

The Working of “PYTHON” **Through Soothsaying and Mania** By Karen Connell

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To see the working of sorcery through the spirit of python, we just need to look at what happened to the Apostle Paul when this spirit showed up in his ministry. *And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying*” (Acts 16:16, KJV) Here we see a girl who operated in what many in the church today would call the “prophetic anointing.” Non-Christians would say the girl had “physic powers.” The Bible however, says she was actually operating in a “soothsaying” or “divination,” a form of sorcery. *“A certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying...She followed along behind us shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.” This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and spoke to the demon within her. “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her,” he said. And instantly it left her”* (Acts 16:16-18, KJV & NLT)

You could not tell by what she said through her “prophetic utterance” that she was operating by the spirit of python. As I said before, those who operate in divination can be precisely accurate in what they say and see. Therefore, unless we can discern this operation, we will be easily deceived by the “spirit of divination” which is represented by the “reptile spirit python.”

Many Christians are tormented by the control of the python spirit simply because they do not understand how it operates. The Greek word “pυthon” is translated “divination” in (Acts 16:16) and is refers to “python” or a “dragon” that guarded the “Delphic Oracle” in Greek mythology by speaking through a person (Strong’s 4436). This is one of the ways Python manifests. In (Acts 16:16), the girl was “soothsaying” through Python to bring her masters **much financial gain**. The word “soothsaying” is the Greek word “manteuomai” (mant-yoo’-om-ah-ee) and it means to “rave through inspiration” (Strong’s, 3132). More precisely, it means to “rave because of a spiritual influence directly and immediately exerted upon the mind or soul” (CWSD, 3232). The root form of this word expresses the idea of “insensate cravings” which mean “desires that lack understanding or human feeling” (Strong’s, 3105). By its nature, sorcery is “insensate” or “insensitive.” It’s cold, cruel and brutal nature leaves its victims irrational, foolish and without understanding or judgment. They end up lacking in sensation or awareness (no discernment) to such an extent that they can become inanimately cold blooded killers – and with little or no consciousness as to what is going on around them. “Manteuomai” is also where we get our English words "maniac" and “mania” which means a state of *fierce rage or excessive anger, fury, frenzy and insanity or a mind out of control*.

It should now be easy to see how soothsaying and the drug companies are, so to speak, in bed together. Since soothsaying is associated with “raving,” this accurately describes how people, whom I have often dealt with, have acted when they were influenced by the python spirit. Often they persist in discussing specific subjects as if they were authorities on things they actually know little about. When people are in a manic state they are not rational in their thinking. Satan’s superimposed anger that is upon them clearly gives them an unsound mind (John 8:44).

This is why I tell those we train for the deliverance ministry. “You can’t counsel or reason with a demon!” Python is behind “insanity” and an insane person is declared to be mentally deranged, disturbed, out of order and, therefore, unreasonable. Because brain and nervous system connections are disrupted by the Python spirit, I believe this spirit is involved with many mental, emotional, and physical problems including and especially epilepsy. Soothsaying or “mania” is also the name of the Roman “goddess of death.”³⁸

Remember that the “dragon” or serpent spirit of sorcery is the covering of death. “*We are sore broken in the place of dragons, and we are covered with the shadow of death*” (Psalm 44:19, NKJV).

Therefore, it is safe to say that the spirit of python is involved with the psychiatric disorder of “mania.” This is usually called the manic high side of a “bipolar disorder.” In my search of numerous medical references, I found that most of them defined mania simply as a mood disorder where victims react **excessively and sometimes violently**. The word “excessive” comes from the Greek word “mega” (great) which is used to describe Simon the sorcerer who “saw himself as some great one” (Strong’s 3173, Acts 8:9, KJV). What follows are 18 other symptoms of people who are diagnosed with “mania.”⁴⁷

- Showing inappropriate enthusiasm for projects in which they are ill suited
- Engaging strangers in detailed conversations
- Acting without concern for consequences
- Increased sexual activities
- Abnormally irritable
- An unwarranted sense of self-importance
- Easily distracted
- Decreased need for sleep
- Inability to sit still Increased activity toward achieving some goal
- Irrepressible need to talk
- Lack of good judgment
- Inability to mentally focus
- Feeling elated while simultaneously feeling irritable and frustrated
- Experiencing de-realization
- Often obsessed with something or someone
- May have an irrational but irresistible motive for a belief or action

Satan knows the correlation between thoughts and words and how they affect our brain functions, which in turn affects our neurological functions. This is how the python spirit gets its victims into an “emotional state.” It inspires them with “excessive” thoughts of grandeur and keeps them focused on what is not based on reality. In the natural realm, an actual python snake kills its prey by “squeezing” and “suffocating” its victim. I have seen how Python manifests in an individual or in a church, by eventually quenching the flow of the Holy Spirit. In addition, those who are bewitched by its power have a difficult time staying focused on God and His word because their attention is constantly diverted to things that fascinate them. Through Python’s inspiration, people can also blurt things out “uncontrollably.” For instance, I took a person to a church service many years ago who was

under this spirit's control. This person talked out loud during the service and blurted out some very embarrassing things.

This Python spirit of soothsaying is also behind the "false anointing" that makes people do the bizarre things I have seen them do in many Charismatic type meetings. Besides being translated "manic" or "mania," *The Complete Word Studies Dictionary* (CWSD) gives this definition for the word "manteuomai" (mant-yoo'- om-ahee) translated "soothsaying" (Strong's, 3132).

It means: to be mad, beside oneself, to divine or utter spells...soothsayers raged, foamed and screamed, making strange and terrible noises, sometimes gnashing with their teeth, shaking and trembling, with many strange motions.

There are also times when people under the control of this spirit suffer with "breathing" problems such as asthma, emphysema and other lung problems because it constricts air passages and breath. When the python spirit is at work, it exerts immense pressure against people by "constricting" its victims until it slows or stops the natural course or development of people, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. For example, the person I knew who blurted out in church, never did fully developed physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually because this spirit "arrests" or "delays" these developments.

Reptiles or snakes are land creatures that "creep" upon the earth which represents this demonic influence that brings "pressure" to bear in our "life on earth." This includes areas such as finances, personal relationships and our health. As I said before, this spirit also exerts "mind control," by twisting and distorting our conscious reasoning and "pressuring" us into making decisions that are contrary to God's ways and to His standard of truth. When the python spirit operates, it exerts "binding pressure" that hinders and blocks our minds from receiving clarity from God's word. It brought this kind of pressure upon the Apostle Paul every time the girl who was under its influence opened her mouth. "*This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and spoke to the demon within her...*" (Acts 16:18, NLT).

This tells me that people who live and deal with someone under this influence will struggle with pressure from "exasperation." Oh, how well I understand this! The Python spirit is one I have had to do battle with since the start of our ministry. I recall from early on after we started our church when a woman under the influence of Python began to come to our meetings. I discerned immediately she had a strong "religious spirit" (Python, by the way, is a religious spirit). She prophesied so accurately but acted so weird! She raved and babbled constantly which got all who listened to her in total confusion and frustration. People in other churches knew her and thought she was surely "prophetic." But they had become bewitched by her "gift" because she prophesied so accurately. I also found that people under this influence get "twisted ideas" about what the Word of God says and have a hard time making themselves clearly understood. This too is the working of python. Snakes "creep" along the ground and God tells us to take dominion over this "creep" in our lives! "*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them **have dominion over** the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over **every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth***" (Genesis 1:26, KJV).

The Hebrew words for "creeping thing" is "remes" (reh'-mes). This is "a reptile that moves "randomly" upon the earth" (CWSD,

7431) that has no definite order or direction and being out of order is a definite sorcery trait. "*Remes*" is also defined as the randomly "fast- multiplying, overwhelming and crowding movement" of pressure (CWSD, 7431). This is associated with **panic attacks**. Therefore, python as a "CREEPING THING" is a spirit that causes "mental pressure" to the extent that this overwhelming pressure can

result in neurological disarrangement that causes great malfunction in numerous ways. This influence is what God's forbade His people to be defiled by. "*Or if a soul touch the unclean thing, whether it be a carcass or unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he shall be **unclean** (defiled), and **guilty***" (Leviticus 5:2, NKJV, parenthesis mine).

We then find sorcery ruling from three places (sea—air—earth), which are the same three places God told Adam and Eve to take dominion over! *Then God said... "let them have dominion over the fish of the **sea**, over the birds of the **air**, and over... every creeping thing that creeps on the **earth**"* (Gen 1:26 NKJV).

It is from these three places that the rulers of sorcery are doing their work of blinding the minds of people (including Christians). Those who have ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying, must learn how to recognize and expose the tactics of these forces of deception among God's people. Otherwise they will fall prey to the great deception that is going to engulf the entire world at some future point. There are multitudes who are already deceived, but the worst is yet to come so that "*If possible even the very elect will be deceived*" (Matthew 24:24).

End Note

47. "*Wikipedia.*" www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mania_classification)