I mean Satan as in parapsychology or "Those mysterious voices from the dark side of the mind that have haunted man since the beginning of time". Growing up many years ago, I had a wonderful uncle who was a deacon at his local church and we would spend time on his farm in rural America. I have always remembered him for really one thing that he said to his young nephew before he died. He said, its God who gives you the answers when you are struggling. He went on to pull some examples of this out of me during a very short conversation, and I will always thank him for this.

These days it's more complicated but this is the foundation of my belief. There are different brain wave patterns that apply to different types of thinking, or not thinking but they are all headed in the same direction. Whether we know it or not we are all trying to solve our problems and get the place we want to be, and "If you're not using your subconscious to solve everyday problems you are working too hard". Here is another quote from Publius Skipio or Skipio Africanus who was the only Roman general to have ever defeated Hannibal on the field of battle. Skipio was often found in the temples late at night and by himself conversing loudly. When asked what was going on and who he could have been speaking with, he answered "One is never more in the company of others than when one is by himself."

What does Satan have to do with all that, you ask? Ok, humans have been given free will so none of us can be perfect no matter how hard we try. Therefore, those thoughts or voices that pop into your head while you are sleeping, half-awake or in the middle of busy day, need some scrutiny. Obviously, we need to vet our assumptions and conclusions before taking action. This is the difference between a weak and strong mind or childish and mature decision. (BTW, if we do not use Judeo Christian teaching in our daily lives or as the foundation for our collective values, what is the alternative? and God help us.)

Anyway, there is a lot of computing constantly going on in our heads and it is even more complicated by another constant. Phenomena plays a huge role in our daily lives, a traffic jam on the way to work, medical problems, or any unexpected difficulty will drive us off course and we are that much further behind where we need to get. This is where our religious leaders and Satan come in and they both say to have the answers for what we need. I am not that religious but I'm guessing that there is a lot of praying or thinking going on, and phenomenologically speaking this could mean good or bad energy pouring out of anyone close enough to us to make a difference.

The brain is like a big round bush and it is 'phonemically' powerful. Long-term memory is endless and we will continue to evolve or devolve until the day we stop putting out new growth and the body dies. Likewise, memory is a chemical energy growing process that is synthesized from the environment and elements we make available to ourselves, and this is the point. There are poisons, predators and parasites who are looking for new host bodies to consume. In the plant world, the effects are fairly obvious but for us it's a little more complicated.

Negative energy and corrupt beliefs can be as caustic to our wellbeing as any other physical threat. Once these negative or evil influences are identified and verified a healthy adult mind will expel and keep them at a distance. It is Satan who will deceive us and rule our lives if possible, the political erosion of free speech, legal oppression and suppression of the truth, can only be the devil's work. Our objective should be to live, grow and dye in a healthy world, nothing more.

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