Dear Friends in Christ,

I am sending this article out of a desire to give a biblical and theological frame of reference in the area of SRA/DID for both survivors and those who have chosen to come alongside for ministry and support. There is much more that I would like to have communicated but I trust that this brief explanation will be of some help for those who need hope and direction in grappling with the spiritual warfare, the reality, and the complexity of SRA/DID. Some of what I have written may not be easily comprehended but I am willing to take the risk of possible misunderstanding in this matter. I have written out of my own experience of working with SRA survivors since 1984 and SRA/DID since 1991. It has been a long and challenging journey in which only eternity will unfold all that is behind the words written herein. I strongly urge that you look up every scripture reference listed since this gives the biblical framework for what I have written. I pray that the Lord will use only what is of eternal value to Him and His people.

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In the Masters yoke,

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## Why is SRA in the Church?

The existence of Satanic Ritual Abuse in the Church is preeminently to serve God's end-time purpose. As the archenemy of God, Satan also has a strategic purpose and that is to thwart God's purpose in the creation, redemption and ultimate glorification of Jesus Christ in redeemed man. In fact, Satan's supreme desire can be seen in his unrelenting attempt to frustrate God's ultimate desire, which is to see His people conformed to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. God's design is that His image is to be progressively formed in the Church through the process of sanctification on both a personal and corporate level (Eph. 4:13 w/ Gal 4:19 w/ Rom 8:29).

The formation of Christ's image in the Church is being viciously opposed and to some degree thwarted by Satan's orchestration and implementation of trauma, dissociation and demonization of members of the Body of Christ on a global scale. Satan has, in effect, transformed a unique category of believers in varying degrees, who are SRA/DID, into a corporate temple and dwelling place for himself in his end-time agenda to delay his final overthrow and defeat by means of the Church (Rom. 16:20). He has devised an insidious scheme to create a kingdom for himself within the Kingdom of God (see Matt 13:24-30; 33 w/ 36-43). This represents his supreme and final end-time effort to prevent or delay the realization of Eph 4:13 w/ Eph. 3:19 w/ Gal. 4:19 w/ John 17:20-26.

Christians who are SRA/DID are being used by Satan and the cult of the New World Order because of their strategic potential and value to the Lord. One of the reasons for Satan's focus upon believers is because Christians are "one spirit with the Lord" (1 Cor. 6:17) at the new birth, therefore they become the supreme target of Satan in his last ditch effort against God's eternal purpose and the return of Jesus Christ for His Church. Through the process of trauma, dissociation and demonization of Christians, Satan has created a corporate-spiritual-demonic-human interface or conduit for himself in the Body of Christ. This interface contains all the cumulative effects of previous generational sins, iniquity, and demonization, which is necessary to bring into human history the birth of the two beasts of Revelation 13 (i.e. the antichrist and false prophet).

Satan knows that the Church is the divinely chosen instrument for his final overthrow with the rest of the fallen angels from their heavenly position, which is rightfully Christ's in the Church (Eph. 1:23 w/ 2:6 w/ 3:19 w/ Rom. 16:20 w/ Heb. 1: 13 w/2 Thess. 2: 14 w/ Eph. 3: 21 w/ Rev. 12: 7-9).

What was God's original purpose in creating man? He created mankind to "glorify God and enjoy Him forever" which begins here in time through giving Him our obedience and worship. The reality is that SRA/DID in the Church represents Satan's final supreme act of rebellion to maintain his stronghold in the heavenlies before he is cast down to the earth in the middle of the Great Tribulation (Rev 12:7-9). This intense cosmic conflict involves the spiritual, moral and legal dispute that has existed between God and Satan since his fall from heaven.

God's will is that He alone receiv all the honor, glory, and worship that is worthy of His name. Through the phenomenon of SRA/DID Satan has established for himself a kingdom within the Church the Body of Christ in his malevolent attempt to obtain for himself the supreme place of honor, glory, and worship which belong to God alone. Through this "kingdom" Satan is desperately seeking to delay the realization of the Church coming to the "measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:13). Satan's strategy and scheme includes the process of repeatedly traumatizing a child to the point of destruction, fragmentation, and demonization resulting in the transformation and degradation of the person's God-given identity. This especially affects the person's identity at their spiritual, mental, and emotional level. At this level of trauma, the normal God-intended bonding process with human beings becomes extremely damaged. The intent of the demon possessed, Satan-inspired perpetrators is to prevent the normal bonding process from occurring thus making it easier for Satan to establish trauma bonds with perpetrators and demons in order to conceal and implement his evil agenda. This means that at the deepest level of the individual's identity even his/her human spirit has been defiled and therefore becomes the primary nexus or link for Satan to interface and network with other DID/SRA in the Body of Christ. (The fact that the human spirit can become defiled is clearly stated and implied by comparing 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 w/ 1 Thess 5:23.) Therefore this Satanic connection and bond becomes the primary means for the defilement of the Body or the Bride of Christ at the deepest spiritual level. Satan's desire is to manipulate the Church and use her to express himself and his agenda, i.e., to function as his "body" on an occult/spiritual level. In other words, through the phenomena of SRA/DID Satan has created a kingdom to display his image and nature because of his jealousy and hatred for God. (Psa. 2:1-3). What Satan has chosen to do is beyond human comprehension in regard to his sheer cunning, and arrogance which he has always displayed in the battle that he is waging against God.

In seeking to understand this great cosmic conflict of the ages it is vital to remember that God is sovereign and that Satan is God's most unwilling servant (Psa. 119:91b). By virtue of that sovereignty, God has, in effect, said to Satan regarding the Church of this generation: "go ahead and do your best (or worst from our perspective) to thwart My eternal purpose regarding Christ and the Church." (See Job 1: and Job 2)

Several survivors who were 'engineered' to represent the throne of Satan and to manifest him at various times through their physical bodies describe the results of the extreme trauma and torture that they have endured. All of the persons' mental, emotional, volitional capacity was reduced to total "blank slate" or "tabla rasa" through the severe sadistic trauma, clinical death and demonization. This resulted in the satanic transformation of these people, thus making them into conduits or vessels for the defilement of the Church. When Satan has taken captive members of the Body of Christ to manifest generational idolatry, anger, wrath, bitterness, and hatred toward God this represents a most significant stronghold for the defilement of the corporate Body of Christ. This contamination permeates at the deepest spiritual level within the Body of Christ.

The effects of this spiritual contamination and defilement within the Body of Christ drastically affects our corporate or collective relationship with God and one another. As a result, Satan can more effectively conceal his activities by gaining this type of access to the Church. This is highly effective in his purpose to weaken the Church's testimony, both to the principalities and powers (Eph. 3:10), and the world, through false teaching and division. Not all survivors undergo satanic transformation on this level but for many who are from this background and history, this level of abuse results in the most extreme splitting and polarization between good and evil at the deepest core level of the person's identity. This struggle between good and evil within such people creates tremendous spiritual conflicts resulting in a life of chaos and confusion regarding ones true identity in Christ. This also results in the individual experiencing a love/hate relationship with the Lord, the Church, and significant others at the core of their identity.

This internal DID structure and dynamic is 'installed' via trauma-based mind control between the age of 15 months and 2 years. This demonically-driven DID structure and dynamic serves as the foundation or template for the core conflict(s), which in turn empowers and maintains the programming and dissociation. The good/bad split at the foundation and core of the person's identity creates an extreme polarization and consequently affects the person's ability to intimately know God, significant others, and to express His image through the fruit of the Spirit in the way that God intended. This phenomenon also causes great difficulty and unique challenges for him/her to mature, heal and become "whole, complete and lacking in nothing" (James 1:4) God has chosen to allow the reality of SRA/DID to be in the Church as a part of His sovereign purpose in the realization of His eternal purpose in Christ. (Eph. 1:9-11). Also this is God's way for his people (both survivors as well as those who come alongside them) to become overcomers and co-sharers in the sufferings of Christ in order that they might become co-sharers with Him in His life, glory and future reign (Rom. 8:17-30 w/ 2Cor. 4:7-12 & 16-18 w/ Phil. 3:7-11 w/ Col. 1:25 w/ 2 Tim. 2:12 w/ 1 Pet. 4:12-5:1 & 10).

God is sovereignly "working all things according to the counsel of His will" (Eph. 3:11b w/ Rom. 8:28) which is to fulfill His eternal purpose in Christ to obtain a vessel called the Church for the manifestation of His eternal glory (Eph. 3:21 w/ Eph.1:23 w/ 3:19 w/ 4:13 w/ Col. 2:9-10 w/ 2Thess. 2:14). His choice to allow SRA/DID to be a reality in the Church is an opportunity for the Body of Christ to rise up and face this challenge in the power of our risen and ascended Lord so that "the God of peace may soon crush Satan under our feet and thus hasten the consummation of this age (Rom. 16:20 w/ 2 Pet. 3:12). May the Most High God raise up a remnant in these last days who have come out of this devastating holocaust to become all that God has intended for the realization of His purpose in our generation. It is only through such a remnant that God will have a corporate end-time statement of a Man after His own heart who will do all His will (Acts 13:22c) for the fulfillment of our Lord's prayer in John17 in this generation!

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