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## What Is Mental Illness? The Disease of the Mind Rarely Mentioned In the Bible

Mental Illness is a disease that carries with it a lot of negative stigma. That is because it deals with behavior as it is regulated by the mind. The mind is in regard to the brain which is the physical organ that designates behavior, and thought, emotion and a variety of other things that make us who we are.

In the Bible, mental illness is defined with the word **lunatic**. Very often you will find lunatic in conjunction with demon possession, but they are not the same thing. In the same way a person with a heart problem can be demon possessed, a person with a mental illness can be demon possessed. Just because one is lunatic does not mean he is demon possessed.

**Lunatic** in the Bible can be found as part of a list of ailments separated by a comma and the word **and**: *And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.* This means then that lunatic is an ailment separate from demon possession. A lunatic can be demon possessed, or a lunatic may not be demon possessed as we see here in the verse above.

Many government programs have been set up for the mentally ill to survive in a world of competition and stigma. Just because some people *claim* to be mentally ill to get Social Security, does not mean that all mentally ill people do that. In a court room of records you get a *sample* of the mentally ill, you do not get the reality of it. The reality of it comes



(Photo courtesy of Microsoft Publisher) Many things have developed in the minds of men (as music is shown here), but is there a disease that interferes with the functioning of the mind?

from caring enough to work in a psychiatric center. Some people have injuries top their head, or a blood clot that travels to the brain, but these are not chemical imbalances in the brain. It is not a way to rate the mentally ill. Many many mentally ill people live in American poverty and can not get out of it because they do not have the ability to work.

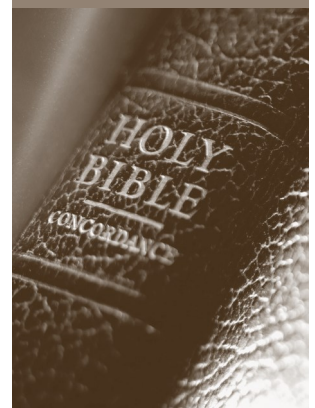
I admit that the mental health system is full of professionals making tons of money, but then what profession is not? At least a doctor cares enough to prescribe a medication to help the mentally ill person rather than tell him he is lazy and just doesn't want to work.

I know a prominent pastor/speaker that travels all over the country that came to my former

church and said there is no such thing as mental illness. As a result of this, an afflicted person stopped taking his mental health medication and relapsed several times and wound up in the hospital.

Many government programs have ben set up for the mentally ill because the church doesn't help them physically, Even though the church does teach them important and vital spiritual truths from the Bible.

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