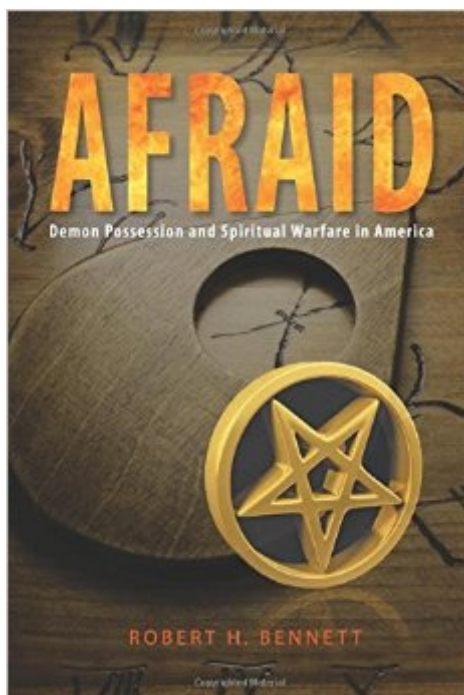


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A fascinating and unnerving book, *Afraid* is a must-read that equips all Christians to recognize the devil's influence in our society and to act on it. Robert Bennett describes real events and actual confessions people have shared with him of demonic encounters in America, in our modern age. Summoning demons, interacting with ghosts, and holding séances led to what many may call horrifying hallucinations and even schizophrenia. But for many Americans, these things are their spirituality. How can we break free from the despair and crushing fear that such encounters can bring? How do we come to the aid of our neighbors who are lost in Satan's deceptions? Bennett points us to the only way out: God's grace and the medicines He gives to His people.

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From possession to oppression to the devil's role in addiction, there are riveting questions for Christians to consider. This book provides answers in a consistent, Lutheran, and Christocentric way. Curious about voodoo culture, but want a perspective a bit deeper than a tourist's? It's in there. What about Native American ancestor rituals? Generational curses? Psychic Expos? General American spiritualism and the spiritual effects of multi-culturalism? This book will give you things to think about. I'll admit. A few times I paused in hesitation as I was reading. I wondered whether the author was going too far or would somehow jump off the deep end. I'm happy to report that he is not encouraging superstition or jumping to conclusions. He does not see the devil behind every rough day or nasty look. At the same time, the devil can be in the details of the temptations floating around

us. That doesn't really surprise us, does it? Still, perhaps it happens more often than we would like to admit. There really is spiritual warfare in America. If you believe that, as well as the power of God's Word, then this book offers a well-written (very readable) introduction. It offers a very Lutheran approach, focusing on God's promises, God's Son, and God's means of grace, and there are helpful quotes from Scripture, hymnody, the Confessions, and Large Catechism. A few parts are repetitive. I appreciated it, however, thinking that I should include this in a homeschool religion class when my kids are in high school. I also appreciated how the author demonstrated, again and again, how exorcism, or exorcistic practices, exists through Scripture, hymnody, and church practices.

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