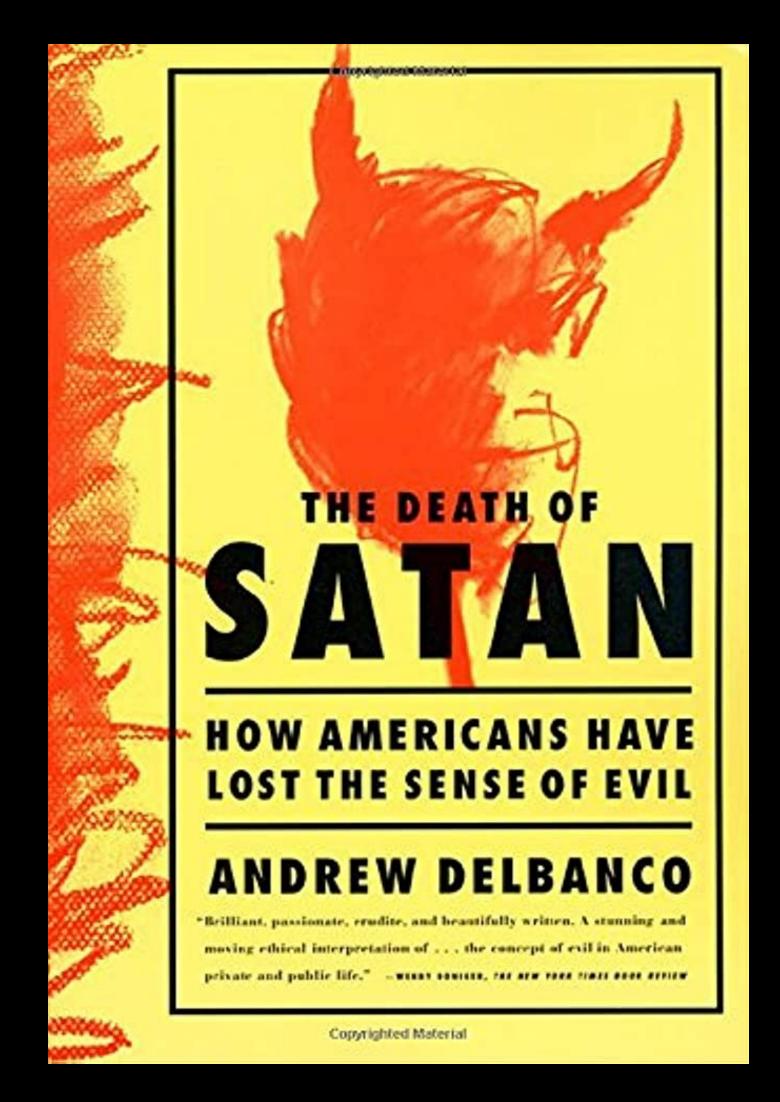


"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

#### Matthew 6:13









"Modern people cannot answer the monster's question. A gulf has opened up in our culture between the visibility of evil and the intellectual resources for coping with it... We have jettisoned in the West the idea of cosmic evil, or transcendent evil, or supernatural evil."

#### - Andrew Delbanco

"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you."

Luke 10:19



"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:31-32

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"I am programmed to expect that the world is what I can see, touch, and measure, and any thought or idea that runs against that expectation is met with resistance...

-Mike Cosper



I don't think I'm alone. I believe that most people experience something similar - a subtlebut-strong resistance to faith and a skepticism toward anything that veers toward the supernatural."

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As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

## 2 Corinthians 4:18



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:1+3

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Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

#### 1 Peter 5:8



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

# Ephesians 6:10-12



For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

## 1 John 3:8



[Christ] disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## Colossians 2:15



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- 5. We pray "deliver us from evil".

Every danger or temptation from evil you face can be a place of communion with God if you bring it to him in prayer.





## 1. Look



"Can you yet see your own life in terms of being threatened and endangered by evil of all sorts, and so of needing God's deliverance every moment?

- JI Packer



If not, believe me, you cannot yet see what you are looking at! You are like a person wandering blindfolded and with ears plugged in the middle of a city street, with traffic coming both ways."

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# PRACTICE OF WARFARE PRAYERS A Prayer from Psalm 59

