



QUESTION: Can Satan read, put thoughts in, or control our minds (or influence the way that we think ?)

FIRST things FIRST:

1. Read Psalm 139:1-4. It says God knows our thoughts "afar off."
2. Read 1 Kings 8:39. God knows _____.
3. Look at Jeremiah 17:1:

"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

4. There are three passages in the Gospels that teach us that Jesus knows the thoughts, hearts and intentions of man:
 - i. Matthew 9:4
 - ii. John 2:25
 - iii. John 6:64
5. God is clearly –
 - a. Omniscient: - Is all-knowing
 - b. Omnipresent: - Is everywhere
 - c. Omnipotent: - Is all-powerful



THE DEVIL IS NOT ! That would give the devil the unique attributes of God. Instead read Mark 5:1-9:

¹ They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.^(a) ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "**for we are many.**" (Legion = a Roman army typically more than 5000 soldiers)

There were effectively 5000 + demons against one possessed man. THEY TRAVEL IN WOLF-PACKS ! Notice also, these 'invisible' creatures were able to see and recognize Jesus. Have you ever given thought to the fact that 5000 demonic spirits could be observing you ? They know a lot about what you do (even in your private spaces). They are timeless creatures so they have been around a while. They know a lot about you and all the generations before you that have some of the same propensities, traits, thought patterns, etc., as you do.

In Matthew 16:21-24, when Jesus tells Peter, “Get thee behind me Satan,” he was acknowledging that the words out of Peter’s mouth (out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks – Matthew 12:34), somehow came from Satan. How would you say that these ‘thoughts’ got there ?

OPTIONS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In Luke 22:3, when “Satan **entered** Judas,” did this mean that Judas was possessed or that his thoughts were mind/heart was influenced by Satan ?

Have you ever wondered in 2 Corinthians 11:14 if “Satan **masquerades** as an angel of light,” if you could possibly be talking to an agent that might be disguised as a ‘friend ?’

In Acts 5:3, it says, “³Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so **filled** your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?” Consider Proverbs 23:7 – “For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

We would have to conclude that there is some way that Satan can influence our thoughts even though he cannot “know” them directly. Look at the bolded words above and explain how we can possibly keep the enemy from having influence over our thoughts:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____