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Battling Witchcraft & The Occult

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Breaking the Powers of Witchcraft

All of the occult sciences are extremely complicated, There are some which seem very innocent like Rosicrucians and theosophy, and then down the scale ending with black magic, Satanism and other things openly and absolutely destructive in nature. Accumulated books on the occult may cause an oppressive atmosphere in a home by just being present. Actually what we need to know about this life and the life to come is all contained in the Word of God. There is more in the Bible about the occult than we realize, although it just takes a bit of study and effort to dig out these things. Both Old and New Testaments reveal God's mind about the occult.

Witchcraft and sorcery represent magic in its worst form. Not only are they destructive and corruptive, but they do much damage wherever they are found. We need to be aware that the Bible says, *"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"* (**Exodus 22:18**). Divine judgment and wrath are poured out upon anyone delving in the occult "sciences."

"Ye shall not eat anything with the blood; neither shall ye use enchantments, nor observe times. Regard not them that have familiar spirits, nor seek after wizards to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God" (**Leviticus 19:26, 31**). We are not in any way to practice enchantments, soothsaying or witchcraft because all are abominable in God's sight. He detests and abhors such practices. We become defiled, corrupted and are spiritually contaminated by becoming involved with these things so deadly in the sight of the Lord.

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits and after wizards; and to go awhoring after him, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people" (Leviticus 20:6). The practice of spiritual prostitution or whoring, depraves and corrupts us. We must be very careful that we ourselves and those under our spiritual authority avoid engaging in any of these practices which are so widely accepted today!

"A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them" (Leviticus 10:27). This is God's death sentence (physical and spiritual) pronounced upon anyone engaging in occult activities. This deadly warning must be sounded to have no relationship with evil, especially consorting with Satan through the occult.

The most complete Biblical list of occult practices is found in **Deuteronomy 18:9-14**. It is helpful to check all these various categories with a good dictionary and concordance to determine the exact meaning of each word because this is an extremely serious matter.

The powers operating in the occult realm are very real and far greater and stronger than most people realize. In **II Chronicles 33:6** is the story of wicked King Manasseh: *"And he caused the children to pass through the fire in the valley of the sons of Hinnon: also he observed times and used enchantments, and used witchcraft and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger."*

It cannot be stressed too strongly that any involvement in witchcraft provokes God's anger and brings His wrath upon

you. Many, many families have suffered all kinds of moral, physical, financial and spiritual problems because someone engaged in an occult practice. Often this was done in ignorance and the person involved was wholly unaware of the dangers.

In **Ezekiel 13:17-23** black magic is discussed: *"Likewise thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out thou against them. And say, Thus saith the Lord God, Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? Wherefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divinations; for I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."*

The pillows (amulets) and kerchiefs mentioned were objects used in connection with magical practices. Note that mention of "*hunting the souls of My people.*" Most people mistakenly assume that witchcraft cannot affect a Christian. They foolishly believe that being born again automatically protects against any kind of curse, spell or hex, etc., sent by people practicing witchcraft. This Scripture indicates that we are a favorite target of witchcraft which is hunting (catching or snaring) our souls (mind, will, emotions). Through witchcraft God's people can be brought into bondage, thus becoming captives, having their souls entrapped.

Norman Parish, a missionary in Guatemala, relates the story of a recent raid on a witchcraft center by authorities in Guatemala City. According to law witchcraft is prohibited, but in practice there is a tolerance toward it and seldom are witches hunted down and arrested. However, someone filed a complaint precipitating the police move. According to the official report, about one hundred empty jars were found in the headquarters, each labeled with the name of some individual.

Authorities were baffled but those familiar with witchcraft knew that the witches had entrapped the souls of people within those sealed jars. The purpose was to take control over that person's mind, will and emotions. With this accomplished those people would be caused to become more like puppets, easily managed. On some containers were the names of public personalities, such as government officials. Therefore police destroyed all this paraphernalia. This again underscores the danger from witches who attempt to entrap your soul or spirit. This they do in various ways.

Notice key words in this passage which show the effects of this type of magic or witchcraft. "*To slay*" in **verse 19** means not only to hunt and snare, but to slay the souls that should not die. There was no reason why these people should die, but through witchcraft they could be slain prematurely. In witchcraft there is white magic which is supposedly curative and black magic which is destructive. God states flatly that people should not live when they go to a witch to seek help to lengthen their life and be restored in health through magical arts. In **verse 22** the charge is that "*with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad.*" Depression comes to the heart of the righteous through magical practices. Other translations state that the hearts of the righteous are discouraged or disheartened. Through lying wonders they have discouraged and disheartened the hearts of the righteous. The righteous are the targets and this shows the effects of witchcraft in God's people.

God also says in **verse 19** that witchcraft will "*Turn away My people from Me.*" How many ministers and other Christians have backslidden because of heavy demonic influence induced by witchcraft? Such terrible things can happen to God's people through witchcraft: they can be saddened (depression) or they can be turned away (backsliding). In spite of the plain teaching of the Word of God there are people who insist that witchcraft can have no effect on God's people. They laugh and scoff as if it were some kind of silly superstition.

Please notice that it is talking primarily about women in **Ezekiel 13**. According to researchers at least three-fourths of those practicing witchcraft are women. While this is no reflection on the ladies, it does seem that the tendency to deception in the spiritual realm snares many.

"Of these things put {them} in remembrance, charging {them} before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, {but} to the subverting of the hearers." (**I Timothy 2:14**). They become tools or pawns in the hands of Satan with much more facility than does a man.

Here the condemnation was leveled against women who pretended to be prophetesses when in reality they were witches. This still is true in many charismatic groups today. They control ministers and groups through "prophecy" and "revelation," both of which are demonic. This is plain, simple witchcraft, just as it is described here in Scripture.

Remember the things which can happen to God's people (to the righteous) if they are unaware of the perils of witchcraft. They can be brought into a state of oppression or depression; unexplainable sadness, anguish, and heart affliction when there is no reason for feeling downcast or disheartened. Everything can be going for the believer, healthy, prosperous and yet covered with a strange pall of oppression, a dark cloud which settles in from nowhere.

It can come from witchcraft! Believers can become ensnared, losing the power to make the right kind of decision, becoming captive, bound in spirit. They can be slain physically. Those who have experience in dealing with witchcraft have seen many killed by occult power. This power can also turn people away and cause backsliding.

Norman Parish gives this account: "I remember living in Colombia, South America as a child when my dad went out to search for a new field because Colombians to destroy the evangelical churches. Many Christians were killed and many churches were burned."

"My father took the family so we could become personally acquainted with Guatemala over the weekend. While there we attended a church which was at that time the largest church in the country. With about one thousand people in Sunday school, it was a very prosperous church. The minister was a very well-known pastor, a good preacher."

"Within a year our family had settled in Guatemala. Only a few months later this pastor had backslidden and his home was broken up. His wife had left him and he began to smoke and drink until he became a total wreck. He continued in this condition for fifteen or sixteen years."

"In the early days of the outpouring of the Spirit in Guatemala some of his relatives came to the church and were blessed with the baptism in the Holy Spirit; some were healed; and some were delivered from evil spirits. They made a plan to bring him to the church. They knew that if they told him where they were going he wouldn't go for he had been reared in a fundamental church and attended a fundamental Bible school. Even in his backslidden condition he was prejudiced against anything called pentecostal or charismatic. We discovered later they deceived him and brought him to the church during the day. They pretended they were going somewhere, came by the church and asked him to come in with them. Once inside they told me to pray for him."

"When I began to talk to him and he discovered why he was there he was furious and refused all prayer but agreed to return later on his own. The relatives wanted to lock him up in the church for two or three days. without food or water. They thought that in this way they would be able to set him free."

"About a week later he returned and we began to pray. The moment we began he fell on the floor, went into a trance-like state and evil spirits began to speak out through him. One of the first was Luzbel (a Latin American name for Lucifer). I commanded the spirit to reveal how he entered. The answer was 'through witchcraft.'"

"The story came out. This pastor had a deacon who fell into adultery and he suspended him from his position and authority in the church. This action was taken without considering the church board, elders or deacons. Out of spite the deacon's wife went to another town, dominated by witchcraft, and hired a witch doctor to cast an spell on the preacher."

"As the spell began to work on the pastor, he was completely ignorant of what was happening. Within two years the spell had created havoc in him and he became very sick, a mental, emotional and physical wreck. That day his deliverance began and today he is back in the ministry. Without this he would have been destroyed."

Can witchcraft have an effect on God's people? The Bible says it can if we give the ground by tolerating or permitting something which becomes legal grounds on which Satan can operate in our lives.

Numbers 23:21-23 describes when and how witchcraft will not affect God's people. There was no enchantment or divination which could harm Israel because God perceived no iniquity or perversity there. There was no sin which would give Satan the legal right to attack Israel through witchcraft. As a result Balaam was unable to curse Israel. Even had he been able to do this the curse would have been ineffective. The nation at that time was living in obedience to God.

Deviation from the right path brings serious danger, for it is not necessary to commit fornication or murder in order to become open to demonic activity. Some of the common failings in evangelical and charismatic circles today are rebellion, stubbornness, obstinacy. This explains why most professing Christians are under demonic attack.

Few have researched the effects of rebellion and yet most are rebels at heart. Although there is much talk of submission to God and Jesus there remains a stubborn refusal to submit to those who are in spiritual authority. The first two chapters of Romans discuss the results of defying and resisting authority.

Rebellion is so common in those who claim to be spirit filled that it is one of the chief causes of demonic activity. Witchcraft can and does definitely affect those living in rebellion. Contrary to what multitudes believe, there is no **automatic** protection for Christians. It is true that the angel of the Lord camps about those who fear Him but this protection is conditional. When one fears, obeys, serves and honors God, there is covering. However, toleration of any kind of sin in the life, including rebellion, brings serious peril. For example, there seems to be a definite correlation between severe menstrual cramps and rebellion in women.

In **Ezekiel 13** God says: *"Your kerchiefs also will tear; and deliver my people out of your hand."* In **verse 23**: *"And I will deliver my people out of your hand."* God wants His people freed from any spell, curse or hex which has been set on them through practitioners of the occult arts.

Other passages about witchcraft and divination are in **Micah 5:12**. God's attitude towards witchcraft is clearly reflected here. It is prohibited, considered abominable and damnable

in His eyes. *"And I will cut off witchcraft out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers."*

In **Nahum 3:4**: *"Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well favored harlot, the mistress of witchcraft, that selleth nations through whoredoms and families through her witchcraft."* These references to Nineveh and the entire book of Nahum is pronouncing judgment on the sin of Nineveh, which is witchcraft. This city was the hotbed of occult arts. They specialized in witchcraft and had developed it to a high degree. They were selling nations through their whoredom and families through their witchcraft.

Not only can witchcraft affect individuals, but families, churches, cities and nations. Do not regard it as some kind of fanaticism or superstition for there is tremendous power to affect and harm individuals or thousands of people simultaneously. One translation puts it: *"Bewitching or enslaving people everywhere. She sold herself to God's enemies."* Actually when a person engages in witchcraft he is literally selling his soul to the enemy, Satan. This demonstrates the awesome power which can be wielded by those who practice the occult sciences.

Acts 8 tells the story of Simon the sorcerer or magician. His occult powers were so great that the entire city of Samaria was under his control. From the least to the greatest, all believed he was a true servant of God because he had bewitched them with sorcery. Philip had a tremendous deliverance ministry in Samaria because where witchcraft is practiced or tolerated there will be widespread demonic activity.

Individuals, families, cities and nations can be bewitched. Churches can also be bewitched; *"Oh foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, That you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you"* (**Galatians 3:1**). Certain men had invaded the church, coming under false pretenses, appearing to be true servants of God. However, they used witchcraft to turn the entire church away from truth into false doctrines!

In **Galatians 5**, Paul states flatly that this persuasion was not of Him who had called them. It was of Satan and demonstrates his subtlety. By infiltration he perverted and deceived the entire church into acceptance of false teachings. We err when we underestimate the effect of witchcraft for it certainly has powers that we ignore or discount to our own hurt.

Norman Parish relates an incident in his church in Guatemala City which happened several years ago. There they had a daily deliverance ministry, with Wednesdays and Saturdays especially dedicated to dealing with those with demonic problems. Early one morning he arrived at the church for a Bible class and found the church open. It was early but no one was in the building. Checking, he found certain things were missing. He noticed one of the curtains from the stage was gone, as was the clock. The pulpit Bible and offering box were also missing. Strangely enough the valuable loud speaker system and musical instruments were undisturbed. Only certain items with little monetary value had been stolen.

From that day forward a heaviness hung over the church. In a church accustomed to joyful worship, suddenly everyone

was listless and lost interest in singing. They would not lift their hands in praise but stood like rows of mummies. It was difficult to preach. The church had been trained to be punctual (a miracle in Latin America) and services always started at the time announced. People now began to drag in late and would neither react nor respond to the message. Offerings sank to an all-time low.

About a month or two after the break-in, Norman and the elders fasted and prayed seeking to determine what had happened. A word of knowledge was given that a witchcraft "burial" had been made against the church and was located across the street near a utility pole, They went out and began to dig. Sure enough there was a package buried there containing the stolen drape, clock, Bible and the offering box. every article had a significance, The drape had to do with worship; the clock with attendance; the bible with ministry and preaching; the offering box had to do with financial support.

While this pressure was on the church strange things happened. Once they arrived and found black candles burning in the church; another time a dead blackbird was at the door of the church. The Lord revealed that fourteen witch doctors had banded together to destroy the church because it had undone so many curses and spells. They had sent a man in to steal specific items symbolic of certain things. At midnight on a Friday they cast a spell and buried the items at the foot of a lamp post near the church.

It could be that many churches and charismatic groups have been discouraged through use of witchcraft and no one knows about it. However, when the gifts of the Spirit come into full operation, it can be uncovered before it is too late.

It is conceivable that churches which were at one time powerhouses for God but have split and dosed their doors where destroyed by witchcraft. The Bible declares that cities, individuals, churches and entire nations can be destroyed in one way or another through witchcraft.

Norman Parish tells of another experience: "When the doors of our Bible school opened in 1965, several students had some very strange spiritual experiences having to do with God's angels, the spirits of God (**Hebrews 1:7, 14**). One day when meeting for a time of prayer and worship, one of the young men went into a trance. He was actually transported in the spirit, an out-of-the-body experience, and had a vision of the *three eyes of Satan*. He was taken (in the spirit) to three locations in the world and shown how Satan is operating in the world today. He described everything to us while in the trancelike state, detailing what God was showing him."

"In the vision he was taken to the Kremlin in Moscow. Down in the basement he was shown the true rulers of Russian which are behind communism. They are not politicians, but witch doctors, and he was shown how they operated. Communism was born out of witchcraft and magic because Lenin; Marx and the other founders of the system dealt in the occult. This was not just another political and economic system; but rather a system governed and directed by witchcraft. Many seek to combat communism in the flesh, through publications, broadcasts, etc. They demonstrate that they do not understand the principles behind the movement. This system is one of Satan's masterpieces to do exactly what Nahum says: 'enslave entire nations.'

"One of the things indicated in that vision was these evil men had developed witchcraft to such a degree that they were able to transfer spirits. This meant they could extract a man's human spirit and inject a demonic spirit to live that man's life in his body. This would explain the condition of men like Kruschev, or Brezhnev and others who are mere puppets in the hands of these high priests of witchcraft."

"It was revealed also that this was what happened to Fidel Castro. When he spent time in Russia he was taken to the basement of the Kremlin and put through this spiritual operation so that Fidel Castro became the body of a man who has the spirit of a demon. Those who knew Castro well state that upon his return from Russia; Fidel was an entirely different man. When communism took over Cuba, Castro even had his own mother killed because she was an evangelical Christian, opposed to communism."

"The young man in the trance was next taken to the Vatican in Rome and in the basement he was shown black witchcraft being practiced there, the real power behind the Roman Catholic hierarchy and system. *'The dragon gave him his power and his seat and great authority'* (**Revelation 13:2**). We need not fear Satan but we do have to recognize that he has great power and authority and gives that to whom he will."

"The third eye of Satan was located in Brazil, in a city which is a hotbed of spiritualism. While this brother was out in the spirit, God permitted certain rulers of these cults and religions to come into his body and manifest through him so we could become personally acquainted with them. There was a demon from Brazil who identified himself as Macumba, a spirit who had controlled a witch doctor back in

the 13th and 14th centuries. This man had completely enslaved and destroyed his people."

After turning himself over to evil by making a covenant or compact with the devil, he became the embodiment of Satan controlled by one of the main spirit rulers. This is why Brazil is a nation highly controlled by and given over to the occult" (Other scriptures: **Galatians 5:20, Isaiah 47, Revelation 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:16**).

Witch doctors, magicians and sorcerers all receive Satanic power, not for edification but for destruction. In Revelation there is a vision of a demonic Invasion. Not all the demons are loose today. There is a place called the abyss, the bottomless pit, and there lurk demons who are much more tricky and powerful than the ones we know. They are waiting for the opportunity to come and do what they can to destroy on the earth.

"He opened the bottomless pit and there arose a smoke out of the pit and there came out of the smoke locusts (figures of demons) and unto them was given power" (Revelation 9:2, 3). Satan, their ruler, gave these demons or locusts power and this power can be transferred from a demon to a man. When a man surrenders himself to these demons, the demons take over and begin to use him. They will manifest through him the power which has been given to them.

The power given to these locusts was:

(verses 15, 17,18) *"For to slay the third part of men ... By these three the third part of men were killed by the fire and the smoke and by the brimstone which issued out of their mouth."*

(verse 19) *"For the power is in their mouth and in their tails."*

(verse 5) *"And to them it was given that they should not kill but that they should be tormented."*

In **Revelation 6** Satan has the power to take away peace. The reason there are so many problems, nervous breakdowns and so much restlessness is that people have lost their tranquility. When a person is hooked on any kind of heavy sedative or sleeping pill, deliverance is needed. All the pills do is to deaden the nerves to stop reaction to the pressuring demons.

There is no nation in the world today as drug conscious as the United States. Hundreds of Christians, many spirit-filled, are gobbling pills by the pound. All they have accomplished is to cover up the operation of demons in their lives. Demonic torment should be recognized and discerned for what it is in order to begin to attack them successfully.

To take an excessive amount of drugs is to cooperate with the devil so he can destroy us sooner. These chemicals can weaken, poison and intoxicate. We need to pray about such dependence on these chemical agents.

Norman Parish states: "In 1962, when my wife and I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we threw away all our medicines. For these eighteen years we haven't had a pill in our house, not even aspirin, and we have never enjoyed better health. At one time we took minerals and vitamins but found that even this was unnecessary. If we ate and slept well we stayed in good health."

"I was an asthmatic from the age of ten or eleven years. For years I wouldn't dare go anywhere without proper covering

and medication, and always carried my pills in my pocket. In those days the snow would have killed me. Now I am able to go out with no special precautions. Snow and dust were my enemies; out several years ago the Lord healed me. We were so bound by medicine that a demon told me one day that they just feed on medicine; they love it and lap it up."

Christians have something far superior to medication. Dependence on drugs to sustain or restore health is certainly second best. In fact you could be turning your back on God's chosen means for healing and health, and coming under the sway of something which could be very dangerous and even poison to you."

Isaiah 47:9-15 shows God's attitude toward the occult and the dangers which face human beings who traffic in any of these evil arts and sciences. When entrapped by them and judgment comes there is none to help except God.

Many, many people who are under a curse or a spell have gone to a practitioner of the occult sciences and instead of being helped they got worse. A witch doctor cannot cast out a demon. They can do exorcism, but what they say is, "My dear brother, my little brother, do this or that," but they can never cast them out. All they can do is transfer them.

For example, if someone with a heart condition due to witchcraft goes to one of these magicians or witch doctors for healing, all that practitioner of the occult will do is move the demons to another organ in the body. When the demon moves from the heart into the liver it will begin to function normally. The person will then believe he is healed but what has actually happened is a transference of spirits to another organ in the body. Next the liver or kidney will begin to malfunction.

Another thing they can do is to send a stronger demon into the body which subdues the weaker one. However, the bigger spirit will then create madness, epilepsy or something else worse than what was originally wrong. Still another technique used by evil spirits is to transfer the demon from parent to the child. When the evil spirit leaves the father or mother and enters their child it is still in the family and the victim will begin to have the same symptoms that the father or mother had before the transfer.

In other words, occult practitioners cannot cast demons out, nor can they send the demons away permanently; all they can do is to transfer them to, mother or another member of the family. The Bible clearly states that you can go to your occult practitioners but none of them will be able to help you when judgment comes because you have dealt in these things. The only thing drugs can do is quiet down nerves or symptoms but when a condition is caused by an evil spirit no amount of drugs will heal you.

Demons will not come out with pills, X-ray treatments or surgery. Spirits of infirmity cause incurable diseases such as heart conditions, diabetes, epilepsy, cancer, etc. which doctors can only control, but cannot cure. These spirits must be cast out by the power of God for any lasting relief. Is it any wonder the devil is so upset with the deliverance ministry or why he combats it so viciously? Demons get a great deal of mileage from the suffering, inconvenience, expense, tension, misery and grief induced by desperate resorts to medication, surgery, etc., in a vain effort to effect cures.

The Bible says that the Lord frustrates the tokens or the signs of liars (those who practice the occult) and drives the

diviners mad (**Isaiah 44:25**). Norman Parish reports he has seen this literally come to pass in Guatemala where witch doctors were driven into madness and sometimes even killed through deliverance. The workers did not purposely kill them but the Bible says you reap what you sow, and when spells, curses, etc., are destroyed and reversed often vengeful and murderous spirits return and attack those who sent them forth. We have power as believers, not only to stop the works of darkness but to cause them to go back to the source and destroy those aligned with the powers of darkness.

"As he loved cursing so let it come unto him; as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water and like oil into his bones" (Psalm 109:17, 18).¹

Reincarnation and Demon Spirits

Often people remark that they feel they have been on earth before or that their spirit has been around for a long time. This feeling is sometimes reinforced by feelings of "*deja vu*" when encountering a situation. It is as if the incident has been previously experienced but when or where cannot be remembered. It can be felt upon entering a house or finding the scene is strangely familiar that has never been seen before.

Witches do not believe in hell or in Satan but that when they die they will experience reincarnation into another body.

Scripture states: "Now when the unclean spirit goes out from a man, it passes through waterless places ... then it

says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'" **(Matthew 12:43-44; Luke 11:24-26).**

Through deliverance work it becomes obvious that unclean spirits can and do inhabit human bodies but are not a part of the person. They merely use mortal bodies as their "houses." It is also clear that spirits can be picked up in hospitals if persons are susceptible and open to attack. Evil spirits leaving a dying person linger in the place looking for a new "house." Weak and unprotected persons in trauma or drugged will become their victims and provide them an opportunity to enter.

Spirits may also travel through bloodlines, especially the occult spirits who originally entered due to a family member's dabbling with forbidden practices. God places a curse on families for three and four generations because of this original involvement with the occult (**Exodus 10:5**).

Those spirits will then entice someone in each succeeding generation into occult activities, thus remaining active in families for many generations. Some of these occult spirits may be limited in their search for a new house (at the death of the victim) to those members of the family in whom they were originally housed. Their "familiar" or "family" spirits are perpetuated by such succession.

The feeling of having "been here before" or having "been around for a long time" can easily be the result of evil spirits who live in a person's body. The demons have indeed been around for a long time in the bodies of others in the family. The fact that witches "know" they will be reincarnated is probably the projection of ancestral demonic entities living within.

They would easily recall the happenings in previous generations. Unless they are renounced and curses broken, these spirits "will pass on to the victim's children and/or other family members where there is an open door
Experimenting with occult practices is a good way to open an entire family to attack.

People speak of the spirits of dead loved ones returning to talk with members of the family. For example a woman (whose young son died an apparent suicide victim) claims that his spirit is now visiting and communicating with his grandmother. The grandmother claims "he" brings her information and comfort by his "presence." In reality demon spirits who inhabited and probably caused the death of the boy are arranging the cruel hoax and impersonation. They can and do supply enough personal data on the deceased to convince the living that it is indeed a visitation by the grandson.

In one congregation a pastor stated that perhaps the untimely death of members of the body was in order that they could communicate information back from behind the "veil." This is in fact encouraging the practice of necromancy (calling up the dead), forbidden by Scripture (**Deuteronomy 18:11**). Those who attempt to do this will be wide open to demonic attack and occupation!

During séances, people who seek to communicate with loved ones are often startled to hear familiar voices supplying details about dead ones' lives which no one else present could know. In addition to impersonating the voice of the dead they may well be the voices of the unclean spirits who actually lived within the person during his lifetime.

After wandering in dry places (**Job 30:3-8**) and being -called forth to return by the séance, they are in position to reenter the family. The opening is provided by seeking information from the demonic realm for them to gain a new "house." This might also explain why, after a time, these spirits can no longer be summoned in séances; they have entered a new victim and are no longer homeless.

Evil spirits cannot enter people as easily as some believe. If they could, in every situation where demons were present there would be no protection and all would be subject to them. There must be legal grounds or legal holds to open a person to attack. A great many come in through family background, curses and inheritance. Even habitual sin enabling a demon to enter is aided by inherited family weaknesses and inclinations. Perhaps when habitual sin does allow the entrance of a demon, it may be easier to dislodge than the same demon in a person who has inherited openings in his family line.ⁱⁱ

Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons is assumed by many parents, educators and even some pastors to be a harmless exercise in imaginary conflict. In reality it is an occult base for filling the young with myriads of evil spirits. The "game" has its roots in fantasy, torture, witchcraft and warfare.

Those who play it, relate that its hypnotic pun becomes an obsession that crowds into every aspect of their life. Said one former player, *"I would think about it constantly. When I went to bed I would have dreams about it, all I wanted to do was to get back in the game, start killing and get the treasure."*

The heavy occult influence is seen throughout Dungeons and Dragons. Clairvoyance, telepathy, curses, spells, soul travel, false tongues and healings, reincarnation, the raising of demons and all sorts of other magical weapons, potions and incantations are the basis of the game.

The Satanic influence is plain in the sacrifice of animals and humans. One book in the Dungeon & Dragon series shows a naked woman upon an altar. Of course, the Word of God strictly forbids all of the above activities, placing a curse for four generations on all those who take part in them.

Besides the evil occult powers this game unleashes, it also is the proponent of grotesque and perverted uses of violence. Whether hacking your opponent to pieces with a magical sword or simply blowing apart his skull with a ray gun, the participants are urged on by their dungeon master (a sort of referee who knows the game well) to do so with the fiercest expressions of hatred and wrath. Some players act out these killings and maimings with blood-curling screams. This violence is sometimes related to drunkenness, which is encouraged, so as to gain "experience points."

Fantasy games in themselves are known to produce severe psychological problems in the players. The tragic story of James Egbert is testimony to this problem. In 1979, he disappeared near Michigan State University while thought to be playing a realistic form of Dungeons and Dragons. He turned up later, but his disappearance was never fully explained. Later Egbert committed suicide, which many believed was caused by the reality-bending qualities of the game. Depression and psychic shock sometimes result when a character, whose role has been assumed by a player, is killed off.

As in so many other areas of occult infiltration, Christian parents and leaders remain blissfully ignorant of Satan's devices. Some pastors are even playing the game, while others suggest it as a fine activity for a Christian retreat.

Parents be warned, dabbling with Dungeons and Dragons is as serious as contact with any other occult practice. Your son or daughter is offering the hosts of hen a convenient nesting area whenever they play this game. Occult spirits along with spirits of suicide, death, fear, torture, obsession and hundreds more have legal right to your person when you participate in dungeons and Dragons.ⁱⁱⁱ

Psychic Prayer Equals Witchcraft

Psychic prayer attempts to influence the Lord to cause someone to move in a certain direction. Whether or not the direction desired is God's will for the person makes no difference. Praying with wrong motivations to pressure others to act, think or feel a certain way, constitutes psychic prayer. Because this is a disguised form of witchcraft and often Jezebellic manipulation, it is dangerous.

Soulish prayer enlists the human spirit attempting to pressure the spirit and mind of the other person to come around to the desired way of thinking. Attempting to play God and force decisions on others is a form of manipulation which can have hurtful effect, especially when the parties are open to each other.

For example, a man may desire to gain the affections of a young lady. Because he desires this so earnestly he is convinced it must be God's will for a close relationship. Although he takes his request to the Lord, it is possible his

mind is already made up and "prayer" becomes more of a pressing for confirmation than seeking God's will.

Deceiving spirits can arrange circumstances to appear to be the desired confirmation. He may even feel sure that he has heard directly from the Lord with a revelation concerning the matter. Encouraged, he prays that her eyes be opened to receive the same "revelation" concerning him. Mentally he has put a claim on her spirit and is attempting to place her in a form of spiritual bondage to himself, even if she is unaware of this.

Continuing to pray in this manner will bring the force of his psychic prayers to bear to influence her, bypassing her will. She may begin to question why she is thinking about the man so much with no apparent reason, especially if thus far she felt no particular drawing toward him. He, on the other hand, noting the awakening of her interest, will believe firmly his prayers are being answered by God and will step up his efforts.

If there is a spirit of lust driving this process, this also can be transmitted through the media of psychic prayers. The female may begin to wonder why she feels a physical drawing to one who previously held no such attraction. If she is not a logical thinker, unable to discern what is going on, she may be pressured into a relationship by the sheer force of these psychic prayers.

Even if a woman is able to sit down and analyze the factors leading to this, and decides she really does not want this relationship, she is still sometimes overwhelmed by the strong witchcraft spirits at work. When this happens she is pressured into a relationship that will be a bondage for her.

When she does sidestep the relationship by refusing to become involved, she may go through months of confused feelings and psychic torment initiated by someone performing charismatic witchcraft by projecting soulish thoughts and prayers upon her.

Relationships created by psychic manipulation will be marked by heaviness and intensity, rather than lightness and joy. Witchcraft spirits operating always include lustful desires to possess and dominate the other person. If the lady is friendly and open to the man, there will be a transfer of spirits and she will soon begin to feel as he does.

When a person begins to be driven to please a partner at the cost of sacrificing, hiding or altering his own personality, the relationship is based on bondage. When the real personality does surface, there will be confusion about proper feelings or actions which indicates a loss of freedom. It is possible for people to go on for years in this fashion and in the process actually lose their own identity by becoming submerged in the personality of another.

God never purposed that we become carbon copies, puppets or robots controlled by others. By so doing many have surrendered their wills to another person rather than to the Lord.

A witch casts a love (lust) spell on a reluctant partner by concentrating her psychic forces on the person, using articles of clothing or photographs. Through the force of psychic prayers a similar thing can be done. If the suitor has something in his possession which belongs to the one he wishes to influence, it is possible to unknowingly act as a witch; holding onto these articles physically she is holding the person spiritually.

When a relationship has been broken off, it is best to dispose of all articles and possessions belonging to the other person. This is to prevent these objects from being channels of psychic attack. Exactly how this works is not completely understood, but many times it has happened and harmful soul ties are often involved. Rings seem to be particularly dangerous in this connection.

Another example of psychic prayer occurs when groups of people gather for prayer to make "intercession" for a person whom they, knowingly or unknowingly, are trying to force into a course of action they approve. This could include prayer for a pastor that he lead the church in a certain way, take certain actions, or the his "eyes be opened" concerning his "deception."

Any prayers which attempt to second-guess God's will about something is like walking a spiritual tightrope. We must learn to pray directed by the Holy Spirit lest we fall into the realm of witchcraft. We need to know the Scripture about prayer.

Spiritual warfare prayers are to be directed against the powers of darkness rather than toward a person. This form of prayer may indeed be the most pure, undefiled by our own carnal desires. To successfully war in the spirit, there must be discernment as to who and where the enemy is in order to collapse satanic strongholds which bind people. With such discernment and guidance much can be accomplished.

When the Lord Jesus taught the disciples to pray the model prayer there is no mention of trying to influence other people in any way. We should take this model and not allow

our prayers to become soulish and degenerate into the realm of witchcraft and psychic powers.^{iv}

Transcendental Meditation

In the 1960's, transcendental meditation swept colleges and universities. There are chapters in over 1,000 American schools and *Time Magazine* even featured a cover story on the craze.

Founded by Indian Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the Maharishi International University in Iowa, the movement claims to be signing up 30,000 persons per month. It is estimated that as high as 600,000 devotees are pursuing transcendental meditation.

There has been much pressure by adherents to get state legislatures to pass resolutions favoring introduction of TM into school curriculums. Federal money grants have been used to train TM instructors.

Basically TM is Hindu philosophy presented in scientific sounding language. The Beatles brought the focus of attention on Maharishi in 1968. The Maharishi studied 13 years under the Guru Dev seeking enlightenment. He revived a lost meditation technique from the ancient Hindu sacred writings called the Vedas and took a Sanskrit name which means "Great Seer." He refers to himself as a monk.

Initiates to TM are brought into a room lit by candles and filled with incense where they kneel before a picture of Guru Dev, the dead master. His teacher presents offerings of flowers, fruit and a white handkerchief with songs of praise to the departed masters (who are said to be deities).

At this point the follower is given a personal mantra--a meaningless sound which must not be divulged. They are to focus on the mantra thirty minutes twice per day in order to let their mind "float." Actually this is yogi's means of securing "union with God."

Tests reveal that TM is a technique which lowers blood pressure and reduces consumption of oxygen. Alpha brain waves are also denser and these things produce drugless "highs."

The founder and other defendants of TM insist it is not a religion, but a lifestyle, in spite of the obvious Hindu religious roots. The Maharishi has stated flatly that he does not believe that Christ suffered or could suffer. Material promoting TM states, *"Meditation shows you how to receive predictions. Everything you will ever do will appear before your psychic gaze like pictures projected on a screen If you'd like another person to perform a certain action, you'll welcome the meditation for mental commands. This type of meditation can be said anytime and it does not matter if the person is thousands of miles away."*

Some have rightly pointed out that because TM teaches reincarnation and a system of self-salvation it constitutes a religion. The Maharishi stated that "Transcendental Meditation is a path to God." He also says of the mantra: *"a very good form of prayer to this meditation which leads us to the field of the creator, to the source of Creation."* This makes it a false religion. ^v

Marks of Cultism

Because of the prevalence of religious cults which have destroyed thousands, perhaps the identifying characteristics

of them should be repeated, All cultic systems have one or more of the following:

1. Deceptive Christology
2. Extra biblical revelations
3. Translocal totalitarian authority in leadership
4. Babylonian pyramiding control of the followers
5. Semi-secret sessions for teaching followers
6. Exclusivism or croneyism
7. Semantic juggling or a text out of context used to "prove" false doctrines and concepts
8. Punishment and reward motivation or control of behavior and attitudes through ruthless use of fear
9. Denunciation of others, particularly of those who question or deny the cults
10. Separation and isolation of followers from their families and friends and the formation of communal living cells to facilitate centralized control and enforce obedience

The more of these practices which are in evidence, the more cultic and demonic the organization is. (For more information see *Conquering the Hosts of Hell*, page 47.)^{vi}

The Star of David's Cabalistic Connection

A hexagram is a six-pointed star formed by two crossed triangles; it is a symbol that appears on synagogues, tombstones, the flag of Israel and some medieval cathedrals. The symbol originated in antiquity when, side by side with the pentagram (five pointed star) it served as a

magical sign. It was not until the middle ages that this sign became identified with Judaism.

There is no basis, in the Bible or history, to associate this sign with King David. The term "*shield of David*" developed among medieval occultists who attached magical powers to the hexagram. The Cabala, the occultist's magic book, popularized the use of the so-called "Star of David" as a protection against evil spirits.

Today, many well-meaning believers are wearing this accursed object around their necks. The Bible warns not to bring such objects into your house (**Joshua, chapter 7**).

A deliverance meeting at Hegewisch was invaded by two witches. During the message, they walked to the front of the church, turned toward the congregation and began pronouncing curses upon all present. Although rebuked from the platform they continued to hold their ground. A wave of prayer rolled from the believers as several men moved in to physically remove them. The witches stiffened, stubbornly resisting removal with much more than natural power. The confrontation was a standoff till one of the believers was alerted to the star of David worn around the warlock's neck. He jerked it from him and the satanic power was broken and drained from the warlock, causing him to slump to the floor in a heap.^{vii}

Warning Against Contact With the Occult

According to the Scriptures, the sins of the fathers are visited upon the third and fourth generations of those who disobey God (**Exodus 20:5**). When the law was given, it was specifically connected with the commandment prohibiting the construction and worship of graven images

which constitute the worship of demons. For those who disregard this stark warning and make contact with occult spirits, there will be terrible and certain repercussions in the form of sickness, misery, insanity, and sometimes an early death.

There are many ways in which the occult spirits are given ground through various contacts. They can cause marital upheaval and other problems of all kinds. Unless the curse is broken it will continue to plague the family and its descendants to the third and fourth generations. It predisposes people to be psychically oriented and sensitive; and through psychic heredity, to pick up more curses and spirits, thus extending the hereditary blight to many generations.

Scriptures against the Occult

Exodus 7:11, 12; Exodus 22:19

Leviticus 19:26; 31

Zechariah 10:2

Acts 8:9; Acts 16:16; Acts 19:19

I Samuel 28:6, 7

Isaiah 2:6; Isaiah 8:19

II Chronicles 10:13, 14

Jeremiah 27:9, 10

Galatians 5:20

II Timothy 3:8

Revelation 21:8; Revelation 22:15^{viii}

Scriptures on the Occult

Witchcraft: Exodus 22:18; Deuteronomy 18:10; I Samuel 15:23; II Kings 9:22; II Chronicles 33:6; Micah 5:12; Nahum 3:4; Galatians 5:20.

Astrology: Daniel 1:20; Daniel 2:2; Daniel 5:7; Daniel 5:11; Daniel 5:15; Isaiah 47:13; Deuteronomy 4:19.

Charming: Deuteronomy 18:11; Psalms 58:5; Isaiah 19:3; Jeremiah 8:17.

Enchantments: Deuteronomy 18:10; Exodus 7:11; Exodus 7:22; Exodus 8:7; Numbers 23:23; Numbers 24:1; Leviticus 19:26; II Kings 17:17; II Kings 21:6; II Chronicles 33:6; Ecclesiastes 10:11; Isaiah 47:9; Isaiah 47:12; Jeremiah 27:9.

Magicians: Genesis 41:8; Exodus 7:11, 22, Exodus 8:7, 19; Exodus 19:11; Daniel 1:20, Daniel 2:2, 10, 27; Daniel 4:7, 9; Daniel 5:11; Acts 19:19.

Necromancy: Deuteronomy 18:11.

Observing Times: Leviticus 19:26; Deuteronomy 18:10, 14; II Kings 21:6; II Chronicles 33:6.

Prognosticators: Isaiah 47:13.

Soothsaying: Daniel 2:27; Daniel 4:7; Daniel 5:7, 11; Isaiah 2:6; Micah 5:12; Joshua 13:22; Acts 16:16.

Sorcery: (Pharmaika) Exodus 7:11; Isaiah 47:9, 12; Isaiah 57:3; Jeremiah 27:9; Daniel 2:2; Malachi 3:5; Acts 8:9, 11; Acts 13:6, 8; Revelation 9:21; Revelation 18:23; Revelation 21:8, Revelation 22:15.

Witch/Wizards: Leviticus 19:31; Leviticus 20:6, 27; Deuteronomy 18:11; I Samuel 28:3, 9; II Kings 21:6; II Kings 23:24; II Chronicles 33:6; Isaiah 8:19; Isaiah 19:3.

Hex Signs

The five pointed star has been used by witches for centuries and called the **pentacle** or **pentagram**. With the two points up (as in Eastern Star) it is called the sign of the goat or Satan, one point up symbolizes witchcraft. When witches want to talk with demons they will often stand within a pentagram and the demon will appear within a six pointed star formed by two triangles (hexagram) commonly called

the **Star of David**. The **Mogen David**, as it was called, was a Cabalistic magic symbol for white magic and the word hex comes from the hexagram.

All Masonic symbols were ancient witchcraft signs long before Freemasonry was created. The initiation rituals for witchcraft and for Masons are identical (according to ex-witch John Todd), again demonstrating Masonic roots into witchcraft. The only difference is that the initiated witch disrobes completely at the close, and signs in his own blood.

The wiggly horn called the Italian horn is also a witchcraft device (leprechaun's staff or unicorn's horn) and means you trust the devil for your finances.

The Egyptian ankh (cross with a loop on top) is sex goddess symbol meaning you despise virginity; believe in fertility rites and worship and serve the Egyptian sun god RA (Egyptian name for Lucifer).

All the signs of the Zodiac are occult symbols as are the little Mexican sun gods and Buddhas. The crescent moon and star are the sign of an initiate into witchcraft

In the Old Testament God gave cunning skills to hands of artisans who fashioned the furnishings and decorations for the tabernacle. In like manner, often pagan workers dedicate their hands and work to demons they worship and from whom they receive their skills. This makes hand carvings, and other handcraft suspect, especially if it depicts gods or goddesses (demons) worshipped in the pagan culture. It is scarcely worth the risk to tolerate such things in our homes.

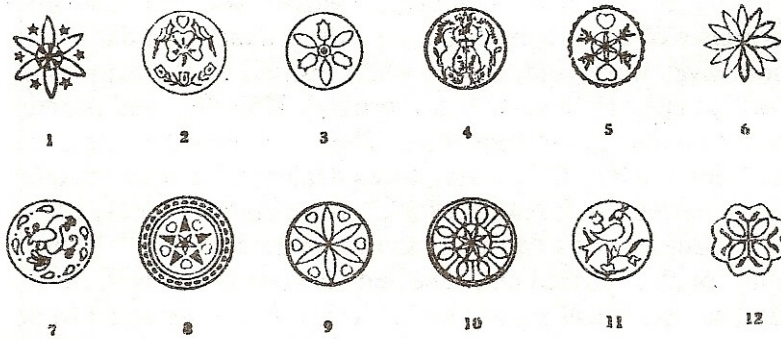
The use of these signs and symbols and others which are the property of Satan can bring demons to your home

and/or person. These bits of "harmless" garbage in the forms of books, decorations, jewelry, etc. gives legal ground for demonic operations. Pictures, knickknacks, etc. of owls and frogs (caned unclean creatures of the night in scripture) have also been responsible for drawing demonic power to focus on homes and people. God warns dearly against bringing any accursed thing into our homes.

*"Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house lest **thou be a cursed thing like it**; but thou shalt utterly abhor it for it is a cursed thing." (Deuteronomy 7:26)*

For more information, see Robert Peterson's book "Are Demons For Real?"^{ix}

Symbols of the Hex Signs



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1. **Six Petal and Lucky Stars** - These are your lucky stars.
 2. **The Irish Shamrock Hex** -
Good Luck, Easy Life, Good fortune, Fidelity.
 3. **Tulip** -Faith, Hope and Charity.
 4. **Unicorn** - Virtue and Piety.
 5. **Fertility**
 6. **Twelve Petal Rosette** -
That each month of the year be joyous ones.
 7. **The Distelfink** -
The Bird of Happiness always near you/Good fortune.
 8. **Your Lucky Stars** - Lucky stars that guide your heart.
 9. **Love and Romance** - Rosette and hearts of love and romance.
 10. **Eight Pointed Star** -
Star and rosette to bring abundance and goodwill.
 11. **The Distelfink** - The Bird of Happiness always near you.
 12. **Friendship.** ¹⁰

Vows and Curses

In the Bible, vows were solemn promises to God, either positive or negative. Under the Mosaic law, the vows and promises of dependents such as children, unmarried daughters and wives were void, except when ratified by the express or tacit consent of the father or husband. This afforded protection to them against rash vows. The whole matter is explored in **Numbers 30**. Other Scriptures dealing with vows include: **Ecclesiastes 5:4-6; Numbers 30:2; Deuteronomy 23:21, 22.**

Broken vows can be a source of real trouble. That is why Jonah repented and renewed his vows in the belly of the fish, saying, "I will say my vows." If a vow is discovered to be contrary to Scripture and dishonoring to God, it should be formally renounced and forgiveness sought for making it (**1 John 1:9**). A vow that is expressly evil or is for an evil purpose should never be made nor kept. To keep such a vow, for the sake of consistency, is to compound one evil by another (**Matthew 5:33-37**).

A curse has been defined as: Uttering a wish of evil against one; to imprecate evil; to call for mischief or injury to fall upon; to execrate, to bring evil upon or to; to blast, vex, harass or torment with great calamities. Such curses represent individuals working in concert with a specific form of evil spirit activity. We have dealt with cases where Satanic covens of witches and warlocks, or even a person merely dabbling with witchcraft and sorcery, cast spells, potions, enchantments and curses on a person (**Psalms 109:15-18**).

We have found that even the wrong kinds of "prayer" and laying on of hands, or "prayers" at a distance, have resulted in hurtful and dismaying results with the effects of a curse. It is not even necessary for the person on the receiving end of this to know what is happening. Demons will come and go into activity in susceptible persons in answer to this type of "praying."

For example: Curses came on a man and woman through a couple who were casting witchcraft curses in a Full Gospel church! The pair who were "praying" for the sick had no idea what evil they were wreaking on those who came to them for help. The man had received his witchcraft (unconsciously to him) by studying extensively in the writings of Edgar Cayce and other occult writers. He had in turn transmitted this power to his wife. He taught Sunday school class which the demons referred to as "the

Marketplace," explaining the "Dark Sayings" were given out there in the guise of Bible teaching.

The woman supposed that she had a gift of divine healing and laid hands on those seeking prayer. This instead bestowed curses on them and they became worse, not better. Many evil spirits were thus transferred to open and unsuspecting persons receiving "ministry" at the hands of these two dupes. Were they sincere? Yes, they were, but deluded and deceived! Included in the great number of evil spirits which had to be cast from the people we dealt with were: Terminal Illnesses, controlled Cancer, Muscular Dystrophy, Leukemia, Tuberculosis, and several varieties of heart disease. This underlines how vital it is for the gift of discerning of spirits to operate, in order to separate the operation of occult spirits from the genuine healings by the Lord. Use **Galatians 3:13** and **Colossians 2:14** to break curses.¹¹

Types of Occultism

Occultism is participation or involvement in any way with fortune telling, magic practices, spiritism, or false religious cults and teachings. Contact with the occult may have occurred in childhood. Occult involvement can come from previous generations (**Deuteronomy 5:7-9**).

Fortune Telling (Proverbs 3:5-7): palm-reading, crystal ball, . cards, tea leaves, handwriting analysis, games such as Ouija, ESP, Telepathy, Kabala, Horoscope, Clairvoyant, Voodoo, etc; pendulums, horoscopes, and astrology: Anything that predicts your future or advises your life. (**Isaiah 47:13, II Kings 1:1-4**).

Magic Practices and Spiritism (Deuteronomy 18:9-12): Mediums and séances, table-tipping, levitation, necromancy, communicating with the dead or spirit guides, automatic writing; divining, water-witching, or dowsing with forked sticks or other objects for water, oil, minerals, underground sewer & water lines, etc;

ESP, PK: (psychokinesis), telepathy, clairvoyance, clairvoyance, psychic powers, second sight, hypnosis, self-hypnosis, remote influence of the subconscious mind of others, auras, metaphysics, mental science, self-realization, visions, trances, dreams; superstition, witchcraft, black, white, and neutral magic, charms, good luck items, fetishes, runes, amulets talismans, mascots, medals, crux ansanta (ankh), birth signs, spells,

incantations, potions, sorcery, curses, materialization or aport, apparitions, ghosts, poltergeists; magic healing through wart or burn charming, powwow, spiritualism, psychic, spirit, or metaphysical healing, Christian Science healing, rod or pendulum diagnosis, trance diagnosis, hypnosis, acupuncture, yin-yang: All books, literature, music, etc. dealing with occultism.

False Religious Cults and Teachings (Galatians 1:8, 9): Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, rosicrucians, Theosophy, Unity, Mormonism, Unitarians, Bahai, Spiritualism, Scientology, Swedenborgianism, Christodelphianism, Inner Peace Movement, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, Assoc. for Research & Enlightenment, Religious Research Foundation of America, Edgar Cayce, Jean Dixon, Arthur Ford, Ruth Montgomery, soul travel, Eckankar, astral projection; eastern religions and teachings such as Zen, Tao, Buddha, Hare Krishna, transcendental meditation, I Ching, reincarnation, karma; yoga; idols, incense.¹²

To Exorcise Inanimate Objects

In the case of objects dedicated to demons (idols, artifacts, etc.) the best course of action is to destroy them. However, it is well to check secondhand cars, homes, and apartments also because if the former owners had Ouija boards, or other occult paraphernalia, or were involved in serious bondage to sin, then there is every reason to suspect that evil spirits could be lingering behind. These spirits can and will cause trouble to the new owners.

Keep in mind that any prayers offered to anyone or anything other than God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit constitute prayers and/or worship to demons. Very often these are answered in the form of curses, for demons can and do respond to those who request of them. Remember also that the one offering the false prayer may be utterly deceived and think they pray to God, but the results are the same in either case. When detected, curses must be broken in order to rout the demons.

We suggest that two believers go on a mission such as this, with Bible in hand. The verses from Scripture may be read aloud in unison or separately. Pray for discernment of spirits and for God to reveal objects which may have occult spirits and power. These should be destroyed. Look for little Mexican sun gods, idols, incense, Buddhas, hand carved objects from Africa or the Orient, Ouija boards, anything connected with astrology, horoscopes, fortune

telling, and so on. Books or objects associated with witchcraft, good luck charms, or the cult religions (metaphysics, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.), rock and roll records and tapes all fall in the category of things which have been often loaded with evil spiritual power.

Verbally denounce Satan and his power and all of his demon hosts and claim authority as a believer-priest because of the name of Jesus Christ and the authority of His shed blood. After prayer let the believers alternate reading Scriptures (preferably in every room of the house) and claim the cleansing of the area by demanding in Jesus' name that the spirits leave and never return. Do not overlook the dark places where spirits like to hide, such as closets, attics, basements, crawl spaces, cupboards, etc.

Some Scripture which has proven useful in this include: **Revelation 12:11; Revelation 22:3; Colossians 2:14, 15; Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 21:23; Deuteronomy 32:5; Numbers 23:8, 23; II Samuel 7:29.**

In some cases the door lintel and window sills have been anointed by touching them with olive oil. Other things such as statues have been so anointed in Jesus' name and many times the demonic power is checked or destroyed. Each thing and area should be claimed as ground for the Lord and taken back from Satan and his demons. Any known sins or occult connections should be renounced and confessed as sin and put away. Any specific areas of demonic activity or influence of which you are aware should be denounced by name (**Proverbs 3:33**).¹³

The information in this booklet has been taken from Pastor Worley's Host of Hell Series. Similar information, relating to the topic of this booklet, may be found in one of the eleven other books he authored.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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