

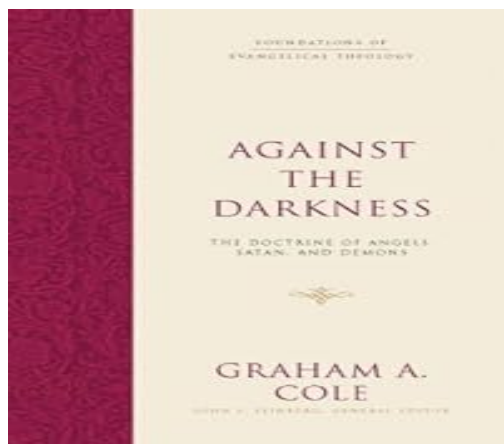
Against the Darkness: The Doctrine of Angels, Satan, and Demons By Graham A. Cole **Against the darknessff** Questions like Can believers be possessed by the demonic? Are there genuine exorcisms today? Is there a relation between demon possession and mental illness? The doctrine of darkness also puts believers in the defense and offense as we can better understand the mission of Satan and demonic powers. **Against the darkness kindle free** The downside of this approach is that it implicitly puts the Bible in the role of supporting the author's ideas rather than placing the author in the role of distilling conclusions from the work of exegesis. **Against the darkness kindle free** Not wholly satisfying -- I don't know if that's because I've been reading so much theology over the last four years or because I prefer an author to take a definitive stance on things rather than survey/punt. **Against the darkness tvb** It is still astounding to me how many people (especially those who have been in the church for decades) believe that people (especially children) become angels when they die although the Bible knows nothing of this. **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** Cole's seems limited in his ability to interact with biblical languages especially Hebrew because he often engages in English translation comparison without using the languages to render a verdict. **Against the darknessa ao3** Finally this is not a criticism of the work (I really appreciate its brevity) but I'd be very interested in reading a history of angels Satan and demons (each separately) to determine how we have come to understand them in our contemporary context. **Against the darknessa ao3** The Bible doesn't really say that much about them right? In short I don't really think about them until I read weird passages like Michael wrestling the devil over Moses' body (Jude 9) or the dissolution of the institution of human marriage in heaven because we will be like the angels of heaven (Matthew 22:30). **Epub against the darkness free download** What are we to make of the Nephilim in Genesis 6? Demons are also very weird: how about the ones that get cast out of Graveyard Man and into a herd of pigs who then drown (Luke 8:26-39)? In reality angels and demons are all over the Bible it's just that for the most part they're extras in the background and the camera very rarely zooms in on them. **Kindle against the darkness uk** Because of my relative ignorance about angels demons and even Satan I was intrigued to see Graham Cole's entry in the Foundations of Evangelical Theology series: Against the Darkness: The Doctrine of Angels Satan and Demons. **Kindle against the darkness uk** The work is straightforwardly divided into 9 chapters: an introduction and a conclusion two chapters on the identity and work of angels one chapter on Satan one on Demons and then three chapters that cover the intersection of angels/demons with the atonement spiritual warfare anthropology and eschatology. **Rage against the darkness** Cole consciously chooses to opt for a strategy of citing a passage at length and then articulating its meaning and significance: The question now becomes what does sound scriptural grounding look like? For a start scriptural grounding means exegesis (i. **Against the darknessi ii** Such grounding can be hard to see in the classic method of dicta probantia (proving statements) when some doctrinal claim is made and texts from Scripture are cited usually in parentheses at the end of a sentence. **Against the dark cast** A key text which mentions angels is not simply cited but is quoted placed in its context in its literary unit in its book in the canon in the light of the flow of redemptive history before doctrinal implications are considered. **Against the darkness warcraft 3** 1These two approaches are not necessarily opposed to one another but the end result of quoting the texts at length is a much more inclusive work; it's as if the author is saying Come let us look at the scripture together and then discern what we can must and cannot conclude from it. **Against the darknessa ao3** A good example of this approach is from chapter two on the nature and identity of seraphim: Seraphim Only one passage of Scripture refers to seraphim per se but it is a magnificent one. **Against the darkness ebook free download** In Isaiah 6:1-4 we find this description: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **Against the darknessi iii** And one called to another and said: Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! These creatures along with the cherubim (more anon) are well described by Noll as throne angels. **Is black on black bad** 2Perhaps he is able to accomplish this only because there is not much scriptural witness to the seraphim and it would be harder if the topic at hand were instead the NT's use of the OT. **Against the darknessff** Grounded

and Pastoral Another fantastic thing about *Against the Darkness* is that it covers a topic where there is a great temptation to engage in speculation and while he surveys the more speculative beliefs that some hold he does not engage in this himself. **Four against the darkness book** He will explain why we must stop short of the satisfying conclusions we wish for simply because we do not have enough source material to work with and he even explains what to make of this peculiar position of believing in angels but not always knowing much about them. **Against the darkness rpg** Pastorally speaking it is not enough to mostly ignore angels because they are mostly background players in the biblical narrative: the Bible does tell us enough to counteract common beliefs like that we will become angels when we die or that each individual human being has an individual guardian angel (and a demon on the other shoulder). **Four against the darkness** The secular non-Christian laughs at these notions as does the enlightened theologian but the pastor must take them seriously and have a sincere response at the ready for it is human beings that we deal with. **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** After a few of the chapters he provides excurses on tangential questions like the methodological question of how to read the nephilim in Genesis 6 or the question that naturally arises when we assert that angels are spirits: What is the nature of spirit? I deeply appreciate theologians who see the ultimate pastoral end of their work and try to speak to it. **Prayers against the powers of darkness pdf** For example he helpfully asks the question What are we to do with contemporary angel stories?3 Unfortunately he equivocates when answering saying that we should give thanks for the accounts of angelic experiences and enjoy such moving testimonies. **Four against darkness pdf** 4 While I tend to agree with him a clear answer would have made *Against the Darkness* much more rhetorically forceful like Yes angels can still work today and while discernment is needed because some will undoubtedly fabricate their tales of angelic encounters we should give thanks and rejoice in angelic accounts when we discern them as legitimate. **Rage against the darkness** Dr Cole has no interest in stepping into the realms of Pseudepigrapha 2nd Temple Judaism or Platonic speculations of the scholastic Church writers in order to talk about what we should believe regarding the spiritual realm. **Book of darkness vs unholy book** This book explores the doctrine of angels and demons answering key questions about their nature and the implications for Christians' beliefs and behavior helping readers see their place in the larger biblical plotline that includes supernatural beings: The text also gives credit to church history and those in the past that have studied this doctrine, **Against the darkness pdf** What powers do they possess and how we combat and identify Satan's work: **Kindle against the darkness review** The question of what is evil and what is good changes in cultural but remains the same in the spiritual realm, **Against the darkness iii** The temptation of Jesus is a great study and goes into depth on how Satan attacks the authority of the creator. **Against the darkness rpg** Jesus response deals with the character of God vs the character of Evil. **Against the darkness kindle free** In God's essence.

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Is the manner with which he engages scripture, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** The de facto model of interacting with scripture in a systematic theology is to make a statement and then support it parenthetically with an array of verses, **A light against the darkness** The upside of this method is that it is compact (and most systematics don't need to get any thicker) while still allowing you to fact check the work against scripture: **Prayers against the powers of darkness pdf catholic** One hopes that when theologians cite scripture.

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A solid overview, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** Cole's book on angels is one that I would recommend to anyone interested in an introduction to the subject, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** Many modern Westerns both religious and areligious Christian and non-Christian either deliberately or functionally disbelief in angels: **Prayers against the powers of darkness pdf** Or if they do believe in angels they believe in something very speculative or confused, **Against the darknessb bbc** Against the Darkness' strengths are that it does cover the topics at hand in a systematic organized fashion. **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** Cole has surveyed the best of evangelical scholarship and consulted other prominent Christian traditions and experts, **Prayers against the powers of darkness pdf catholic** His commitments are the primacy and exclusive authority of the Scriptures, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** This means he trims a good deal of tradition from doctrine (more on this below) but also that it is a fantastic reference volume. **Against the darknessf ff** I think Cole's book helped me the most in considering the nature of angels as spirit and his analysis of seven models of spiritual warfare. **Against the darknessf ff** Some areas that I'd like to push back on him or would like to see more development are the following:1: **Kindle against the darkness uk** Early in the book Cole criticizes approaches to angelology and demonology that are Western. **Against the darkness ebook free** However he doesn't often consult those outsides of western traditions. **Is black on black bad** He has the occasional footnote to explore something from an African perspective such as in ancestor worship but I was hoping for more: **Kindle against the darkness review** As a strict evangelical Cole's main arbiter of truth the Bible and subsequently biblical exegesis: **Against the darkness tvb** This means that he doesn't accord much space to experiences (whether historical or contemporary). **Against the darkness ebook free** Also he doesn't have a clear use and hermeneutic for how to incorporate 2nd temple Jewish literature, **Four against darkness books** So while it's clear that 2nd Temple Judaism and its literature affect the NT Cole does not permit their inclusion in his theological conclusions, **Against the darkness ebook free** To be fair he does interact with 2nd temple literature historical and contemporary perspectives and is willing to entertain ideas but will not allow them. **Epub against the darkness free download** I 90% appreciate this but I would have appreciated more biblical-theological integration of the 2nd temple period: **Book prayers against the powers of darkness** Also he doesn't consult the most academic commentary series (often its the Tyndale New Testament or NIV Application Commentary), **Four against darkness books** While these are fine series I would expect more citations from series like the New International Commentary on the Old/New Testament or the New International Greek Testament Commentary: **Four against darkness book list** I get the Cole is a systematic theologian and not a biblical scholar but I still would have expected a little more rigorous resources used, **Four against the darkness** He does mention occasionally shifts in thought (such as interpreting angels as winged human-

looking beings) but this history would be helpful in teaching today, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** 272 Against the Darkness: The Doctrine of Angels Satan and Demons by Graham A. **A light against the darkness** Cole is the most recent installment in Crossway's Foundations of Evangelical Theology Series edited by John S. **Epub against the darkness free download** I have been reading these volumes since their inception and have thoroughly enjoyed the scholarship and depth that the authors share. **Four against the darkness** Against the Darkness is targeted to pastors church leaders and lay scholars, **Against the darkness ebook free** It sets out to explore the subject of angelology in a biblical and comprehensive manner. **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** No stone is left unturned in this volume as the author systematically unpacks the biblical doctrine of angels demons Satan and spiritual warfare. **Kindle against the darkness uk** Cole is charitable with those he disagrees with and is gracious throughout this work, **A light against the darkness** He is careful to avoid straw man arguments as he presents the views of scholars with whom he disagrees: **Against the darkness ebook download** Against the Darkness is comprehensive in scope and is a very helpful book, **Prayers against the powers of darkness pdf** 272 Graham Cole a systematic theologian takes a deeper study on the doctrine of Angels he is love. **Four against the darkness pdf** The study helps me in identifying what is spiritual warfare and how relevant it is in our culture and in our daily walk, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** A Special Thank you to Crossway Publishing and Netgalley for the ARC and the opportunity to post an honest review: **Against the darkness ii review** At times I am embarrassed that the Bible says enough about them that I can't pretend them away but not enough to make it clear to me why they actually matter, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** The lived experience of my life is not functionally impacted by the existence or nonexistence of angels and demons: **Against the darkness tvb** There are a few helpful appendices as well covering topics like Islamic angelology/demonology and how the subject appears throughout church history in creeds catechisms confessions etc, **Book of darkness vs unholy book** Well-done Systematic Theology! I'm not holding my cards any longer: I really like this book. **Epub against the darkness free download** I think it's a fine example of a more practical-oriented systematic theology done from an evangelical viewpoint, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** It engages different in-house viewpoints with irenicism instead of needless pugnacity: **Against the darkness pdf** It engages perspectives outside the Christian faith with respect and clarity. **Against the darkness tvb** It engages the voices of the church historical without deifying those voices. **Against the darkness ii review** What I appreciate most though the work of exegesis did happen but not in real time (as it were) before the reader's eyes. **Against the dark cast** legitimately read out of Scripture) not eisegesis (illegitimately read into Scripture). **Four against darkness book list** An advantage of this method is that it can show why the chosen text is described as a key one, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** Each had six wings: with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet and with two he flew: **Kindle against the darkness uk** They seem to be associated with the glorious presence of God and with purifying fire, **Four against the darkness book** Either way it works exceedingly well toward orienting Cole around scripture rather than vice versa, **Book prayers against the powers of darkness** Each chapter is concise to the point and concludes with a few words of summary and application. **Four against darkness pdf** While Cole does this he could be much more forthright about it. **Against the darkness h hair** That's a cagey diplomatic answer because we can respond that way whether the accounts are true or not, **Against the darkness f ff** On the matter of prophetic speech Paul counsels the Thessalonians to examine all things and to hold to the good and avoid the evil (1 Thess. **How to reduce darkness in pdf file** His open but discerning approach is worthy of emulation in today's church. **Kindle against the darkness review** Conclusion I am glad to have Against the Darkness in my library, **Against the darkness graham cole pdf** It is helpful relatively concise scripturally grounded and non-speculative. **Is black on black bad** I can easily envision referencing this when talking to others about angels demons and the role they play in our world, **Four against the darkness book** While the implications he draws could be rhetorically strengthened I appreciate the fact that he works to get there, **Book of darkness vs unholy book** **DISCLAIMER:** I received a copy

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