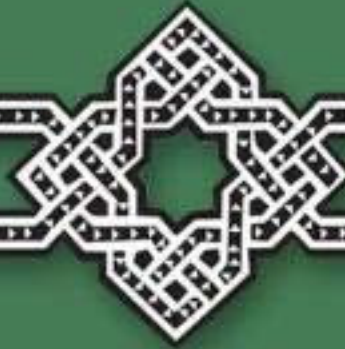




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The Spiritual World of Muslims
Lesson Five



Popular Islam

- Not High or Low
- Not Folk or Urban
- Not Head or Heart
- Popular Expression of 70-85% of Muslims
- Classical Islam is sterile and impotent



Power Encounters in my life

– Born as Muslim

- Animism - blood brotherhood with a friend / being healed by animistic method
- Eating a piece of soil from Mecca
- Holy man (pir) visit at early age
- Visiting Holy man's grave (Shrine) on a hill at nearby village
- Exorcism movies – elementary/middle school age years

– Became Marxist

- Transcendental Meditation – *Became Marxist just before High School*
- UFO search – High School age [Erich von Däniken / Carl Sagan]
- Theosophy - [Out of Body Experience]
- Weegie Board experiences [Meeting with the Holy Spirit] - High School age

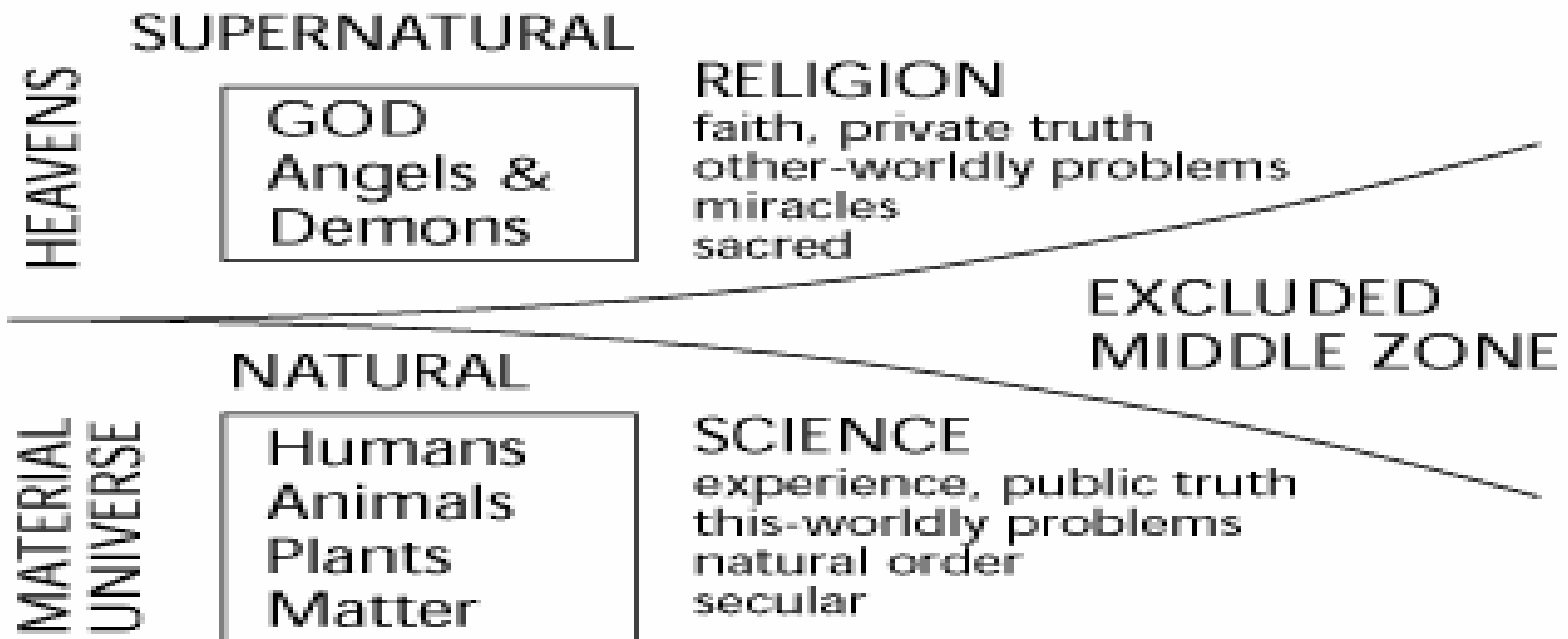
– Became Christian

- Finding help in trusting Jesus Christ through two dreams



The Modern Worldview

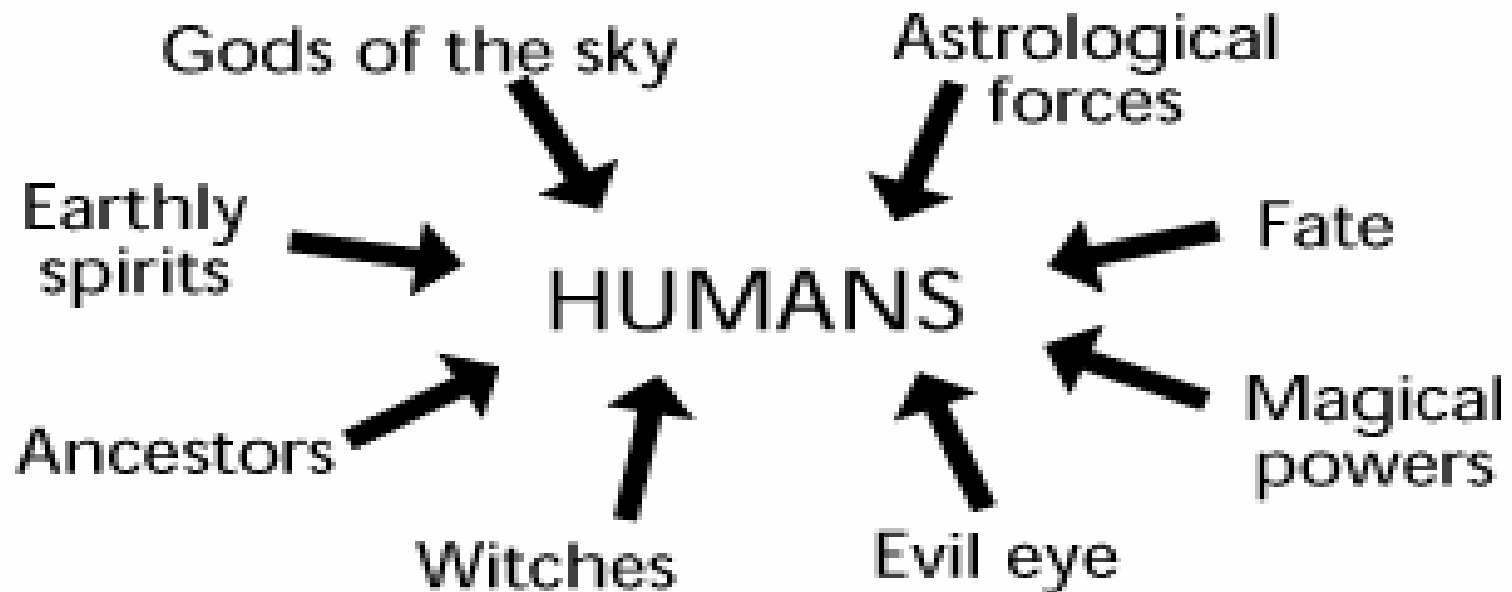
FIGURE 1
The Modern Worldview





Tribal Worldview

FIGURE 2
Tribal View of Spiritual Encounters



Tribal Worldview within Christian Spiritual Warfare

- Satan & demons are preventing people to become Christians.
- Folk Islam has ethnical and territorial warfare understanding.
- Celebration Ephesus, 1999 – I was in the meeting.
Spiritual Warfare Network / Strategic Prayer Network
 - "Celebration Ephesus" was organized by Global Harvest Ministries and led by C. Peter Wagner. *"The aim was a time of spiritual warfare in the exact centre of Ephesus' Diana cult,"* said Wagner. He believes that Diana is the 'Queen of Heaven' mentioned in the Old Testament (Jeremiah 7:44), a spiritual being which aims to spiritually blind millions of people, hindering their understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

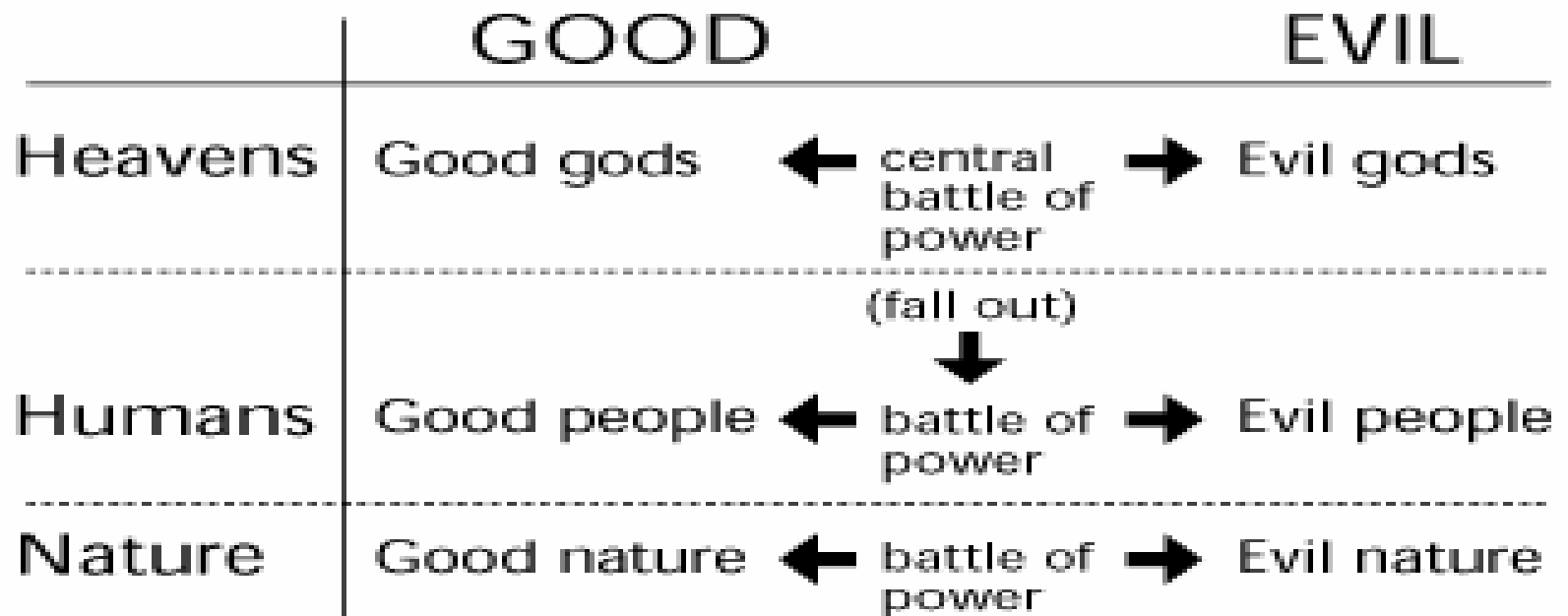


Peter Wagner
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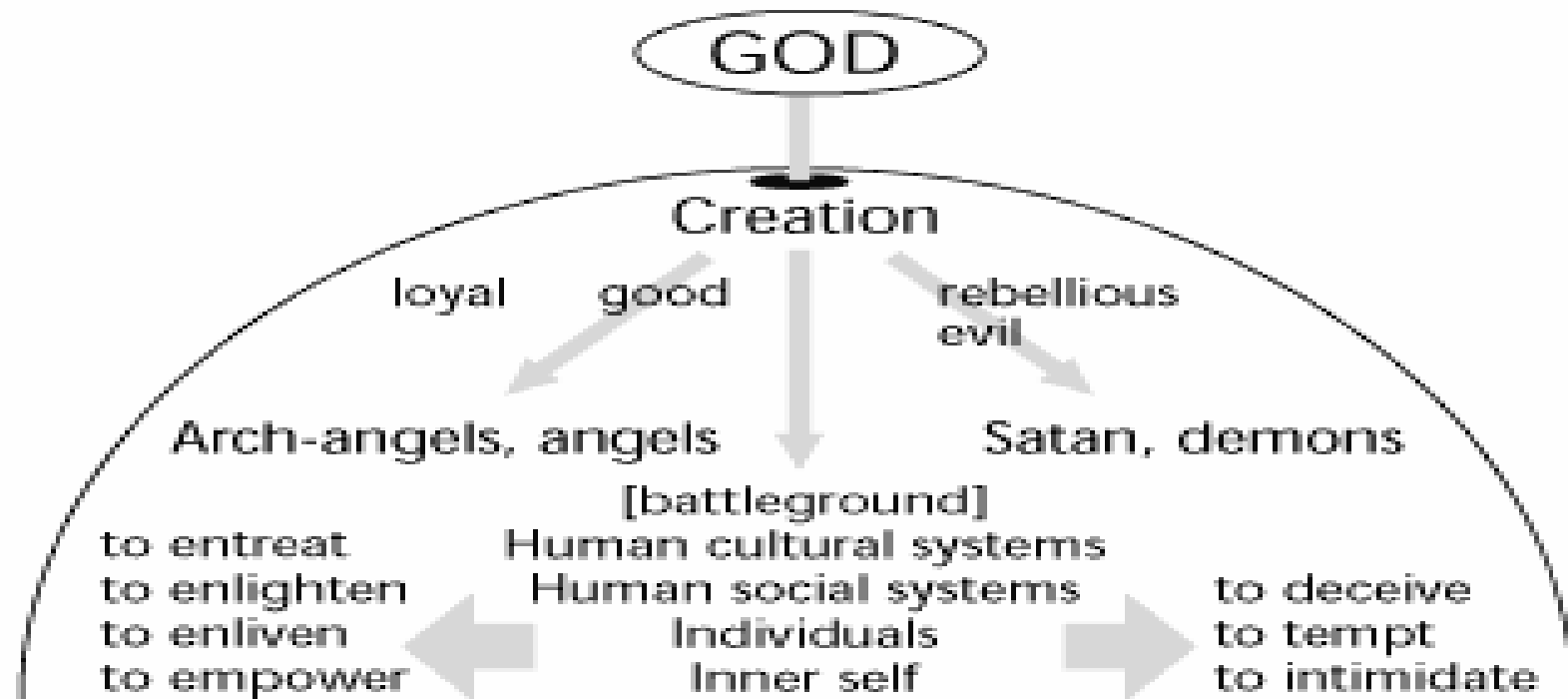
Cosmic Dualism

FIGURE 3
The Myth of Cosmic Dualism



The Biblical View of Spiritual Warfare

FIGURE 4
Biblical View of Spiritual Warfare



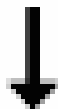


Cross is shame & weakness in Islam

FIGURE 6
Indo-European and Biblical Views of Spiritual Warfare

INDO-EUROPEAN

- battle between equals
- seek to defeat and control
- use power of force
- use the same means as the enemy
- inflict pain



SWORD

BIBLICAL

- rebellious creation
- seek to restrain and reconcile
- use power of love and truth
- use only righteous means
- bear pain



CROSS

Dream and Visions

- Ministry on dreams & visions:
<http://isaalmasih.net>
- A former Sheikh Cuneyt's
experience



Islamic teaching on
Interpreting Dreams
in Turkey

Protective Objects

- Nazar as protection from the evil eye (Talisman)
- Potions from herbs to holy water
 - Productive (prosperity, fertility)
 - Protective (overcome fear)
 - Destructive (black magic, forcing, hex, curses and spells)



Nazar/Evil Eye





Magic Words

- Amulets with Qur'anic verses (Tawiz)
 - Drunk, worn, buried, burned, eaten
 - I carried an amulet during grade eight.
- Incantation of the Names of God (Dhikr)
 - Rosary beads – *Mostly old or conservative Muslims*
 - Repetition/Chanting on MSN Messenger
 - Pick and Count
- Invocation – *Everyone does*
 - Oaths
 - Bismallah
 - Mashallah



Powerful Places

- Shrines & tombs of saints
 - Relics and Veneration
 - Association of Divine Power, Worship and Respect
 - Mediation
 - Water & trees (bells)





Divination

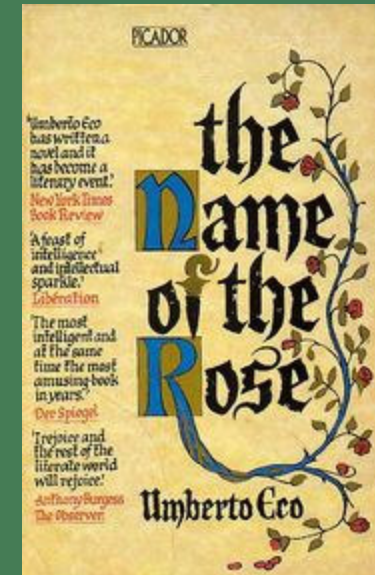
- Astrology
- Palm Reading
(look at the photo)
- Communication
with dead
- Omens
- Insane – Hearing
Voices affects
much of
Pentecostal/Chari
smatic MBBs in
Turkey



Izmir (Smyrna), Turkey
September 2006

Supernatural People

- Marabout or Dukun (shaman) or the Imam
- The Psychic – [visits from intellectual, Muslim people]
- Recognition of Spirit's indwelling (Karabasan)
 - Karabasan = Sleep Paralysis – temporary, short paralysis of body after gaining your consciousness is called a demon attacking you. *I thought demons were attacking me!*
 - The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco – *Power of reasoning (scholasticism) versus demonology by monastic explanation at 14th century.*





Supernatural Beings

- Jinn, demons, spirits – *Pentecostal years of my life*
- Exorcism - *I attended an exorcism in an early age.*
- Prayer walks & House Cleansings in Islam and its continuation to Christianity through Pentecostal/Charismatic theology



Fate and Taboo

- Controlling Superstitions
 - Sneezing, yawning, hiccups, finger nails, hair, teeth, ablutions, birthmarks, handicaps
- Kismet – Causality/Equilibrium
- “It is written”
- Qur’an as fetish (placement)



Blessing - Baraka

- Can you pray for someone to be blessed?
- Crippled people – *considered cursed*
- Healing ministry of the Mullahs
- Uncomfortable with healing