

## Is the Supernatural Real?

I am totally amazed at the number of Christians who never think in terms of the supernatural. For most people what is happening in our world is just another day on planet Earth; and they never think in terms of what may be working in the background that they cannot see. They never, or very seldom, think of the realm outside of the natural.

That was not true in the Middle Ages. During the Middle Ages, the common people were acutely aware of the presence and power of the supernatural. In fact, one writer said, “They were especially sensitive to the reality of the Devil and sought ways to attack him where he is most vulnerable. After determining that Satan’s pride was a good avenue of attack, the Evil One was routinely depicted as having horns, cloven feet, and other such things that we normally associate with cartoon illustrations of the Devil today. It was thought that these caricatures would weaken Satan by deflating his pride.”

Unfortunately, many people in our day are totally unaware of the origin of these depictions of the Devil during the Middle Ages. Therefore, people of our day have a distorted view of the Satan; and in many cases, they deny his existence altogether. They do not take the teachings of Scripture seriously at all.

However, Scripture is clear: Satan is real! Not only is he real, he is the archenemy of God Himself and the enemy of all humanity. Peter said, “Be sober, be vigilant [watchful]; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8).

Jesus our Lord said unto the religious leaders of His day, “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44).

Satan loves it when people deny his existence, and when they cannot understand the real conflict.

### **BIBLE READING**

I Peter 5:6-10

### **VERSE OF THE WEEK**

I Peter 5:8