

# Darkness in Denver: Is There a Principality Over Colorado?

As we continue to see more crimes take place in Colorado, including another horrific school shooting at Evergreen High School in the greater Denver area, this raises a spiritual question: Are there dark principalities overtaking this location?

Evergreen High School is the latest school to endure a shooting, with one student still in critical condition and the suspect to have died after turning the gun on himself. According to the Associated Press, the suspected gunman was a 16-year-old boy named Desmond Holly who had “been radicalized” from an “extremist network.” ABC News noted how officials also said that he had a “mission.” Unfortunately, this is not the first incident of this kind in the Denver area.

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Back in 1999, in Littleton, the historic and horrifying mass shooting took place at Columbine High School. This shooting dramatically changed the landscape of safety for schools and the way police respond to these types of scenarios. Unfortunately, this was only the beginning of these types of events.

As CNN noted, 12 people died and 70 more were injured in an Aurora movie theater back in 2012 during a showing of “The Dark Knight Rises,” and another school shooting took place at the STEM School Highlands Ranch in 2019 only a few miles from Columbine High School. Five law enforcement officers also were

shot in an apartment complex in Highlands Ranch, which is also in the greater Denver area.

With this number of shootings taking place in the area over the last 25 years, it can be wondered if there is something darker happening over the Denver area. Perhaps even a territorial spirit.

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Ephesians 6:12 reminds us that "...our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." There are real demonic powers that take control over an area, having their dominion and influence over places and people. This is why it is critical that we put on the full armor of God through prayer and submission to the Lord.

What's happening in Denver, while potentially part of a territorial principality's stronghold, is not limited just to Denver alone. There is a real spirit of murder that we see permeating in the wider spaces of the world around us. Within just a short time span we have seen young Catholic children shot at while praying, the horrific stabbing of Iryna Zarutskya, the assassination of Charlie Kirk and yet again this latest Denver area school shooting. Satan really does come to steal, kill and destroy while Christ came to give us life and life more abundantly.

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While these things are happening all around us, it is a reminder for us as Christians that we need to faithfully walk beside the Lord at all times, not giving into the pressures of the world around us, but drawing close to the Word and the

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