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Biography

The Devil's Reign
George Newberry
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Three Stars (out of Five)

Mystical explanations are considered deep. The truth is that they are not even superficial.
—Friedrich Nietzsche *The Gay Science*

Man has looked to benevolent or malevolent supernatural forces for explanations of prosperity and misfortune since the beginning. Although considered the cradle of modern western civilization the ancient Greeks are a perfect example. They created an entire hierarchy of gods and goddesses scapegoats and chalices upon whom they hung the flaws and laurels of human nature.

George Newberry the author of *The Devil's Reign* considers himself a soldier of God and an opponent of the Devil. Newberry's claim is that satanic machinations are the cause of the bizarre occurrences in his life. "If I had known I was going to become entangled in a battle between the forces of good and evil I would have pursued my mission with fear and trepidation. I didn't realize my efforts to warn mankind to fight ungodliness would cause me to be pursued by the Ultimate Force of Evil."

It doesn't matter if the reader believes in the battle between good and evil or that Newberry is the target of Satan's wrath for the author includes an appendix containing photocopied numerological calculations and notarized letters of documentation of so-called supernatural events to support his claims. One item is a letter written by his friend Edie Boudreau. She borrowed the master-copy of videotape in order to make more copies of a Newberry interview. When she returned it it contained a voice that hadn't been there before. Boudreau writes "When I watched the tape I had given George I was astonished. There were unusual sounds on the tape and an evil voice repeated 'Lies Lies Lies.'" Also included in the appendix is a brief letter from Newberry's literary agent David Hiatt. Hiatt writes "I think there is something dark and unusual with this project. I have had numerous computer problems which appeared only when working with your story. The last one completely wiped out the software

and the computer had to be rebuilt from scratch. I hope the devils are behind us."

The Devil's Reign reads like a memoir with a supernatural element designed to entertain and horripilate the reader into a belief system much like the LaHaye and Jenkins *Left Behind* books. Newberry's immersion in his own veracity makes *The Devil's Reign* a difficult book to put down. If the reader expects any type of resolution though they will be disappointed. After all George Newberry's life continues along with his story.