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3 Crucial Questions about Spiritual Warfare, Clinton E. Arnold, 1997, is a well-informed book the author brilliantly wrote. He answered three controversial questions to which we could never find answers. The three crucial questions are What is Spiritual Warfare? Can a Christian Be Demon Possessed? Are we Called to Engage Territorial Spirits?

Chapter one, What is Spiritual Warfare foundational to spiritual Warfare: a belief in evil and spirits and a desire to get the upper hand on them before they get it on us. This book speaks on how we need to seek guidance from one true Spirit, God, who revealed Himself to us in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and in the scriptures. This book appeals to the Bible for understanding and wisdom on this issue. It gives us significant insight into how we are to respond to evil spiritual powers. Can Spiritual Warfare be ignored? Some believers are too afraid to even talk about Spiritual Warfare. For the most part, they will try to avoid the topic altogether. To think that a Christian could avoid Spiritual Warfare is like a gardener could avoid dealing with weeds.

A Foundational Understanding of Reality: Kingdom in conflict. From the very beginning of His public ministry, Jesus spoke of and demonstrated the nature of the conflict with the opposing realm. Drawn into struggle from the moment He began proclaiming the kingdom of God in the synagogue at Capernaum (Mark 12:1-18). There was an evil spirit entity speaking through a man. Jesus commanded the spirit to depart. Mark tells us that "he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons" (Mark 1:39).

John reveals in his first epistle that "the whole world is under the control of the evil one" (John 14:30). It shows that Satan and his minions can exercise influence over this world and its power structure. Satan reigns not only territorial but temporal. The apostle Paul described Satan as "the god of this age." The biblical understanding in history was divided into two eras, the evil age and the age to come—the imagery of Warfare and struggle in the New Testament. The image and reference, such as the Christian life, is a struggle against evil force (Eph. 6:12). Paul "fought the good fight" (2 Tim. 4:7). Our conflict involves struggling against the profound and devastating implications of the spread into the world. For Christians, this consists in resisting the tendency to commit moral evil. Peter spoke of "the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

The testimony from beginning to end is that Yahweh is sovereign. He created everything in Heaven and on Earth. All of the spiritual powers desire their life from Him. This book described six common Objections to Emphasizing Spiritual Warfare today: 1. The concept of spiritual Warfare reflects a primitive prescientific worldview. 2. Demons and evil spirits are not very prominent in the Bible. 3. Experiences with the demonic realm happen only on the mission.

Why the Upsurge of Interest in Spiritual Warfare? This book spoke popularly known as the New Age movement. New Age themes have permeated many aspects of American culture over the past 20 years, per Harvard Professor Diana Eck. Recognition that the Biblical Worldview corresponds to Reality, what reason is there for recourse to demons or evil spirits? The specific manifestation of evil is consistent with the notion of powerful, personal, supernatural forces pushing people into destructive modes of behavior. Odd behavior was best explained by an evil supernatural being manifesting itself to or through the person. The Devil is the ruler of the kingdom of the air. The spirit is now at work in those who are disobedient. The flesh draws our sinful nature and follows its desires and thoughts. The flesh is the craving of our sinful nature and follows its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were, by nature, objects of wrath. We also lived among them at one time, which was gratifying. Like the rest were by nature objects of wrath.

The Devil made me do it. Imbalanced view of evil influences. The nature of evil influences has significant implications for life and ministry. Devil's influence exaggerated the three influences: Flesh, World, and Devil. 1. It helps people realize that the deck is stacked against them. 2. The perspective encourages or wholistic approach to Christian maturity. 3. The Christian life is a lifelong struggle, not a one-time fix. 4. This perspective would encourage deliverance ministering with sound therapy and a solid mentoring discipleship relationship—the Primacy of Prayer. It is the heart of Spiritual Warfare. Part of Spiritual Warfare is recognizing that you cannot in your strength; you used God to hold you by the hand on your behalf. Paul engages as he handles the Corinthian problem. The weapon used is 1. Truth. 2 Righteousness. 3. Gospel. 4. Faith. 5. Salvation. 6. The Holy Spirit and the word of God. 7. Prayer.

In Chapter two, Can a Christian be Demon possessed? Background Perspectives: 1. Dismiss the stories about demons altogether. 2. Reinterpret the stories about demons. 3. Accept the stories as what happened. Why Even Think about the Enemy? It wakes us up to the Reality of Supernaturally Powerful opposition. Awareness of how the demonic is against us. May one realize that evangelism represents an aggressive assent on territory held by a supernaturally powerful event? Satan tries to remind Believers of their shortcomings, unworthiness, and sin. Satan cannot own a Christian. Christian ownership has settled once and when a person turns to Christ. How do Demons Exert Their Influences on Christians? Temptation, False Teaching Creating Feelings of Guilt, Doubt, and Fear. Physical Attack-The Evil one can induce in Christians. The persecution-The church has faced violent opposition and persecution since its inception.

In chapter three, Are we Called to Engage Territorial Spirit? There is a variety of strategies. SLSW is a threefold approach. 1. Discern the territorial spirits assigned to that city. 2. Deal with the corporate sin of a city or area. 3. Engage in aggressive "warfare prayer" against the territorial spirits. What about Discerning? "Naming, Praying Down" Territorial Spirits? God directs Angels for us, focusing on people, and ministers to the Demonized, Issue of Authority. There is no evidence in scripture that we have the right to "serve notice," "evict," or "bind" spirits over cities, regions, or nations against Demons Afflicting People. We need to pray, Lord, please, this person, Against Demons Afflicting People for Territorial, pray and command in Jesus's name. Need to pray against Territorial Prayer Lord, Please hinder and thwart our city's spirit. We do not command at all for Territorial Prayer. What about Spiritual Mapping? For some, spiritual mapping is the process of identifying the precise boundaries of the jurisdiction of a territorial spirit.

In conclusion, the author Clinton Arnold cut to the chase by giving the answers to the three crucial questions that covered vastly and reached all borders. He addressed all aspects of Spiritual Warfare. He defined, gave theologian perspective as well gave scripture references. This book is a must-read for all.

