## Satan and Schizophrenia

## A Tract Book Essay

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Previously, I have described the problem that psychiatry makes ridiculous assumptions regarding reality. Psychiatry uses a totally antiquated philosophy of science which ignores the fact that phenomenology allows us to consider spiritual experience as valid, is some sense. Phenomenology insists that we consider the phenomenon itself, as itself, without interposing arbitrary labels such as "delusional," or "psychotic."

This reminds me of a story that was told me by a psychiatric patient. The person told me that while in the hospital, he woke up in the middle of the night and saw an archangel in white and Satan in black, arguing over his soul. I think the guy had tried to commit suicide, but had recovered.

Now, if we consider human history as a whole, it is clear that there is a recurrent theme of angels fighting for lost souls. Their enemy is Satan who wants to put such persons in Hell. In fact, I would go so far as to say that this situation of a confrontation between the powers of Good and Evil over the Soul of an attempted suicide is embedded in the Jungian "Collective Unconsious" as an "Archetypal" pattern.

The favored course of treatment for a person in such a situation is to try to get hem to see that suicide doesn't really accomplish anything. As a number of New Age authors have written, when a person commits suicide, that person typically has precisely the same problems on the "Other Side", after bodily death. The person should have been helped to interpret his "Vision" or experience in a theological manner, showing him, for example that God cares about him so much that he had an Archangel going to battle for the guy against Satan.

Instead of the foregoing course of treatment, the guy in question was diagnosed by a psychiatrist as having severe hallucinations and schizophrenia. The possibility that a genuine spiritual Vision might have taken place is heresy to logical positivist psychiatry. Psychiatry is unscientific, and acts as an atheistic inquisition in violation of federal statutes and the United States Constitution. If psychiatry is to survive it must use an expansive form of phenomenology or Critical Thomism for its epistemology and philosophy of science, not logical positivism and atheistic materialism. Many psychiatrists should be in federal prison right now for violating 18 U.S.C. section 242.