT NAME! By Jaci Phillips, PhD

Do you REALLY understand what it means in Philippians 2 when it says that *"At the Name of Jesus **every** knee, in heaven, on the earth, and below the earth will bow and **every** tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"*?

Let me share my 'education' on the power of the Name of Jesus. I have long assumed that people know this stuff, but helping someone recently who is a beautiful charismatic Catholic made me realize that many people are likely dealing with things that they don't know they have power over.

My story in a nutshell... I have walked with the Lord for my whole life. And I have experienced both supernatural and preternatural things for as long as I can recall. From my childhood through young adulthood I was terrified of the preternatural (demonic) things that would happen. Since I feel that people need details to relate to, I will provide some.... Things moving, knocking, hearing footsteps on stairs and in halls, doors opening and closing, bed shaking, pictures being tilted in the morning, and much more. I recall being terrified to be left alone in my childhood house. I would actually lock myself in the bathroom and be glued to the window, praying and watching for someone to come home. That's how afraid I was growing up.

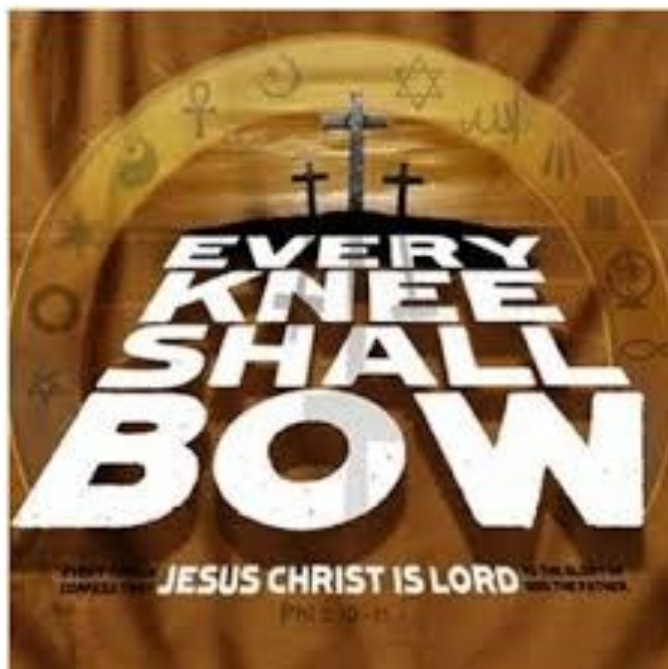
In my early 20s things took a turn for the worse. I was in a friend's house alone, waiting for them to return with my car, and I *knew* I was in trouble. I felt an unmistakably malevolent presence and *it wanted to harm me*. I was terrified. My friend called to let me know they were running late and I was yelling *"Come home! Come home now!"* but in talking later, they never heard my pleas, but instead, heard me indicate that I was ok with the delay. Shortly after we hung up, I was physically and spiritually attacked by the demonic presence in that house. And I continued to get attacked for a couple of years, even though I had moved to Cleveland. The first time I was attacked I could not speak, I was trying desperately to just *I think* the words of the Our Father in my head, but this thing had my mind in a vice grip. As I was able to fight to think of each individual word, it lost its hold on me, but I could feel that it was not far off. During subsequent attacks I could always feel when the presence was near, and sometimes, I could see it with my eyes. I really was terrified. Enter on the scene.... my wonderful Spirit-filled mother!! Thank you, Lord for giving me such a faith-filled mother!

One day my mother was at her sewing machine sewing something and I was telling her about getting attacked by this demonic force. It's been more than 30 years since this happened and I still recall it so clearly. In a completely matter-of-fact way, without even looking up from her sewing project, she said these words to me, *"Oh Jaci, don't you know that all you have to do is say the Name of Jesus and those things have to leave?"* ummmmm.... **No! I DID NOT KNOW THAT!** (and how I

wish I would have asked sooner). So the next time there was an attack, again I could not speak, and even to think was a battle, but I *just thought* the Name of Jesus in my head. ANNNNNNDDDDDD.... IT LEFT!! But this continued to happen. I would get attacked, think the Name of Jesus or say it out loud, and it would leave. After seeing the power of Jesus Name, even though I was still being bothered by this being, I was no longer afraid because I knew that all I had to do was say Jesus' Name and it **had** to leave. Every. Single. Time!

Eventually, on a night when I could feel the presence and I knew it was going to attack me again, I said out loud... *"Don't you know that every time you attack me I'm just going to say the Name of Jesus and you have to leave???"* I'm just going to keep saying His Name!" Well... that was the last I ever felt that thing near me. It left. **THANK YOU, JESUS!** I was never afraid of this stuff again. Because I *finally* knew the POWER of that NAME. One of the devil's most successful deceptions is to hide this power from us or to believe we aren't worthy of it or that it works for other people, but not us. LIES!!

I had to go through that battle and face the fears that began in my childhood. That battle was my boot camp! I am always amazed at how many Christians need help with this issue when I give talks or open up the subject. But they are just like me before I had the conversation with my mother. And now God uses me to basically tell people the same thing. Over the years I have helped many people with these types of issues.





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Pope Talks About Possession and the Devil in a Book entitled “Exorcists Against Satan”

By Jorge Enrique Mújica

In the book, Pope Francis talks about the controversial issue of exorcisms and demons.(ZENIT News / Vatican City, 04.12.2023).- A book entitled “Exorcists Against the Satan” has been in Italian bookstores since April 11. It includes an unpublished interview with Pope Francis about the Devil.

Fabio Marchese Ragona, the book’s author, begins the interview with the Holy Father by posing the case of a possessed nun who, in a moment of demonic manifestation, the Devil says [through her that] he hates the Pope because “he always speaks badly of me.” The interviewer writes that the Devil then said: “Have you seen how many problems I create for him?” And, after mentioning the case, Marchese asks the Pontiff how these affirmations must be taken, to which Pope Francis answers:

“I don’t know the case personally, hence, I can’t assess it. However, it’s really possible that I bother the Devil because I try to follow the Lord and what the Gospel says. And this bothers him. At the same time, he certainly rejoices when I commit a sin. He looks for man’s failure but has no hope in face of prayer.”

Then the interviewer asks the Pontiff if he has dealt directly with possessed individuals, to which Pope Bergoglio responds:

When I was Archbishop of Buenos Aires I had several people who came to me saying they were possessed. I sent them to consult two “specialist” priests: they are not quack doctors but exorcists. One is called Carlos Alberto Mancuso and he was an exorcist in the diocese of La Plata. The other was my confessor, Father Nicholas Mihaljevic, a Jesuit born in Croatia. Both told me afterwards that of those people only two or three were really victims of diabolic possession. The others suffered from diabolic obsession, which is something very different because they didn’t have the Devil in their body. This has to be specified.”

Then the Pope is asked if he had ever carried out an exorcism, to which the Holy Father replied: “No, never. If it were to happen, I would ask for the support of a good exorcist, as I did when I was Archbishop.”

The interviewer then refers to rumours about demonic attacks against Benedict XVI, attacks that he resisted, and he recalled that in 1972 Paul VI said that the smoke of Satan had entered God’s Church through cracks. So Marchese asked: **Can the Devil also act in the Vatican and attack the Pope?** To which Pope Francis answered:

“The Devil certainly tries to attack everyone, without distinction, and he tries to strike especially those that have greater responsibility in the Church or in society. Jesus also suffered the Devil’s temptations. And let us think also of those of Simon Peter, to whom Jesus said: “Get thee behind me, Satan.” So the Pope is also attacked by the Evil One. We are men and he always tries to attack us. It’s painful, but in face of prayer, he has no hope. And it’s also true, as Saint Paul VI said, that the Devil can enter God’s Church to sow discord and confront some against others. Divisions and attacks are always the work of the Devil. He always tries to insinuate himself to corrupt man’s heart and mind. The only salvation is to follow the way indicated by Christ.”

The penultimate question is if one must be afraid of the Devil, to which the Pontiff answers:

“I believe there are very dangerous devils, and I’m talking about ‘polite’ devils. Jesus also talks about them, we read this in Luke’s Gospel, which states that when an evil spirit is expelled he wanders in the desert seeking relief. But the moment arrives when he gets bored and returns “home,” from where he was expelled, and he sees the house in order, it’s lovely, just as it was when he was inside it.”

To this answer of the Holy Father, Marchese finally asks him: **“What happens at that moment?”** And the Pope explains:

“He goes to find other devils more evil than he is, he brings them, they enter the house politely, ringing the bell, and take possession of it politely. The soul, not taking care of doing an examination of conscience, pays no attention to them, or, due to spiritual lukewarmness, lets them come in. These [devils] are terrible, because they kill you. It’s the ugliest possession. Spiritual worldliness covers all these things. There’s no escape: the Devil either destroys directly with wars and injustices or does so politely, very diplomatically, as Jesus says. Discernment is needed.”

SOURCE: <https://zenit.org/2023/04/12/pope-talks-about-possession-and-the-devil-in-a-book-entitled-exorcists-against-satan/>

So now I am telling you, dear reader. The Holy Spirit specifically told me to write about this when I had 3 other topics partially written. So someone, or possibly *many someones*, need to read this. I don't want anyone suffering in this kind of fear when getting free of it, in most cases, is really simple. It's not about *what* you know, it's about *who* you know! **JESUS!** Throughout my ordeal with these things, I learned firsthand about this spiritual realm that we can't see, but it's right behind a thin veil. Since that time, I have studied and trained in deliverance ministry. I have a greater understanding of the spiritual realm and what happened. There are spiritual laws and demons are legalists. But the most simple of the spiritual laws is found at the end of Philippians chapter 2. "*At the Name of Jesus every knee, in heaven, on the earth, and below the earth will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*" The demons are subject to Jesus. They have ALWAYS been subject to Him. The miracle of Jesus referenced most frequently in the Gospels is deliverance from demons. He wants us free!

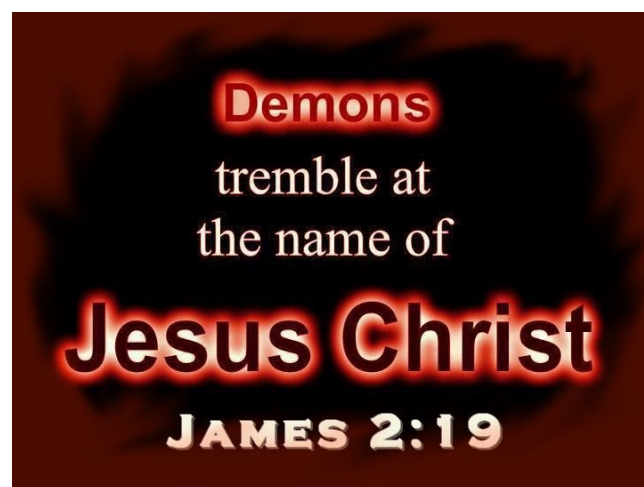
When Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the grave, He also CONQUERED death and the devil. "*Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death, he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.*" Heb 2:14, ESV.

Because He did this, when we accept HIM as Savior we are *literally* a part of His mystical body and we have the power and authority to use His Name. And we should use it. He *intended* for us to use it, not to be terrified and get pommelled by the enemy.

There are situations that are a more complex, but what I generally find is that the enemy is ALWAYS trying to convince people that the solution is more complex than it typically is, and that he has more power than he actually does. I did mention that demons are legalists. If they have a right to be somewhere they are not going to leave until they no longer have the right and they are kicked out. So the best protection against the demonic realm is to love and obey God and to love others. Repent and turn away from sin. But these things can also simply be in a dwelling because of things that happened there. And fear is a definite

foothold. They feed on negative emotions like fear and anger and hate and unforgiveness. But they have a particular free reign when someone is fearful. As I mentioned in my testimony, I was petrified of these things until I learned firsthand how to combat them with the power of risen Lord and with His Name. Had I not been so fearful they would not have been able to afflict me to the degree they did. God has always been very real to me. I think that God wanted me to know that the unseen spiritual battle that affects all of us is a real thing. God is real. And the Devil is not just an enigmatic evil figure, but a *real* being. Demons are real fallen angels. BUT.... JESUS IS REAL! HIS BLOOD IS EFFICACIOUS! HE DEFEATED THE DEVIL! So don't be afraid. **MAKE THEM TREMBLE. USE THE NAME!**

"You believe that God is one; you do well [to believe that]. The demons also believe [that], and shudder and bristle [in awe-filled terror—they have seen His wrath]!" James 2:19, AMP.



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Exorcist Diary #231: Demons of Shame **Msgr. Stephen Rossetti**

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"Jane" was besieged with thoughts of shame. These thoughts portrayed her entire life as one of dismal failure. She felt like she was diseased and disgusting. She could not imagine God or anyone else loving her or even wanting to look at her. She said, "I feel like walking shame."

Jane is afflicted with a severe demonic obsession. It is more than simply the negative self-talk that so many of us have. Hers is exceptionally strong and it daily torments her. It pounds away at her brain seemingly without cease. At times, the shame overwhelms her thinking and emotionally paralyzes her.

True humility is rooted in the truth. Yes, we are all sinners. We are all guilty and have contributed to the crucifixion of Jesus. But this is not the same thing as shame. Shame at-

tacks our sense of self and self-worth. We are made to think we are worthless. Some mystics say that the demons in hell torment the damned with such thoughts of shame. The demons pummel them with the charge that they are worthless and that God doesn't care.

Despite our guilt and our sin, we are not worthless. Rather, we are made in God's image and are thus of inestimable value. We are infinitely loved and our sins are forgiven. We are saved by Him. Thoughts of shame and self-denigration do not come from God.

With those pummeled by demonic obsessions of shame, I regularly go through repeated renunciations of the "demons of shame." I lead them in saying: "I renounce the demons of shame. I reject them; I rebuke them; I renounce them. In Jesus' name, I cast them out. In his holy name, I cast them out!"

It is also good for them to add: "I am a child of God and I am made beautiful in God's image. I am infinitely loved by the Father." I will then say, "May our loving God wrap his arms around you. May you know that you are infinitely loved. Know that you are willed into being by love from the first moment of your conception. You are called and destined for the Kingdom."

This is my prayer for you all:

May you, too, know that you were lovingly willed into being from the first

moment of your conception. May the Father wrap his loving arms

around you. May you feel his warmth, his love, and his peace. In the name

of Jesus be healed. In the name of Jesus, be at peace.

*To see a video on the Demons of Shame and to pray with Msgr. Rossetti for liberation, see this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJCMj9dmgss>

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Jesus, Son of God, in whom the fullness of the Divinity dwells, You call all the baptized to "put out into the deep," taking the path that leads to holiness. Waken in the hearts of young people the desire to be witnesses in the world of today to the power of your love. Fill them with your Spirit of fortitude and prudence, so that they may be able to discover the full truth about themselves and their own vocation. Our Savior, sent by the Father to reveal His merciful love, give to your Church the gift of young people who are ready to put out into the deep, to be the sign among their brothers of Your presence which renews and saves. Holy Virgin, Mother of the Redeemer, sure guide on the way towards God and towards neighbor, You who pondered his word in the depth of your heart, sustain with your motherly intercession our families and our ecclesial communities, so that they may help adolescents and young people to answer generously the call of the Lord. Amen.

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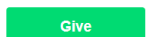
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