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The road to Endor is the oldest road
 And the craziest road of all;
 Straight it runs to the witch's abode
 As it did in the days of Saul.
 And nothing has changed of the sorrow in store
 For those that go down on the road to Endor.

— Rudyard Kipling

Wicked spirits gather round thee.
Legions of those foes to God,
Principalities most mighty,
Walk unseen the earth abroad.
They are gathering to the battle,
Strengthened for the last deep strife.
Christian arm! Be watchful, ready.
Struggle manfully for life.

And the prince of evil spirits,
Great deceiver of the world!
He who at the blessed Jesus
Once his deadly weapons hurled,
Cometh with unwonted power,
Knowing that his reign will cease,
When the kingdom shall be given
To the mighty Prince of Peace.

We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling
To be living is sublime.
Hark! the waking up of nations,
Gog and Magog to the fray;
Hark! what soundeth?
Is creation groaning for her latter day!

Christian, rouse and arm for conflict,
Nerve thee for the battlefield;
Bear the helmet of salvation,
And the mighty gospel shield;
Let the breastplate, peace, be on thee,
Take the Spirit's sword in hand;
Boldly, fearlessly, go forth then,
In Jehovah's strength to stand.

A journey into an evil world

The Harry Potter Books Are Witchcraft

As of January 2008, 180 million copies of the Harry Potter books have been printed. You will find them in over 45 languages, in 135 countries. The worldwide gross dollars for the Harry Potter films is \$3.8 billion. Over 1.5 million audio versions have been sold. Scholastic, the U.S. publisher of the books, has netted \$350 million in profits from their sale. The author, J.K. Rowling, is now the richest woman in Britain (June 23, 2007) and the first billionaire in history who obtained it by writing books.

The seven books are:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (1997)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (1999)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (1999)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2000)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
(2003)

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (2005)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallow (2007)

Five million copies of the *Phoenix* book were sold the first day, with initial printings over 8.5 million copies. Movie receipts for opening day were \$44.8 million; 12 million copies of *Deathly Hallow* were initially printed. As of January 14, 2008, the five Harry Potter films have become the biggest franchise in history after taking \$4.47 billion at the world box office. The expected cost to build a Harry Potter theme park in Orlando is \$265 million, set to open in 2009.

A total of seven books were planned because Rowling says seven is a magic number. (In this chapter, all reference paging to these books are to the original books, not the lower-cost paperbacks.)

It is as if a magical spell has been cast over the world, and everyone must buy and love those books and everything associated with them. All types of children's toys, figures, trading cards, roll-playing games (similar to Dungeons & Dragons), costume clothes, computer games, book bags, posters, clocks, shirts, eye glasses, towels, blankets, playing cards, pens, lunch boxes, and candies are being marketed. Warner Bros. is producing a full-length motion picture to match each of the seven Potter books.

"The Harry Potter phenomenon is unprecedented in children's literature."—*Diane Roback, children's book editor, Publisher's Weekly, quoted in USA Today, December 2, 1999.*

"It's mind-boggling. It would be easy to attribute Harry Potter's success to some form of magical intervention."—*Jean Feiwel, Scholastic representative, quoted in Los Angeles Times, October 22, 1999.*

Complete sets of study books and classroom study guides have been prepared, “to improve the curriculum” in public schools; so schoolteachers can lead their students through “the origins and mysteries of Harry’s world,” including its occult rituals. (See “*Harry Potter Can Help Parents and Teachers Educate Kids, Children’s Book Expert Says,*” *PR Newswire*, August 17, 2000.)

Beacham Publications has released the teacher’s sourcebook, *Exploring Harry Potter*, with all kinds of teacher’s aids which include “witches, druids, goddess worshipers, and other pagans in America today.”

A recent Gallup poll found that almost one-third of all parents with kids under eighteen have children who have read a Harry Potter book (*Breakpoint*, July 14, 2000). Are children being confused into thinking that these magical powers and people are real? Yes, they are. Rowling, herself, said this:

“I get letters from children addressed to Professor Dumbledore, and it’s not a joke, begging to be let into Hogwarts, and some of them are really sad. Because they want it to be true so badly they’ve convinced themselves it’s true.”—*Rowling, Newsweek*, July 1, 2000.

J.K. Rowling claims that the idea for the Harry Potter books suddenly came to her one day in 1990 while riding on a train. So she just started writing, and everything came to mind as she wrote. At least, that is what she says.

“The character of Harry just strolled into my head . . . I really did feel he was someone who walked up and introduced himself to my mind’s eye.”—

Rowling, quoted in Reuters, July 17, 2000.

Believing her, readers think that, while she never had any prior knowledge of witchcraft, everything in the books just popped into her imagination. But, as we will discover, *the reality is far different.*

Whether or not Rowling is a practicing witch, she has, for years, studied deeply into the blackest of witchcraft training manuals. And she is pouring it all into her seven books. The Harry Potter books teach every lurid aspect of witchcraft!

Joanne Kathleen Rowling grew up in Scotland. **What she doesn't tell you is that, since childhood, she has tried to learn everything she can about witchcraft.**

According to Ian Potter (a childhood friend, whose last name she used in her book titles), Rowling used to dress up as a witch all the time. Ian's younger sister, Vikki, also remembers those days when they were growing up together.

"Our favorite thing was to dress up as witches. We used to dress up and play witch all the time. My brother would dress up as a wizard. Joanne was always reading witchcraft stories to us . . . We would make secret potions for her. She would always send us off to get twigs for the potions."—*Ian Potter and Vikki Potter, quoted in Danielle Demetriou, "Harry Potter and the Source of Inspiration," Electronic Telegraph, July 1, 2000.*

Trying to hide her years of witchcraft involvement, Rowling falsely claims that she knows little about witchcraft and really has no interest in it.

"I truly am bemused that anyone who has read the books could think that I am a proponent of the occult in any serious way. I don't believe in witch-

craft, in the sense that they're talking about, at all . . . I don't believe in magic in the way I describe it in my books."—"Success Stuns Harry Potter Author," *Associated Press*, July 6, 2000.

But, during a 1999 interview, Rowling admitted that, in the process of writing the books, she had studied mythology, witchcraft, and the exact words used in witches' spells.

"I do a certain amount of research, and folklore is quite important in books. So where I'm mentioning a creature or a spell that people used to believe genuinely would work—of course, it didn't . . . then, I will find out exactly what the words were, and I will find out exactly what the characteristics of that creature or ghost were supposed to be . . . [Much of sorcery material in the books] are things that people genuinely used to believe in Britain."—*J.K.R. interview on National Public Radio, October 20, 1999.*

The truth is that she earlier graduated from a course in mythological studies at Exeter University in England, and during her entire adult life has been a thorough researcher into the subject.

"[She has] an extremely well-developed and sophisticated knowledge of the occult world, its legends, history and nuances."—*Richard Abanes, Harry Potter and the Bible, p. 24.*

In an interview on a radio program, she admitted that fully one-third of her material is based on actual occultism (*Rowling interview on The Diane Rehm Show, WAMU, October 20, 1999*). That is also probably an understatement.

Rowling plays down the fact that witches still use the spells she is now teaching! When we dabble with satanism, demons begin affecting our

minds.

During one call-in interview, a wizard excitedly asked Rowling if she was a member of “The Craft” (Wicca, the organization witches belong to). When she answered no, he was shocked and replied, “Well, you’ve done your homework quite well!” He went on to say that he loved the Potter books because they were full of the same occult formulas he regularly used. (“Wicca” is the name given to the official religion of Witchcraft, founded in the twentieth century by Gerald Gardner, who died in 1964. Its members refer to it as “The Craft.”)

The secular media has gone wild over Harry Potter. It is as if a single, ominous spirit is controlling their thinking on this matter. Ominously enough, a majority of the Christian media is also very much in favor of this outstanding opportunity for little children to learn how to delve into the deep things of witchcraft. Even the leading Protestant journal, *Christianity Today*, has praised the books.

In an article for the Roman Catholic journal, *First Things*, Alan Jacobs of Wheaton College described the novels as “a great deal of fun,” their magic as “charming.” He added, “There is in books like this the possibility for serious moral reflection” (*First Things*, January 2000).

Chuck Colson, the man who says he has been “born again,” said on his *Breakpoint* broadcast that fantasy tales are harmless and Rowling’s book characters demonstrate “courage, loyalty, and a willingness to sacrifice for one another; not bad lessons in a self-centered world” (*Chuck Colson, Breakpoint*, November 2, 1999).

America's leading Christian magazine added this comment:

"Rowling's series is a Book of Virtues with a pre-adolescent funny bone. Amid the laugh-out-loud scenes are wonderful examples of compassion, loyalty, courage, friendship, and even self-sacrifice. No wonder young readers want to be like these believable characters. That is a Christmas present we can be grateful for."—*Christianity Today*, "Why We Like Harry Potter," January 10, 2000.

But not everyone is fooled.

"There is a general nastiness underneath the mantle of cuteness. The kids lie, they steal, they take revenge. This is a disturbing moral world, and it conflicts with what I am trying to teach my children."—*Ken McCormick*, quoted in *Baptist Press*, July 13, 2000.

That is putting it mildly! As we will see below, the Harry Potter books are actually a chamber of horrors.

By 1999, more efforts were made to ban the Potter books from U.S. public schools than any other book or set of books. By the next year, over 400 lawsuits had been filed to stop the use of those books in our public schools.

Rowling laughs at the complaints, declaring:

"I am not trying to influence anyone into black magic. That's the very last thing I'd want to do . . . My wizarding world is a world of the imagination. I think it's a moral world."—*Rowling*, quoted in *USA Weekend Online*, November 14, 1999.

Rowling says that it really does not matter what books children look at. Let them read anything they want is her position.

“When I was quite young, my parents never said books were off limits . . . As a child, I read a lot of adult books. I don’t think you should censor kids’ reading material. It’s important just to let them go do what they need to do.”—*NPR interview, October 20, 1999.*

It is of interest that 43 percent of the Potter books are sold to readers older than fourteen and 29 percent are sold to people over thirty-five.

What do the Harry Potter books teach?

People who are not involved in witchcraft are considered to be inferior, less intelligent, and slow to catch on to truth. They are “muggles”; but, as Rowling said in an interview, they are “not completely stupid” (*Associated Press, July 6, 2000*).

Throughout the Potter Series, there is a definite contrast made between friendly, exciting and intelligent wizards who are fun and cool, who have access to supernatural power—like Dumbledore, Harry, and his friends—and stuffy, boring, unintelligent “members of the non-magical community” who live in the “dark muggle world.” As one Christian wrote:

“The ordinary person is typified as being bad because they have no [magic] powers, and heroes are the people who are using the occult. This is an inversion of morality.”—*Robert Frisken of Christian Community Schools in Australia, quoted in Sydney Morning Herald, March 27, 2001.*

People who do right are portrayed as a nuisance. Only one person seems to have any moral qualities, Hermione, a girl student. But each time she pleads with Harry to obey the rules, he always ridicules and speaks mean to her. As part of the

narrative, Rowling adds that Hermione is a “bossy know-it-all” and “bad-tempered.”

Parents are something to be avoided, not obeyed, and escaped from. The family caring for Harry in the summers occupies themselves with keeping him locked up in a room (*Chamber of Secrets*, pp. 21-22). In Harry’s world, this is what parents are like:

“Laughing like a maniac, he dragged Harry back upstairs . . . The following morning, he paid a man to fit bars on Harry’s window . . . They let Harry out to use the bathroom morning and evening. Otherwise he was locked in his room around the clock.”—*Chamber of Secrets*, pp. 21-22.

Fortunately, two boys help Harry run away from home, where he is rewarded with a nice home to stay in. Judith Krug, of the Chicago-based American Library Association, praises the message:

“The story line is excellent . . . There’s no one always telling him [Harry] what to do, and what young person hasn’t said, ‘Oh, if they’d only leave me alone.’ Or ‘I wish that I didn’t have parents!’ They don’t mean this in a mean way. It’s just that parents get in the way.”—*Judith Krug, quoted in Harry Potter Books: Craze & Controversy*.

Bad conduct is rewarded. Harry and his friends are repeatedly praised and rewarded by teachers or other students when they do bad things. Harry is constantly breaking rules and doing bad things, without receiving any punishment. Instead his actions are said to be clever, exciting, and the way to have more adventure. As Starhawk, founder of Covenant of the Goddess, explains it: “In witchcraft, we do

not fight self-interest, we follow it" (*Starhawk, the Spiral Dance*, p. 76). In the Potter books, rules are made to be broken and lying is an effective way to achieve a desired end. Students and adults lie constantly to one another, then laugh about it afterward. Harry's best friend, Hagrid, continually gets drunk as a way to make his life happier (five times in Book 3 alone). He never suffers for doing so.

"I think they're very moral books."—Rowling, *BBC interview, October 17, 1999*.

"Each book takes a theme . . . with the idea of making choices in your life, and builds on them to give the child a sense of what it is to be a good human being."—Linda Goettina, *psychoanalyst, interview, Nightline, ABC, July 7, 2000*.

Swear words are used in these supposedly "sweet little books for children." In *Chamber of Secrets*, boys swear (253, 259). In *Prisoner of Azkaban*, specific words are included in swearing: "damn" (23); "bitch," referring to Harry's mother (25); and "B__" for "bastard" (310). God's name is used as a swear word (113). Book 4 (*Goblet of Fire*) has more: "Damn" (43, 62, 127, 232, 344, 561, 470) and "Hell" (626), and more. Every book in the series increases in the number of swear words.

Acts of hatred and revenge repeatedly occur. Power and force are the goals to be sought, not truth and honesty. The child grows accustomed to finding excitement in meanness, selfishness, and scenes of horror. The books are vicious and cruel.

Harry discovers a list of "curses and counter-curses" to use to "bewitch your friends and befuddle your enemies with the latest revenges" (*Sorcerer's*

Stone, p. 80).

Scenes are presented to the susceptible mind of the child which are more horrible than the most terrible nightmare. The attention is so riveted by these shocking things, that the mind is more susceptible to ideas and practices which are extremely evil. Here is just one example:

“Out of the shadows, a hooded figure came crawling across the ground like some stalking beast . . . The cloaked figure reached the unicorn, lowered its head over the wound in the animal’s side, and began to drink its blood.”—*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 256.

Believe me: I could give you quotation after quotation that is far more horrible than this!

Spirits take control of people. Voldemort has no body, so he takes control of the body of Professor Quirrell. This is what your child reads:

“Where there should have been a back to Quirrell’s head, there was a face, the most terrible face Harry had ever seen. It was chalk white with glaring eyes and slits for nostrils, like a snake . . . ‘See what I have become?’ the face said. ‘Mere shadow and vapor . . . Once I have the elixir of Life, I will be able to create a body of my own.’ ”—*Sorcerer’s Stone*, pp. 293-294.

Murders occur repeatedly. The face then tells Harry that he killed Harry’s father and mother. Then the face commands Quirrell to kill Harry. “KILL HIM! KILL HIM” (*ibid.*; *full caps hers*)! A “death spell” is then cast on Harry.

Actual murders of people and animals occur over and over again. In *Goblet of Fire* alone, muggles are “tortured” (589), and their killings are “done for fun”

(143). Three wizards are killed (531, 589), and a man and his wife are tortured to the point of insanity (595, 603). Cedric is murdered in front of Harry (638). A child, after killing his father, turns the body into a bone and buries it (690). Each book gets worse than the one before it.

“Parents expecting a respite from the violence in popular culture will be surprised by the amount of violence that Rowling introduces into her tales. I cannot think of any classic children’s story that has as much of it!”—*Lee Siegel, Reviewer, The New Republic, November 4, 1999.*

Life after death and reincarnation is taught.

Death is something to be desired, as the entrance to a new, more fascinating afterlife.

“After all, to the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure.”—*Sorcerer’s Stone, p. 297.*

Communication with the dead is a very real part of these books. Harry finds the mirror of Erised (“desire” spelled backward; witches like to play with mysterious backward spelling), which shows him movie-like images of his dead parents smiling and waving back at him.

At the end of *Goblet of Fire*, Harry Potter fights a duel with Lord Voldemort, a frightful being with a “snake-like face” and “red eyes glinting through the darkness.” Accompanied by a swarm of gruesome “Death Eaters,” Voldemort advances for the kill. But then Harry magically causes his dead parents to appear, who provide help.

Of course, **all witchcraft is involved with supposed communication with dead spirits. Yet the**

Bible clearly warns that all who do so will ultimately be destroyed.

The reader becomes accustomed to gruesome creatures and disembodied spirits. A room-sized, three-headed “hellhound” lives under a trapdoor beneath the students’ dormitory. “Nearly headless Nick” lives at the school, whose head falls almost all the way off whenever someone pulls on his ear (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 124). “Moaning Myrtle,” a previously murdered student who, on various pages, repeatedly cries out in the night while the students make fun of the noise. Headless horsemen play hockey with the head of one of the ghosts who lives there (*Chamber of Secrets*, pp. 136-137). Everything horrible and detestable to normal people is made to appear inviting, fun, and worth copying.

Practically every symbol and object used by actual witches is found in these books. This includes spells, spell books, curse and bewitchment formulas, magic words, exorcism, wands, robes, cauldrons, flying brooms, and all the rest.

All the weird and vicious animals, and mythical creatures of ancient centuries (such as elves, goats, banshees, owls, and dragons), are added to present a picture of extreme witchery.

Here is one example, which Rowling takes directly from witchcraft books: The “hand of glory” in occult teaching is the “right hand of a murderer severed after death.” In *Chamber of Secrets* (Book 2), Harry finds a hand of glory, “a withered hand on a cushion,” for sale in a wizard shopping store. Draco wants his father to buy it for him. The shopkeeper

explains how it can help its owner steal things: “Best friend of thieves and plunderers! Your son has fine taste, Sir!” (*Chamber of Secrets*, pp. 51-52).

Famous spiritualists and gods of earlier centuries are mentioned as names of characters in the books. This helps the child become acquainted with leading pagans and gods, so he will later feel at home with professional witchcraft writings. Here are a few of the prominent ones mentioned as students, teachers, etc. in these books: Adalbert (who, in A.D. 745, was condemned to prison for sorcery). Helena Blavatsky (the most famous spiritualist woman writer of the twentieth century).

Important pagan deities include Minerva (a Roman goddess), Argus (giant in Greek myth), Cerce (a witch in Homer’s *Illiad*), Merlin (King Arthur’s wizard), Morrighan (an ancient Celtic goddess of death), Cliodna (pagan goddess of Ireland and a banshee), Draco (Greek serpent god), and Sibyll (Greek divination goddess).

Many more could be mentioned.

There was no need for Rowling to go to such lengths to so heavily saturate the books with spiritistic lore. The only reason I can think of as to why she would do this is because she has made a contract with the devil to bring more into his ranks. Rowling has done her part and Satan is doing his part,—and an avalanche of book sales have made her the richest author in the world.

Magical ability is portrayed as a special empowerment which we should seek after. This leads the reader to begin craving this witching ability. The

books clearly reveal that the only place where anyone can obtain such power is by personally delving into witchcraft.

As mentioned earlier, hundreds of children have written letters to the publishing house, asking the location of Hogwarts School, so they can run away from home and attend it. They want to become witches and wizards!

“It is important to remember that we all have magic inside us.”—*Rowling, in a prepared video released by Scholastic.*

That echoes the words of the spiritualists:

“The powers of witchcraft, magic, shamanism, or whatever one likes to call it, are latent in everyone.”—*Doreen Valiente, The Rebirth of Witchcraft, p. 92.*

Even the “funny stories” are extremely horrible. The secular and Christian presses speak glowingly about how delightful and funny the Harry Potter books are. Here are two examples, from among so many, with this grotesque humor:

The boys laugh with delight upon learning that it is witchcraft teaching that mandrake roots are shriveled up live babies. Killing them is a running joke throughout Book 2. The children at the school wear earmuffs when pulling them out of the ground, because the screams are so loud “before cutting them up and stewing them” (*Chamber of Secrets, p. 264*).

“A small, muddy, and extremely ugly baby popped out of the earth. The leaves were growing right out of his head. He had pale, green, mottled skin, and was clearly bawling at the top of his lungs . . . They squirmed, kicked, flailed their sharp little fists, and gnashed their teeth; Harry spent ten whole minutes trying to squash a particularly fat one into a pot.”—

Chamber of Secrets, pp. 92-94.

Here is another example of Rowling's "funny stories." Can you imagine children reading this? Moaning Myrtle is the spirit of a dead girl, earlier murdered at the school, who wants to commit suicide and can't:

" 'My life was nothing but misery at this place and now people come along ruining my death . . . I came in here [to the girl's bathroom] and tried to kill myself. Then, of course, I remembered that I'm—I'm—' 'Already dead,' said Ron helpfully. Myrtle gave a tragic sob, rose up in the air, turned over, and dived into the toilet . . . Hermione shrugged wearily and said, 'Honestly, that was almost cheerful for Myrtle.' "—*Chamber of Secrets*, p. 156.

"Lighten up, the magic is so tongue-in-cheek," says Pastor Rachel Berry Kraps of a Methodist church in California. "It's just wonderful fun!" Her husband, Pastor John Kraps agrees: "We love Harry Potter, and our whole family is outraged by the opposition by the Christian right" (*quoted in San Jose Mercury News*, November 13, 1999).

Fortune-telling, crystal-ball gazing, and hypnotic activity are emphasized as marvelous new ways to achieve higher knowledge and state of being.

" 'Crystal gazing is a particularly refined art,' she [Sibyll, the divination teacher] tells them. 'We shall start by practicing relaxing the conscious mind and external eyes . . . so as to clear the Inner Eye and the superconscious.' "—*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 297.

That is exactly what "scryers" (crystal-ball gazers) do to enter a trance! Many children reading this will start practicing it. The *Encyclopedia of Occultism*

and *Parapsychology* says crystal gazing is a form of self-induced hypnosis, to free one's telepathic powers (Vol. 1, p. 285).

In the Potter books, Sibyll (the name comes from an ancient prophetic goddess) also teaches Harry and his friends magical potions from herbs, astral projection (out-of-body visitation), palmistry, arithmancy, numerology, charms (incantations used to endow amulets or talismen with magical powers), and runes (magic markings).

In *Goblet of Fire*, Harry becomes a full-blown clairvoyant (able to predict the future). This, of course, encourages the reader to want to do it also.

Each additional book in the series intensifies the amount of mischief and horror (*Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Goblet of Fire* were the worst, till the later ones came along). On one hand, the reader becomes so blunted to bloodshed, that it keeps requiring more to maintain his interest. On the other, Rowling is leading them toward a predetermined, sinister objective: to give the children the fullest, possible education in witchcraft.

"I can tell you that the books are getting darker. Harry's going to have quite a bit to deal with as he gets older."—Rowling, *Online interview, September 25, 1999.*

"Each new book seems a bit darker and more morbidly tragic than the one preceding."—Steve Bonta, *The New American, August 28, 2000.*

"Death and bereavement and what death means, I would say, are one of the central themes in all seven books."—Rowling, *in ibid.*

Harry Potter started school when he was eleven;

he will be seventeen when he starts the last year. Rowling warns us that, in addition to all his other acts of rebellion against law and order, soon he will start doing things with girls.

“Harry’s going to have quite a bit to deal with as he gets older . . . ‘Harry and his friends will be discovering their hormones as they grow older.’ ”—*Rowling, Online interview, September 25, 1999.*

She hints at what is coming in Book 4. Harry sees a number of sensual, erotic ghost/women, “the most beautiful women Harry had ever seen” (*Goblet of Fire, 103*).

Witchcraft is shown to be very good and something to be desired. The Potter books are jam-packed with mysterious information about witches, warlocks, sorcerers, crystal balls, spells, curses, potions, charms, numerology, divination, astrology, palmistry, out-of-body travel, and communication with spirits. All these are part of ancient and modern occultism. *This is witchcraft! The real thing!* Later in this book we will discover that witchcraft involves contact with the devil and his fallen angels. Those who enter this evil realm are captured by demons. And they are only able to escape by the power of God.

One man who spoke with Rowling during a radio call-in said he was a male witch and the Harry Potter books had helped his daughter like what he was doing (*WMUR interview, October 12, 1999*). The occult practices found in the Potter books are regularly performed by members of satanic arts.

“Harry Potter gives children an appetite for the occult.”—*Robert Night of the Family Research*

Council, quoted in Tulsa World, June 20, 2000.

Witchcraft organizations are being besieged with phone calls and letters from young people who want to learn how to be witches and wizards. The pagan Federation, which promotes Wicca (another name for modern witchcraft) in England, has had to appoint a special youth officer to reply to “the flood of inquiries following the success of the Harry Potter books” (*Andy Norfolk, quoted in “Potter Fans Turning to Witchcraft,” This is London [magazine], August 4, 2000*).

“In response to increased inquiries coming from youngsters we established a youth officer . . . It is quite probably linked to things like *Harry Potter*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Every time an article on witchcraft or paganism appears, we have a huge surge in calls, mostly from young girls.”—*Ibid.*

Here are two of the responses sent in by children who had read some of the books: “Thought the story really made you feel like you could be a witch or a wizard” (*Lily, 11 years old*). “I like what they learned there [at Hogwarts] and I want to be a witch” (*Gloria Bishop, 10 years old*).

Richard Abanes, author of *Harry Potter and the Bible*, warns:

“Ultimately, only a short distance needs to be covered in order to cross over from Harry’s world into the realm of real occultism.”—*Ibid.*, p. 173.

Linda Beam with Focus on the Family sounds the warning:

“Any time the dark side of the supernatural world is presented as harmless, there is the danger that children will become curious and find out—too late—

that witchcraft is neither harmless nor imaginary.”—Linda Beam, *Teachers in Focus*, December 1999.

These books instruct the reader in the actual practices of witchcraft. These books do more than merely talk about witches, they explain in detail their training program and how they carry on their magic.

Information from the actual instructional books for witches in training are here, providing entry-level instruction.

The *Ordo Anno Mundi* (OAM) Series are books for professional witches. They contain instruction only slightly in more detail than the Rowling books. **The OAM Series contains complete witchcraft instructions—yet is little different than the Potter books!**

Here is a comparison between the professional witchcraft training series and the Harry Potter books:

OAM has seven degrees of “Magical Training,” and includes classes strikingly similar to those offered at Hogwarts, Harry Potter’s school.

OAM General Education primer: “Ancient Runes.” Here is an example from the Harry Potter books: “Those are my books for . . . Divination, the Study of Ancient Runes” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 57, original edition).

OAM First Degree: “Divination.” An example in Harry Potter: “We will be covering the basic methods of Divination this year” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 103).

OAM First Degree: “Spellcasting.” An example in Potter: “All students should have a copy of *The*

Standard Book of Spells, Grade 1” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 66).

OAM Fourth Degree: “Animal Transformation (witches also call it “transfiguration”).” An example from the Potter books: “Transfiguration is some of the most complex and dangerous magic you will learn at Hogwarts” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 134). “My transformations in those days were—were terrible. It is very painful to turn into a werewolf . . . [My friends] could each turn into a different animal” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, pp. 353-354).

OAM Fifth Degree: “Magical Lore.” An example from Potter: “Their very last exam was History of Magic” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 263).

Such books should be read neither by children nor by adults. They are evil and a menace to the eternal welfare of the soul.

The path into a terrible future

Witchcraft Can Destroy You

People all across America are being deluged with books on witchcraft. And the situation is going to get worse, not better. For witchcraft brings you into contact with demons!

We are dealing with spiritualism, for that is what witchcraft is. The Bible is very clear about how danger-

ous it is. Spiritualism has existed for thousands of years. *It is contact by humans with demons impersonating dead human beings.* That is nothing to play around with!

The “spirits” are actually fallen angels,—angels who sided with Satan in his great rebellion and were driven out of heaven along with him. (Much more on this later in this book.) Under his control these demons live only to tempt, harass, and try to control people. These devils are filled with hatred. And, as we will learn later, they despise even those on earth who serve them. **Fortunately, under God, the good angels are all powerful** and the evil angels are no match for them. Everyone who pleads with God for help, and trusts in the name of Jesus as his Saviour, will be protected.

Spiritualism (also called spiritism) has many names: *witchcraft, sorcery, shamanism, mediumship, occultism* (“occult” means “hidden”), and the *dark arts*. Modern names for it include *channeling, parapsychology, and Luciferian power*. Other, more recent words are *New Age* and *psychics*. It is also called “*magic*,” with a “k.” (Spiritualists say that “magic,” without the “k,” is merely the tricks done by a stage performer.) **But it is all spiritualism, and it is based on demon worship.** F.F. Morse, a spiritualist, wrote this:

“The phenomenal aspect of modern spiritualism reproduces all of the essential principles of the magic witchcraft and sorcery of the past. The same powers are involved, the same intelligences operating.”—*F.F. Morse, Practical Occultism, p. 5.*

Modern witches—including those in Salem—use the name, “*wicca*,” to describe their witchcraft activities. The word comes from the original Anglo-Saxon spelling for the modern English word, “witch.”

Female mediums are called “*witches*,” and males are called “*wizards*” or “*warlocks*.” **They communicate with evil spirits, who are demons. Demons are evil angels**

who obey Satan.

Spiritualism, commonly called witchcraft, is satanic paganism. **Witches and wizards enter into a covenant with the devil to serve him. They hate God and Christ. They hate Christianity and the Bible. They hate the ten commandments and the grace of Christ.**

They idolize selfishness, force, cruelty, death, and dead corpses. They love to inflict pain, suffering, and death on both people and animals. When they can't kill people, they kill animals. They love cemeteries and dead bodies.

Their animal "pets" are owls, black cats, bats, buzzards, snakes, and spiders. **Anything that could possibly be considered gruesome, they enjoy. Everything clean and pure and holy they hate.** They have a special liking for snakes and often worship them. Their pictures frequently include snakes and the head of a goat in the shape of a five-pointed upside-down star. (The horns, chin, and two-sided beards are the five "points.") They especially like pictures and statues of snakes and goats because, in the Bible, both, at times, symbolize Satan (*Gen. 3:1-5* and *Lev. 16:21-22*). Of course, **we can understand why spiritualists like symbols of Satan, for he is their master.**

Their superstitions include creatures; most of them are horrid and don't exist—such as ogres, trolls, elves, goblins, gnomes, fairies, mishapen giants, banshees, dragons (imaginary giant four-legged snakes), and blood-sucking vampires. Other nonexistent creatures that they speak lovingly about include unicorns, the phoenix, and a large three-headed black dog.

They talk about these imaginary things in order to frighten people. They know that the minds of people who are afraid are easier to control.

But we know that perfect trust in God casts out fear; it rejects superstitions. If we cling to Jesus and avoid

such things, we will be safe.

Spiritualists love to figure out devices to control people's minds or, hopefully, curse them with disease or other problems. **But they cannot injure anyone who trusts implicitly in God and stays away from their dark kingdom. They usually can only hurt people who get too close to them.**

Anton LaVey (1930-1997), founder of the Church of Satan in San Francisco in the 1950s, was a leading twentieth-century spiritualist. In his *satanic Bible*, he wrote the rules of demon worshipers. Those rules include selfishness instead of helpfulness, indulgence instead of self-control, vengeance instead of forgiveness, and love for sin because it produces immediate gratification. **He said man is just an animal and should live like one. All morality should be ignored. Selfishness and brute force are the highest good.**

But is such miserable living something anyone should want for his life? No, of course not.

Even though all forms of spiritualism and witchcraft are extremely dangerous, people are intrigued by it because it seems so mysterious. They are curious to know more. It is their curiosity that catches them.

But when they dig more deeply into it,—all they find it to be is a bunch of lies and fakery. It is like cobwebs on the wall. There is really nothing there. But, by the time they make that discovery, it may be too late for them. They have been caught.

You might ask, "Caught by what?" Caught by the one thing in spiritualism which is not a fake; *it is real!* Along with the mystery, it is what keeps people coming back until they are snared in a net.

The curiosity seekers sense that a supernatural power is present in all this, and they crave to have that power for themselves. They want to be able to ei-

ther control or hurt others. **But that selfish craving leads them into a pit from which many never escape.** They are the ones who are controlled; *they are the ones who are hurt.*

They have entered a web of demons. And the power which controls them is the power of Satan.

They have permitted themselves to be captured by evil angels. Unless in the strength of Christ they break loose from this connection, they will be lost souls.

All forms of spiritualism are extremely dangerous, and none should be toyed with. Even though the whole thing consists of only false claims and mysterious apparitions,—you and I can still be trapped by it if, through curiosity, we start liking any of it.

In reality, the whole thing is a gigantic fraud. Witches say they can fly, but they can't. They say they can put curses on people, but they can't. They say they can pronounce magic formulas and make magic potents, but it is all worthless.

Yet there is a power there! They sense its presence. It is the power of Satan. Oddly enough, the spiritualists don't have this power. Instead, it is a power controlling them which has it! It is a power, working through them, to catch others who get too close.

These evil angels can cause people, who start playing with spiritualism, to see things that are not really there. It may seem real and exciting, but what those persons think they see—are only appearances, also called *apparitions*.

At the request of a paid visitor, the medium mutters incantations (a collection of usually meaningless phrases) and something that seems to be a dead relative may appear. It looks exactly like the person and talks the way he always talked. But it is not that person; it is a demon.

An example of this is when King Saul visited

the witch of Endor (1 Sam. 28:7-15). That witch had entered into a covenant with Satan, to do his bidding. While the prophet Samuel was living, Saul despised his counsel. But now, in a time of crisis, he wanted to talk to the prophet—who by that time had died.

So Saul asked the witch to show him Samuel. Then something appeared in the room which looked like Samuel.

But both you and I know that God did not permit a servant of the devil to bring Samuel up from the grave into that room! And Satan cannot restore life or raise the dead.

Nor would a witch be permitted by God to have any power over Samuel, either when he was alive or after he died. We know that is true because God repeatedly said in the Bible that witches are bad and no one should have anything to do with them.

Even though that apparition, which spoke to Saul, may have said something true, **it was not Samuel but a demon that spoke to the king.** It was one of Satan's devils in the form of a man.

Here is another reason it could not have been Samuel: **The Bible clearly states that King Saul died because he went to that witch for advice** instead of going to God! We are told that Saul "*inquired of it.*" He inquired of "it," that is, the evil spirit. He didn't talk to Samuel, but to a demon:

"Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, *to inquire of it*; and inquired not of the Lord; therefore He slew him."—1 Chronicles 10:13-14.

God forbids us to go to witches, wizards, or other spiritualists for guidance or, in any way, to seek coun-

sel from the dead. Here is another important Bible verse:

“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter, should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”—*Isaiah 8:19-20*.

Now, these appearances—or apparitions—can also take other forms as well. Under a satanic spell, people can think they see a person rise into the air, a stone change into a snake, or some other amazing thing.

In the Bible, in order to show that he was acting under the guidance of God, Moses was told to throw his shepherd’s staff down and it would turn into a serpent (*Ex. 7:8-12*). He did this in the presence of Pharaoh. That piece of wood had actually changed into a *living* snake! Only God can do that; only He can make life. But then the king’s magicians, who were wizards under the command of Satan, threw their sticks to the ground,—and they *appeared* to change into wiggling snakes! Yet the sticks had not changed into snakes at all. They were just sticks laying there. Satan could only produce an appearance, an illusion.

In the 1970s, an American tourist in India came upon a fakir, the name for a wizard in India, who regularly charged visitors money to see an interesting sight. Immediately, this tourist began filming what took place.

The fakir threw down a coiled rope onto the ground and, **as he uttered an incantation, the end of the rope began rising up into the air by itself!** As soon as it stopped (when the top was about fourteen feet up), a native boy stepped forward out of the gawking crowd and began climbing the rope. It was as plain as anything. As

the boy reached the top, the fakir pulled a long knife out of his belt and also began climbing that rope. By this time, that thin rope was apparently supporting an immense amount of weight.

When he reached the boy, the fakir cut off the boy's head as the tourists screamed with terror. Then both the fakir and boy jumped ten feet to the ground, without being hurt. Immediately, both were standing on the ground and the boy was unhurt. The tourists went wild with applause.

This tourist realized he had something sensational in his camera. **As soon as he returned to America and had it developed, he checked to see what he had. This is what was recorded on the film:**

The fakir threw down the coiled rope and stepped back. The tourists stood there watching him. The boy stood nearby. Then the tourists began looking upward. The rope still lay coiled on the ground. All at once, they looked toward the boy, who continued to remain motionless. Then they looked slowly upward again. Suddenly, they looked at the fakir, as they thought they saw him climbing also. Soon they screamed in horror. Then everyone began laughing and applauding. *Yet all the while the fakir and the boy had stood there by the coiled rope.*

It was only an appearance, or apparition. Satan caused them to see something that was not there. This story, written in a small book by the man who took the home movie, helps explain the mystery of the magicians' snakes in Exodus 7.

Those that dabble with spiritualism do not gain anything worthwhile. They do not become the great and powerful people they had hoped for. Instead they become demon-harassed or demon-possessed.

They have chosen to step onto Satan's enchanted ground. They don't feel good; they experience continued depression. They experience doubts and lose confidence

in themselves. **The happiness they used to have is gone. They have anxiety attacks. They have more fears.** Although they may have brief periods of excitement at times, they no longer have peace of heart.

It is not the witch—but the demons—who are in charge of what is happening to those people. And the demons enjoy giving many of them even worse problems. They may fall to the floor. They may lay there unable to move. They may go into a coma. Some crawl around on the floor like animals, sometimes making animal sounds. Some slither on the floor like a snake. **Others develop shakes, make strange noises, or have fits of laughter which they cannot stop.** Some become sick, even chronically. Many become insane and some commit suicide. Some commit murder.

Since witchcraft, channeling, and other demonic activities appear so inviting today, *we must be on guard!* **The spiritualists will tell you a little here and a little there, to draw you in. But seeing it all at once—as you are learning here,—shows that there is a hidden power there which can ruin your life and ultimately destroy you.**

Children's witchcraft books, videos, and games are extremely dangerous! Something exciting seems to be there. People seem able to enter a supernatural world and obtain great power. **On each page is a little more, and gradually the reader is drawn into it because everything seems so fascinating.**

So, by way of warning, here are some of the things the spiritualists—the wizards and witches—work with:

They have spell books in which are written incantations, spells, and charms. They imagine that, by pronouncing them, they accomplish something. But they don't. They use these spells to utter curses on people and animals (and countercurses on other witches).

What is a spell? It is a meaningless group of non-sensical words. Nothing more. It has no power to accomplish anything. If I sat here and babbled such sentences, you would think I was only six months old. But if a wizard does it, people imagine it to be something very mysterious.

Satan was once a mighty angel in heaven. But he rebelled against God; and now he is the lord of confusion—and of selfishness, suffering, fear, and death. Those are the gifts he offers you in spiritualism.

Witches also love cauldrons. These are black iron pots in which they boil plants, algae, and fungi. Mandrake root is a favorite. They think that, by drinking those miserable mixtures, something great will happen. But it never does.

One exception is when they add wormwood to the mixture, which is recommended to the reader in *Book I* of the Harry Potter Series (*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, p. 137 in the original edition). Drinking that will cause delirium, paralysis, convulsions, brain damage, kidney failure, and death. Absinthe contains wormwood and is a deadly poison.

Spiritualists wave sticks (which they call “magic wands”) in the air, thinking that it also accomplishes something. But it doesn't. Isn't it a little foolish sitting around, waving a stick in the air? Only babies do that.

Since all forms of spiritualism and witchcraft accomplish absolutely nothing, one wonders why anyone would be interested in it. But do not forget that **a person is initially attracted by the mystery and false claims. Then, when he pauses to look at it a little, he senses that a supernatural power is present.**

If he does not immediately flee, soon he is captured by that power; and it is only with difficulty that he may escape.

In order to attract the curious so they will be captured, **the spiritualists have to keep everything appearing mysterious.** They get a devilish delight in having others share their desperate, miserable lives.

To add to the mystery, they write words in runes (ancient German or other characters which are hard to read) or some other meaningless scribbles. They talk about magic numbers (*numerology*) and magic lines (*geomancy*).

Anything random is said to mean something, whether it be tea leaves in the bottom of a cup (*tea reading*) or lines on a hand (*palmistry*). **That which is meaningless becomes important. But those things which are very important, like the Bible, the ten commandments, moral principles, and the saving power of Christ are ignored or ridiculed.**

Crystal balls are highly valued because, when anyone looks into them,—he can't see anything! What a crazy way to try to obtain information. But **Satan uses sticks, meaningless sentences, and confusing glass to hide the fact that there is nothing real** in all the messages, predictions, and appearances of witchcraft.

Ouija boards and tarot cards are something else you want to totally avoid. They may seem harmless; but demons will enter your mind if you use them, even for a short time. **Other very real dangers are dowsing rods, pendulums** (a small weight on the end of a string), **and water witching.** They are not harmless, but stepping stones toward more captivating problems later.

One thing that is very real in spiritualism is hypnotism. It is satanic power used to capture and control a human mind. *Beware, and have nothing to do with it!* A spiritualist waves his hand meaninglessly or gets you to repeat one or a few words over and over. He does this to confuse your mind, so it will go into a dreamy state.

But, when one mind controls another, Satan controls both! **Do not let someone else control your mind.**

There is medical hypnosis, research hypnosis, dental hypnosis, psychiatric (counseling) hypnosis, and recreational hypnosis. Each of them can be dangerous.

Yet you cannot be hypnotized if you refuse and then leave the place. Do not relax. Keep your mind clearly fixed on Jesus, pray, trust in Him,—and get your friends and yourself out of there. *Do not linger.* Do not dare someone to try to hypnotize you.

So-called “psychics” claim to be able to predict future events for the coming year, but it is extremely rare that any of their predictions come true. If they had any ability at all, they should be able to get at least 51 percent right instead of about six percent (according to investigators who have searched for later possible fulfillments).

Horoscopes are another fortune-telling device that is as worthless as the rest. Astrology is based on the idea that everyone born on a certain date will, day after day and year after year throughout their lives, have the very same experiences. But that does not happen.

It is a good rule to avoid reading stories by people who like witches. Such children’s stories are not as harmless as they appear. Some who read them are later led into contact with actual witches. We should avoid whatever might give Satan access to our minds.

Fairy tales may seem harmless and apparently produce no harmful effects. Yet they are unreal and, although obviously about imaginary creatures, prepare the mind to like reading such things. **The person who reads them will later be more favorable toward the reading and enjoyment of stories more openly about witchcraft.** Later still he will be more susceptible to astrology, hypnotism, and contacts with spiritist mediums, today

called channelers.

Fairy tales lead young people away from a love for God's Word, the Bible. Later, when the Gospel is presented to them, they may be harder to reach. They prefer living in an unreal world.

There are so many things today which cause young people to continually crave greater excitement, that it becomes easier for Satan to lead them into various addictions. They have become dissatisfied with everyday living.

The Bible says that Satan is a liar and the father of it (John 8:44). Spiritualism is nothing more than a bunch of lies, carefully packaged to bring a lot of sadness and heartache into your life.

The Holy Scriptures are our only safe guide. God has given terrible warnings against having anything to do with witches, wizards, enchanters, and sorcerers.

Here is part of what the Bible says about this. The warnings are very strong; for God knows that spiritualism is especially used by Satan to take control of people:

Spiritualists are an abomination to God—"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, **or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch . . . or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord:** and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God."—*Deuteronomy 18:10-13.*

Have nothing to do with them—"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God."—*Leviticus 19:31.*

Saul died for asking advice of an evil spirit—

“Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, *to inquire of it*; and inquired not of the Lord; therefore He slew him.”—*1 Chronicles 10:13-14*. (See *1 Samuel 28:7-15*).

God will judge them severely—“And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers.”—*Malachi 3:5*.

Do not listen to their lies—“Therefore hearken not ye to . . . your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers . . . for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land.”—*Jeremiah 27:9-10*.

God does not want them to continue to live—“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”—*Exodus 22:18*. “A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death.”—*Leviticus 20:27*.

Spiritualists will not go to heaven—“Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies . . . I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”—*Galatians 5:20-21*.

Go to God and the Bible for counsel, not to spiritualists—“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”—*Isaiah 8:19-20*.

In the last days, many will be deluded into placing confidence in spiritualists—“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”—*1 Timothy 4:1*.

If you believe the Bible and want to be redeemed by Christ, you cannot have anything to do with witches, wizards, psychics, and all the rest.

This chapter provided a brief overview of witchcraft, which is a form of spiritualism.

Let us now examine a number of actual case histories of individuals who, for a short time or permanently, became caught in the web.

The lure of the spirit world

Stories of Capture and Escape

—But more often of capture and eventual destruction, rather than escape.

First, we will consider several stories of capture and ultimate ruin,—sometimes from only one encounter with a witch or spiritualist.

Roy Anderson tells of an ocean journey from Australia to New Zealand. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, famous both as the author of the Sherlock Homes Series and as a leading spiritualist, was on the ship. Anderson's cabin mate, who lived in Sydney, was a salesman for a large engineering company.

When he mentioned that he was going to speak

with Doyle, **Anderson warned him not to do so. "You will probably end up being a spiritualist."** But the salesman shrugged off the advice.

Returning later, he told Anderson that Doyle had told him about several of his ancestors. And then the salesman announced that he was going to become a spiritist (another name for a spiritualist). As soon as the ship docked, he immediately resigned from his firm and told his wife they were moving with Doyle to England, to help him in his work. **Now under the control of another power, there is no indication that he ever escaped** (R.A. Anderson, *Secrets of the Spirit World*, pp. 77-78).

"I began reading anti-Christian books and they gave me what I wanted, reasons for rejecting Christianity. **Books about the occult excited me the most.** It really turned me on to realize that there was a power out there waiting for me, from a different source than I'd heard about in church.

"One night I was watching a Satan worship service on television. A high priest was praying to Satan . . . I thought, **this must be the other side, the other Force . . . and I'm going to try it!**

"So I told God to get lost, that even if he was real I didn't want him in my life anymore. I shook my fist in his face and cursed him. I wanted the supernatural Force I'd seen in that Satan worship service. **As I cursed God, suddenly I felt this other Force come into me.**

"I gave myself to Satan that night . . . and I felt an overwhelming hatred for God—which I knew came from this Force. I damned God until I had no more strength . . .

“I would pull all the shades down, take the phone off the hook, put a chain on the door . . . and start communicating with spirits. I’d raise my hands to Satan, thank him for all the blessings he’d given me, and pray to him.

“Often the house would become icy cold, and I would see the spirits.

“At first I thought I was in control . . . but the more involved I became with Satan, the more I realized he was controlling me . . . dictating to me what I could and couldn’t do.

“I would find myself in places I hadn’t intended to go . . . **I was in sort of a trance, out of control.** My life was no longer my own.

“I finally decided to commit suicide, because I had lost that peace Satan had seemed to give me at first.”—Greg Jordan, in a personal interview with Dave Hunt, in *The Cult Explosion*, pp. 148-149.

A husband and wife, who expressed great skepticism about spiritism, went to hear a medium speak at Foresters Hall in the heart of London’s West End. **After giving a brief introduction, the spiritist medium named this couple,** and mentioned that less than six weeks earlier the wife’s sister had died. **—Then something that looked like the dead sister suddenly appeared on the platform** beside the spiritist lecturer. After the meeting, the couple said that they were now confirmed spiritualists and would follow them wherever they might lead (*Anderson*, pp. 10-11).

Next, here are several stories of capture

which ultimately resulted in later deliverance as the imperiled ones cried to God for help.

“Consider the case of Bill Slater, head of BBC television drama. One evening, after attending ‘an impromptu seance’ with a Ouija (pronounced, *wee-jee*) board, he went home. In the early hours of the morning:

“ ‘I found myself half-awake, knowing there was some kind of presence massing itself on my chest. **It was, to my certain knowledge, making every effort to take over my mind and body.** It cost me considerable willpower to concentrate all my faculties to push the thing away. And, for what seemed like twenty minutes, this spiritual tussle went on between this awful presence and myself. **Needless to say, although before going to bed I had felt perfectly happy** and at ease with a very good friend I knew well. But now I was absolutely terrified; I have never known such fear since. I was finally able to call my friend’s name; he woke up, put on the light, and was astonished to find me well-nigh a gibbering idiot. I have never since had any psychic experience.’ ”—*Bill Slater, as told to his friend, Colin Wilson, Mysteries: An Investigation into the Occult, p. 451.*

In the book, *Facts on Spirit Guides*, John Ankerberg and John Welden tell about Carl, a psychologist with a degree in physics and a personal interest in religion and parapsychology (the study of the occult).

Becoming a leading parapsychologist researcher, he spent a number of years at a mid-

Western university, continuing experiments which included numerous psychic and mystical experiences.

“Gradually, however, Carl admitted to himself that some deep alteration was taking place inside of him. He had earlier encountered some gnawing doubts about the fundamental nature of the spiritual path he was now on. But he had suppressed them, because they were too uncomfortable in their implications. Any doubt as to what kind of spirit was leading him could mean a total revision of his work; it could even mean resigning his professorship and renouncing his parapsychological research . . . **Eventually, after years of painstaking effort, Carl became consumed by forces so evil he ended up as an incoherent vegetable requiring eleven months of hospitalization . . .** He finally had to conclude:

“ ‘Solemnly and of my own free will I wish to acknowledge that knowingly and freely I entered into possession by an evil spirit. And, although that spirit came to me under the guise of saving me, perfecting me, helping me to help others, **I knew all along it was evil**’ (quoted in Malachi Martin, *Hostage to the Devil: the Possession and Exorcism of Five Living Americans*, p. 485).”—John Ankerberg and John Welden, *Facts on Spirit Guides*, pp. 40-41.

After having earlier held Bible studies with a family in New Zealand, **Roy Anderson found that the father spent his spare time communicating with spirits** in a private room in his home.

After several years of efforts to reach this man for Christ, accompanied by a friend, Anderson went

to the man's home one day.

"Before going up to the house we prayed, and then I phoned to say we were coming. The wife met us at the door and led us into the living room. As soon as I entered, **I sensed that things were anything but reassuring; for there sat our friend in silent communion with the spirits.** I had seen him, on other occasions, sitting on the davenport talking to his spirit friend. He spoke no words; it was thought communion.

"We waited a few minutes; then, began our conversation in a casual strain at first . . . [but soon] his attitude changed. **He became adamant, and for an hour and a half he opposed everything we suggested.** Seeing we were getting nowhere, I rose to leave. In doing so, however, I said, 'I have never left this home without having prayer, and I do not intend to tonight. Let us kneel together.'

"This took him somewhat off guard. Naturally he was in no mood to pray, but out of respect he cooperated. **He had the same leering smirk that I had seen at other times when he had been communing with spirits . . .**

"Then I asked him to pray. Scarcely had he begun when I sensed something was wrong. He seemed hardly able to speak. I knew what it was . . . **for we were being pressured by an unseen power.** It is a harrowing experience to feel every inch of one's body under pressure, which becomes stronger every moment. We could scarcely breathe, much less speak.

"**Then the door opened of its own accord and in came a huge apparition,** appearing as a knight

in shining armor and holding aloft an upturned Turkish scimitar. At the sight, my friend [the man who lived in the house], this powerfully built former police officer and leader of a detective squad, sprang from his place. Throwing one arm around his wife's neck and the other around mine, he clung to us, trembling like a frightened child!

"The situation was desperate, for this spirit threatened to kill him. Summoning all the strength I could, I challenged, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, I command the devils to leave this house at once!'

"What followed was terrific! Never before or since have I heard anything like it. Hell seemed to be let loose! Windows rattled, doors slammed, and the whole house shook as if by an earthquake. **We heard shrieking and yelling. The house rocked, but we remained on our knees until at last the uproar ceased.** The calm that followed was as impressive as the tumult before.

"As we rose from our knees, we looked at each other in amazement. That man's look of terror was gone, but he was still shaking.

"Now he knew that God was there, in the very place which had been rattled by the powers of hell. **He also knew that the power of Jesus Christ is far greater than that of Satan.**"—*Roy A. Anderson, Secrets of the Spirit World, pp. 8-9.*

Anderson also tells an earlier experience when he led a university student, from Birmingham, England, to God. The man had earlier been an assistant to one of England's leading scientists—who was also a prominent spiritualist.

Later, when his wife and mother died, **that man**

turned to a medium in the hope that he could talk to them again.

But, in spite of this background, upon now learning that the Bible condemned witchcraft and spiritualism, and that those who practice it were not going to heaven,—he totally renounced all those earlier connections. We will let Anderson continue the story:

“To disentangle himself was not easy, as anyone knows who has tried. ‘I just cannot get away from the spirits,’ he told me. ‘These apparitions won’t leave me alone. They continually visit me and tell me they are deeply wounded by my attitude. They wake me up in the dead of night, sometimes three or four times a night. What can I do to get away from it all?’

“We were living not far from each other, so we decided it might help if we shared a room. I could at least be company for him, and I might be able to support him in his battle with the spirits. We put our beds fairly close together, so that if he was troubled in the night he could easily waken me.

“All went well for a week or two . . . Soon, however, he was accosted by the same beings as before. And it happened usually in the middle of the night. First they would shake his bed to awaken him. **They would start to converse. They were usually transparent in appearance.** One of them, he claimed, was the ‘living image’ of his mother. And, in an audible voice, this apparition would tell him of her affection for him.

“When he would say, ‘I do not believe you,’ and would turn his back, then the other, purporting to

be his sister, would come to the other side of the bed and tell him he was breaking his mother's heart. When this happened he would switch on the light and begin to read. He always kept a devotional book or two handy.

"All would be quiet for perhaps half an hour. **Then suddenly the book would be snatched from his hands and flung to the other end of the room.** The light would go out of its own accord. **And a voice, harsh and strident,** would call out, 'You'll read, will you?' . . . We felt the need of help from a higher source, so we prayed. **And God heard our prayers, for deliverance came at last.**"—R.A. Anderson, *Secrets of the Spirit World*, pp. 12-13.

A girl had become friends with a witch, and had read a little in their writings. But nothing more. Then it happened:

"On January 5, 1939, seventeen-year-old Maria and her grandmother were passing a bridge where three years before the body of Giuseppe Veraldi had been found, apparently a suicide. Maria stopped still, stared at the riverbank, and fainted.

"When she regained consciousness, she spoke in a coarse, masculine voice. 'I am Pepe,' she said, and she began to drink wine and smoke cigarettes, play cards, and write in the handwriting of the dead Giuseppe. She told how his friends drank his wine, threw him over the bridge, and beat him to death with an iron pipe. Then she acted out the crime. **She eventually returned to her normal self when the dead boy's mother ordered 'him' to leave her.** Twelve years later a letter came from one of Giuseppe Veraldi's cronies, now living in Argentina, confess-

ing to the crime just as Maria had described it.”—*Time magazine, February 18, 1957.*

“A young Fijian woman, living in Winembuka, about sixty miles from Suva, whose grandfather had been a devil priest, **decided she would try to contact the power with whom he communed. This was to be just a bit of fun, so she thought . . .**

“Against her parents’ pleadings, this girl continued to have contact with this demon . . . It became so gruesome, even to her, that at last she realized she must make a break. One day she summoned all her mental strength and turned her back on the whole thing.

“Then something happened! She immediately became possessed. Her appearance changed, and she would neither eat nor drink. Clearly, a super-human power controlled her . . . In desperation, her family sent for a minister. After hearing the full story, this Christian leader asked two or three other ministers to join him. Together they sought God’s power for the girl’s deliverance.

“Then they came to the home and endeavored to talk with this young woman, but she would not communicate. Instead, **she became enraged and screamed in defiance, threatening them. In reply they ordered the spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.**

“Suddenly, she fastened her eyes upon them and, stretching out full length with staring eyes and frothing mouth, **she made her way across the floor slithering like a snake. Then she became limp and completely still.** They waited quietly for a few minutes, then bathed her face and gave her time to come

to herself. At last she opened her eyes and sat up.

“ ‘Where am I, and why are you all here?’ she asked, puzzled. To her surprise, they informed her that she had taken neither food nor water for three days.

“Turning to her parents, she asked forgiveness for her defiance of their counsel. Then she thanked the ministers for their prayers, but most of all she gave gratitude to God for her deliverance.”—*Roy A. Anderson, Secrets of the Spirit World, pp. 14-15.*

Joan Harrison got involved in TM (transcendental meditation). She thought it was harmless, and had been told it was good for her health. The so-called “mediation” consists of mindlessly repeating over and over a “*mantra*,” which is the name of a Hindu demon god. Here is her story:

“During my practice of TM over the years, I often experienced the presence of spirits sitting on either side of me as I meditated.

“One night during a teachers’ training course, after many hours of meditating, **one of the spirits tried to enter my body to take possession of me.** It was very frightening. Only later did I learn that these spirit beings were demons. I sensed the presence of evil and resisted its attempts to possess me.

“Demon possession, I discovered, is one of the ever-present dangers of so-called ‘higher’ states of consciousness—especially so with TM, because the mantra, that one is given to repeat, is the name of a Hindu god; and the Bible says they actually represent demons (*1 Cor. 10:20*).”—*Personal interview*

by Dave Hunt with Joan Harrison, quoted in Dave Hunt, *The Cult Explosion*, p. 156.

Next, we turn our attention to a very unusual case which shows how these are also lying spirits. It shows to what deceptive lengths these lying spirits will go in their efforts to capture someone.

“It was during the dark days of World War II. The dread word had come to a widowed mother: **‘Your son—missing in action.’** A neighbor who had also lost a son in the war invited her to attend a monthly meeting at a seance, during which a medium brought up the spirits of the dead.

“Mrs. Dorcas hesitated. Tears were in her eyes, uncertainty in her voice. **She was told that her only son had appeared in that seance she had not attended, and wanted to talk with her.** What should she do? She had been taught from the Scriptures that ‘the dead know not anything, neither have they anymore a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred and their envy is now perished’ (*Eccl. 9:5-6*).

“Loneliness in conflict with conscience, a moment of hesitation. **Then she said, ‘I’ll go just once.’** But she went twice. And then, again and again she returned. She wrote to her pastor, ‘Please drop my name from your church records. I no longer believe as you do.’

“The days, weeks and months passed by. The war was finally over. One day there was a knock upon the front door of the Dorcas home. **Mother Dorcas stood there transfixed, terrified. It was**

her son. ‘Mother, what’s the matter? Let me in.’ ‘You’re not my son,’ she cried, ‘You’re dead!’

“ ‘No, I’m very much alive,’ said the son. ‘I’ve been in a concentration camp.’ The next Sabbath mother and son went back to the church.

“Who spoke to Mrs. Dorcas through the medium? Not her son. Not an angel from heaven. It must have been a fallen angel, a demon spirit pretending to be her son.”—*Varner J. Johns, Spirits of Devils Working Miracles, p. 9.*

Here is another story, where a spirit misled people:

“A certain medium, Mrs. Blanch Cooler, supposedly communicated with the spirit of a man she had known earlier, named Gordon Davies. He had been killed in battle. **The spirit, purporting to be Davies and speaking in a voice that sounded like his,** described some unusual features of a house and other information . . . But events proved the communication was not from the departed Davies, because he had not departed. **He turned up alive and was shown to have had nothing whatever to do with the seance!**”—*Stan Baldwin, Games Satan Plays, cited in Clifford Wilson and John Weldon, Occult Shock and Psychic Forces, p. 99.*

Evil spirits are not something you want to tamper with, for they will ultimately destroy you. The next chapter will tell you just how evil these creatures are!

They hate and even kill followers

The Spirits Are Vile and Vicious

In this chapter, we will notice several intriguing facts about the demon spirits, the demons of witchcraft who pretend to be departed dead.

(1) They utter information which is foolish, trivial, and very often untrue. (2) They are totally evil, vile, and hateful. (3) They are quite rude, and pester everyone willing to become a follower. (4) They get people to kill animals and injure and murder people. (5) It is extremely dangerous to consult a spirit or spiritualist, for it can bring great injury to your mind and body. (6) They terrify, injure, and frequently kill their own followers.

Why then is anyone attracted to the spirit world? It is because of *the sense of power which is there*. These individuals hope to gain some of that power. But the power remains with the spirits—and it is a power to control the minds and bodies of men and women! Instead of gaining hoped-for power, those who delve into witchcraft and allied evil arts—*are themselves overpowered!* They are captured and become depressed, mean, and hateful—just like the demons now in possession of them.

By the way, there is no such thing as “*white magick*,” something that is safe to do. There is no

such thing as “nice spirits.” All of Satan’s angels are evil and cruel like their master.

The demons utter information which is foolish, trivial, and very often untrue. It is not worth going to listen to, much less the great peril that such contact brings by going.

“Despite untold numbers of hours of alleged utterances, **most of the spirit ‘messages’ are inexpressibly tedious, inane, pointless.** Most objective investigators complain that a majority of the strange communications are patently **nonsensical and self-contradictory.**

“This untrustworthiness of communications purporting to emanate from the ‘spirit world’ was stressed by English physicist Sir Oliver Lodge [a dedicated spiritualist himself], who depreciated the **calumny, distortion, and evil** of the messages in the course of transmission . . . **Direct deception** has been admittedly present at all stages of spiritualism’s history. In fact, the spiritualist journal, *The Medium* (May 2, 1874), printed a letter headed, ‘*Is There Any Remedy for Lying Spirits?*’ ”—Leroy Edwin Froom, *Spiritualism Today*, p. 36.

“One of the most alarming things about the mediumistic racket is how completely some people put their lives into the hands of **ill-educated, emotionally unbalanced individuals** who claim a hot line to heaven. As a medium, I was routinely asked about business decisions, marital problems, whether to have an abortion, how to improve sexual performance, and similar intimate and important subjects. That people who ask such questions of a medium

are risking their mental, moral and monetary health is a shocking but quite accurate description of the matter.”—*M. Lamar Keene, Psychic Mafia, p. 22.*

They are extremely rude, and continually pester those willing to become followers.

“Eminent spiritualists constantly complain that **‘they are frequently plagued by the intruding spirits of devils’** (*Sir Oliver Lodge, Raymon, p. xi*). Stainton Moses, another spiritualist, in *Spirit Teachings*, warns of ‘foes of God and man’ who are malignant spirits (*p. 243*). In another book, he tells how **a ‘motley crowd’ of spirits rush in, ‘eager to seek communication with living men’** (*Spirit Identity, p. 16*). As a result, there is **fraud and conniving by ‘malignant, depraved, cunning, and untruthful spirits’** (*ibid.*). It is not a wholesome picture. But these are some of the unconcealable ‘fruits’ on the tree of spiritualism.”—*Leroy Edwin Froom, Spiritualism Today, p. 36.*

The evil spirits are evil, vile, and hateful.

“Sir William Barrett, who often took part in experiments with Mrs. Travers Smith, goes a step further and tells of **depraved communication ‘interspersed with profane and occasionally obscene language’** (*The Threshold of the Unseen, p. 250*). Another writer says that **‘mischievous messages’ are often followed by ‘mental damage’** to the medium (*Mable V. Robertson, The Other Side of God’s Door, Preface*). Others likewise write of the ‘evil spirits’ that inject themselves and **seek to degrade the medium** (*T.A.R. Purchas, The Spiritual Adventures of a Business Man, pp. 218-219*). Such fruitage ob-

viously comes from beneath.”—*Ibid.*

These evil spirits get people to kill animals, and injure and murder people.

“**Murder after murder** has been linked to the [witchcraft and spirit seance] craze, with the murderers openly admitting to police or to reporters that they worshiped Satan. Police, more and more frequently, are finding grim evidence of **both animal and human sacrifices.**”—*George Vandeman, Psychic Roulette, p. 100.*

“The worship of Satan has deep historical roots. Known as satanism, it is found expressed in various ways. Black magic, so-called “white magic,” the Black Mass, facets of the drug culture, and **blood sacrifice** all have connections with satanism.

(In *Escape from Witchcraft*, Roberta Blankenship explains what two girls, both satanists, wrote to her as part of their initiation ritual):

“They had to go to a graveyard in the dead of night, walk across a man-sized cross, and **denounce any belief in Christ.** Afterwards, a ritual was performed and **the girls had to drink the blood of animals that had been skinned alive.**”—*Roberta Blankenship, Escape from Witchcraft, p. 1.*

“In April 1973, **the battered, mutilated body** of a 17-year-old boy, Ross ‘Mike’ Cochran, was found outside of Daytona Beach, Florida. An Associated Press story said, ‘The verdict of police is that Cochran was **the victim of devil worshipers, killed in a frenzied sacrificial ritual.**’

“Lynn McMillon, Oklahoma Christian College professor, reports, ‘One variety of satanism consists

primarily of sex clubs that **embellish their orgies with satanist rituals**. Another variety of satanists use street drugs in their rites.' ”—Lynn Walker, *Supernatural Power and the Occult*, p. 1.

It is extremely dangerous to consult a spirit or spiritualist, for it can bring great injury to your mind and body.

“Dr. Franz Volgyesi, an outstanding physician, for a time took part in spiritualistic phenomena through the services of a medium called Lazlo. As a demonstration of the influence of spiritualistic activity on the medium, Volgyesi wrote: ‘Then Lazlo suffered much hard luck, sickness, and emotional upsets. **He pushed many men, who came to him seeking guidance through the spirits, to the point of suicide.**’ Finally he and a girl friend decided to **commit suicide themselves**. With their arms around each other, Lazlo put a bullet through both of them in the region of the heart. The girl died, but he recovered . . . After my experience with Lazlo I stopped the personal work and investigations that I had begun in the spirit world. It is too dangerous.”—*Franz Volgyesi, The Soul is Everything*, p. 289.

“**Obsessional fascination** is common and serious, for the person is **completely captivated**. The spirit that dominates him takes possession of his confidence, and **even paralyzes his own judgment.**”—*Allan Kardec, What is Spiritualism?* pp. 95-96.

Dr. Merrill F. Unger, author of four books on occultism and demons, wrote this:

“The **psychic bondage and oppression** that traf-

fickers in occultism themselves suffer, as well as their dupes, is horrifying to contemplate.”—*M.F. Unger, Demons in the World Today, p. 95.*

“Both psychiatry and psychology recognize the **adverse effects of spiritistic activity upon the mind**. Symptoms of **split personality** appear after sustained dealings in the occult. Psychiatry defines the resulting disorder as **mediumistic psychosis**.”—*Ibid., p. 59.*

Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, a trial attorney, has authored or edited several books on the occult. He wrote this:

“There is a definite correlation between negative occult activity and **madness**. European psychiatrist L. Szondi has shown a high correlation between involvement in spiritualism and occultism, on one hand, and **schizophrenia** on the other. The tragedy of most sorcery, invocation of demons, and related practices is that those who carry on these activities refuse to face the fact that they *always* turn out for the *worst*. What is received through the Faustian past never satisfies, and one pays with one’s soul in the end.”—*J.W. Montgomery, Principalities and Powers: the World of the Occult, p. 149.*

“This **obsessional subjugation** [of the person to the spirit] is a **physical coercion** always produced by these very evil spirits, which can, when they wish, **totally neutralize his free will**. Sometimes it is limited to simple disagreeable impressions; sometimes it causes **disorderly movements, such as shouts and incoherent or insulting words**.”—*Allan Kardec, What is Spiritualism? p. 96.*

“Dr. Carl A. Wickland, M.D., a physician, accomplished spiritist, and researcher in psychology . . . became an acknowledged authority in the area of spiritism and the occult . . . Wickland’s life was similar to that of the great Emanuel Swedenborg, the famous spiritist of the eighteenth century. Though both Swedenborg and Wickland practiced spiritism extensively, both issued stern warnings about its dangers. He said ‘**a great number of unaccountable suicides** are due to the possessing influence of spirits. **Some of these spirits are actuated by a desire to torment their victims**’ (*Wickland, Thirty Years Among the Dead*, p. 132). —Yet they are tormenting their own followers!

“According to his own extensive experience, he observed that spiritism frequently causes ‘**apparent insanity, varying in degrees from a simple mental aberration to, and including, all types of dementia, hysteria, epilepsy, melancholia, shell shock, kleptomania, idiocy, suicidal mania, as well as amnesia, functional bestiality, atrocities, and other forms of criminality**’ (*ibid.*, p. 17).

“In fact, his book devotes entire chapters to the spirits’ influence in **fostering suicide, criminal practices, drug use, and other unsavory activities**. ‘In many cases of **revolting murder**, investigation will show that the crimes were committed by innocent persons under the control of disembodied spirits’ (*ibid.*, p. 116).

“Wickland is not alone in his assessment of the psychological dangers of occult practice. Some authorities think that **a significant percentage of those institutionalized in mental hospitals** may be suf-

fering from mental illness induced by occult practice and/or demonization . . . Dr. Koch mentions . . . a Christian psychiatrist who believes that up to half of the inmates in his psychiatric clinic are suffering from **occult oppression** rather than true mental illness . . .

“Roger L. Moore, psychologist of religion at Chicago Theological Seminary, observes that ‘there are haunting parallels’ between the **paranoid schizophrenic** and the deeply involved occultist. He also stated at a four-day symposium of the American Academy of Religion, ‘Participation in the occult is dangerous for persons who are the most interested in it . . . A lot of them have become **paranoid psychotics**’ (*R.L. Moore, quoted in Los Angeles Times, December 30, 1977*).”—*John Ankerberg and John Weldon, The Facts on the Occult, p. 27.*

These demons terrify, injure, and frequently kill their own followers—including spiritist mediums and channelers.

The demon spirits are so evil and hateful that when the spiritualist mediums, who have dedicated their lives to their control, become old and less useful—**very often the demons inflict on them great suffering and finally an agonizing death.**

This has happened repeatedly. God cannot help those poor sufferers; for long ago, they have cursed, reviled, and rejected Him. And they have no more desire to return to their Creator, who alone is able to deliver them. They totally lack the protection from devils which the good angels give to the children of God.

In the Bible, demons are presented as inflicting numerous physical and psychological ailments upon their victims. Many of these parallel today's cases of channeling [the name for modern spiritist seances). The array of symptoms suggest the possibility of virtual monopoly over the workings of the human mind and body: skin disease (*Job 2:7*), destructive and irrational acts (*Matt. 8:28; Luke 8:27*), deafness and inability to speak (*Mark 9:25; Luke 11:14*), epileptic-like seizures (*Matt. 17:15; Mark 9:17-18; Luke 9:39*), blindness (*Matt. 12:22*), tormenting pain (*Rev. 9:1-11*), insanity (*Luke 8:26-35*), severe physical deformity (*Luke 13:11-17*), and other symptoms. Demons can attempt to murder a person (*Matt. 17:15, 18*).

“If I stayed in mediumship I saw only deepening gloom. **All the mediums I've known or known about have had tragic endings.**

“The Fox sisters, who started it all, wound up as **alcoholic derelicts**. William Slade, famed for his slate-writing tricks, **died insane** in a Michigan sanitarium. Margery, the medium, lay on her deathbed **a hopeless drunk**. The celebrated Arthur Ford fought the battle of the bottle to the very end and lost . . . Wherever I looked it was the same: **mediums at the end of a tawdry life.**”—*M. Lamar Keene, Psychic Mafia, pp. 147-148.*

“There are many cases where **occult activity has directly resulted in the destruction of human life.** It is not just that there are a few cases; the fact is there are thousands of them littered throughout the history of religion, occultism, spiritism, and para-

psychology—**mental illness, suicide, physical crippling, blindness, death.** People who would never think of playing Russian Roulette with a gun, even once, or who would never deliberately take a dangerous drug, have a very good reason for their decisions. The odds of disaster are too high. Yet the odds of harming oneself from occult practices are apparently just as high or higher. What is amazing is that the evidence is there for all to see and yet it is ignored.”—*John Ankerberg and John Weldon, Facts on Spirit Guides, p. 38.*

“I have found that **nine out of 10 cases of occult involvement result in harming people.** This is supported by many thousands of examples.”—*Kurt Koch, Occult Bondage and Deliverance, p. 130.*

“Many mediums are **mentally unbalanced to a degree that verges on actual insanity.** And only the most credulous, among their changing clientele who seek their guidance, can remain blind to the fact. Very many mediums show **marked evidence of paranoia.**”—*D.H. Rawcliffe, Illusions and Delusions of the Supernatural and the Occult, p. 172.*

“Most people do not know that the famous medium Arthur Ford became **a morphine addict and alcoholic,** which caused him no end of grief much of his life. Bishop James Pike died a tragic death from his involvement in spiritism. Medium Jane Roberts died at the young age of 55. Others became **addicted to drugs.**

“Medium Edgar Cayce, a large man (6' 2") died in misery weighing a mere 60 pounds. The biogra-

phy on Cayce by Joseph Millard reveals the extent of suffering Cayce's occult involvement cost him—**from psychic attacks to mysterious fires, erratic personality changes and emotional torments, constant bad luck and personal setback, plus guilt induced by psychic readings that ruined others' lives.** Many channelers seem to **succumb to various vices later in life, from sexual immorality to numbing their conscience, to alcoholism and drug addiction, to crime and worse.**—*John Ankerberg and John Weldon, Facts on Spirit Guides, p. 39.*

“Many, many magicians and people who deal with spirits **have been strangled or killed.** I know because I've been near quite a few of these cases.”—*Sri Chinmoy, Astrology and the Beyond, p. 62. [He is a spiritist adviser at the United Nations].*

“Dr. Kurt Koch observed, after 45 years of counseling the occultly oppressed, that from his own experience ‘**numerous cases of suicides, fatal accidents, strokes and insanity** are to be observed among occult practitioners.’ And that ‘anyone who has had to observe, for 45 years, the effects of spiritism can only warn people with all the strength at his disposal’ (*Kurt Koch, Occult Bondage and Deliverance, p. 31; also see Kurt Koch, Occult ABC, p. 238*).”—*John Ankerberg and John Weldon, Facts on Spirit Guides, p. 40.*

The following statement is highly significant. Whenever someone who has dabbled in spiritualism—even the spirit mediums themselves—try, even slightly, to cut loose from the control of the spirits,—**they will be struck by various diseases as**

punishment to keep them from leaving. Then, when they stop trying to leave, the diseases are removed. —**Yet all the while, whether or not they try to leave, their bodies and minds gradually deteriorate** from the effects of their connection with demons.

“Over many years, **the very act of channeling [spiritist mediumship] itself appears to have a destructive effect upon the human body.** It is as if there is a type of, for lack of a better word, ‘psychic vampirism’ at work which slowly eats away at a person’s physical constitution.

“Time and again in the lives of psychics, mediums and spiritualists, we have observed the power of the spirits in holding their captives to do their will (*2 Tim. 2:24-26*). When one attempts to suppress their channeling or mediumship [*i.e.*, try to escape from the spirit’s control], for example, **the result will frequently be symptoms of disease or other serious problems, forcing a return to the practice.**”—*John Ankerberg and John Weldon, Facts on Spirit Guides, p. 40.*

In view of such facts as those found in this chapter,—why would you want to have anything to do with any books, movies, pictures, magazines, music, or even toys which might lead you toward an interest in witchcraft?

A covenant with hell

The Bible Condemns Witchcraft

In this chapter, we will learn what God has told us about these matters. This is so important that He has given specific warnings. We dare not ignore those warnings and run on heedlessly down a road that will lead us to destruction.

(1) What does the Bible says about Satan? (2) Who are these “spirits” that appear to people? (3) Why must we not have anything to do with them? (4) What are the two main lies of Satan?

What does the Bible says about Satan?

It is imperative that we understand the identity and the character of these strange supernatural powers. We need to have clearly before us what God says about them and His warning prohibitions against them. Only in this way can we be protected from the deception and terrible retribution that will come from making friends with them.

Special information and unmistakable warnings are to be found all through the Old and New Testaments regarding Satan, demons, evil spirits, familiar spirits, necromancy (trying to talk to the dead), sorcery, witchcraft, divination, and wizardry.

Satan before his fall from heaven was named Lucifer (*Isa. 14:12-14*), anointed cherub, and covering cherub (*Eze. 28:14, 16*). **Since his fall he is called** accuser of the brethren (*Rev. 12:10*), adversary (*1 Peter 5:8*), Beelzebub (*Matt. 12:24*), devil (*Rev. 12:9*), enemy (*Matt. 13:28, 39*), father of lies, liar, and murderer (*John 8:44*), old serpent (*Rev. 20:2*), power of darkness (*Col. 1:13*), prince of this world (*John 12:31*), prince of devils (*Matt. 12:24*), prince of the power of the air (*Eph. 2:2*), god of this world (*2 Cor. 4:4*), spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience (*Eph. 2:2*), tempter (*Matt. 4:3*), and wicked one (*Matt. 13:19*). **It is clear that Satan is real, and God wants us to have nothing to do with him!**

Satan was once an angel of light. His name, being Lucifer, means “light bearer” (*Isa. 14:12-14; Eze. 28:13-19*). But rebellion against God in heaven changed him into a demon of darkness. When he was cast out of heaven, the angels who sided with him were cast out with him (*Rev. 12:7-9*).

We want to know more about these angels who were cast out of heaven with Satan.

The New Testament constantly tells about the reality and personality of these angels who are called demons. They are also called “spirits,” “unclean spirits,” and “wicked” spirits (*Mark 7:25-26; Luke 10:17, 20; Matt. 12:43, 45*). In the Gospels (which is Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), the term, “unclean spirits,” is used interchangeably with “devils” (*Mark 1:27, 34; 3:11, 15; 6:7, 13*). They are the devil’s “angels” (*Matt. 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4*) and are so numerous as to make Satan’s power operative

practically everywhere (*Mark 5:2, 8-9*). They are capable of entering and controlling both man and beast (*Mark 5:8, 11-13*). Satan and his fallen angels have the ability to impart information, to change their appearance, and to personate others (*2 Cor. 11:13-14*). "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (*2 Cor. 11:14-15*).

Demon influence and possession are constantly portrayed in the New Testament. These demons are unclean, sullen, violent, malicious. They know Jesus to be the Son of God, and are compelled to recognize His authority (*Matt. 8:28, 31*).—That is an important truth to remember!

They inflict physical maladies (*Matt. 12:22; 17:15-18; Luke 13:16*) and cause those disorders of the mind induced by demon control. Christ while on earth cast out devils by the Spirit of God (*Matt. 12:28*).

A succession of instances of demon possession appear in the New Testament—the two Gergesenes, the dumb man, the blind and dumb man, the Syrophenician's daughter, the lunatic child, the man in the synagogue, and Mary Magdalene. These devils were cast out by Jesus (*Matt. 4:24; 8:16; Luke 8:2*). Power over demons was also given by Christ to His disciples, and they too cast them out.

Demons are always—without exception—the adversaries of man (*1 Peter 5:8; Matt. 12:45*) and they bear false messages. Nevertheless, they "believe [that God exists] and tremble," and are to be judged

(James 2:19; Matt. 8:29) and punished (Luke 8:28; 2 Peter 2:4; Rev. 12:7-9). Of this they are very much aware.

Next, we want to learn what the Bible teaches about sorcery and witchcraft. The Scriptures are very clear about this!

Of the various occult activities being done in Bible times, sorcery (witchcraft) was most widely named as practiced among the nations. Sorcery is divination through the assistance of evil spirits. It was practiced among the Egyptians (*Isa. 19:3, 11-13*), by the Ninevites (*Nahum 3:4*), and also by the Babylonians (*Isa. 47:9-13; Eze. 21:21-22; Dan. 2:2, 10, 27*). It was likewise exercised by such individuals as Balaam (*Num. 22:6-7; 23:23*) and Jezebel (*2 Kgs. 9:22*). In New Testament times it was practiced by Simon Magus (*Acts 8:9, 11*), Elymas (*Acts 13:8*), the damsel at Philippi (*Acts 16:16*), and the sons of Sceva (*Acts 19:13-15*).

Are we told to avoid these things?

God expressly forbade us to consult “familiar spirits” (*Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:10-11; Isa. 8:19; 19:3*) or to have anything to do with necromancy—which is trying to contact dead people (*Deut. 18:11; 26:14; Isa. 8:19*). Wizardry was similarly prohibited (*Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 27*). And, under the theocracy, witches were to be destroyed (*1 Sam. 28:3, 9*).

All divination was strictly forbidden (*Lev. 19:26-28, 31; 20:6; Deut. 18:9-14*). All contact of this sort was denounced, as was all divining by means of “familiar spirits” (*Lev. 20:27*). Sorcerers were strictly

forbidden (*Ex. 22:18; Deut. 18:10-12*), with warnings against their deceptions (*Jer. 27:9-10*) and their punishment foretold (*Micah 5:12; Mal. 3:5; Rev. 21:8*).

What does the Bible teach about those who practiced witchcraft and other satanic arts?

According to Scripture, many in ancient Israel “sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord (*2 Kgs. 17:16-17*). **By their sins, they gave themselves into the control of Satan**, who then used them to capture still others who sought them for advice! They did this by necromancy, witchcraft, sorcery, familiar spirits, etc., and thus became the slaves of the demonic powers behind the occult and mysterious rites.

Because of their evil influence, and the reliance of some upon them and the “spirits,” witchcraft and wizardry were sternly forbidden.

Spiritualists are an abomination to God—“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, **or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch . . . or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord:** and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.”—*Deuteronomy 18:10-13*.

Have nothing to do with them—“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.”—*Leviticus 19:31*.

Do not listen to their lies—“Therefore hearken not ye to . . . your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers . . . for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from

your land.”—*Jeremiah 27:9-10*.

God will judge them severely—“And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers.”—*Malachi 3:5*.

God does not want them to continue to live—“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”—*Exodus 22:18*. “A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death.”—*Leviticus 20:27*.

We should not ask advice of an evil spirit. King Saul died because he did this—“Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; and inquired not of the Lord; therefore He slew him.”—*1 Chronicles 10:13-14*. (See *1 Samuel 28:7-15*).

We are commanded not to go to them, lest we be defiled—“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.”—*Leviticus 19:31*.

Those that go to them will be cut off—“The soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a-whoring after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.”—*Leviticus 20:6*.

Spiritualists will not go to heaven—“Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies . . . I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”—*Galatians 5:20-21*.

They will be put to death—“A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death.”—*Leviticus 20:27*.

Go to God and the Bible for counsel, not to spiritualists—“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that

peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”—*Isaiah 8:19-20*.

In the last days, many will be deluded into placing confidence in spiritualists—“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”—*1 Timothy 4:1*.

The trouble began when Lucifer rebelled in heaven and chose to disobey God’s holy law. In the book of Revelation we are told:

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”—*Revelation 12:7-9*.

The titanic struggle between the dragon—Satan—with his rebellious angels, and Michael—Christ—with His loyal angels, resulted in the expulsion of the rebels from heaven. Peter says: “God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down” (*2 Peter 2:4*).

Jesus said: “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” (*Luke 10:18*).

The issue came to its terrific climax at Calvary. Here the King of love and the king of hate met in mortal combat. Through those dark and agonizing hours Jesus struggled against the combined pow-

ers of hell. On that hill outside Jerusalem the conflict of the ages reached its most desperate height. But, in spite of all the devil could do, the Saviour of the world held to the principles of godliness and won a glorious victory. That crucial cry from the cross, "It is finished" (*John 19:30*), was no moan of despair; it was a shout of triumph. Finished indeed was the contest of the ownership of this world.

That mighty shout, "It is finished," which rang from Calvary's hill, sounded the death knell of Satan and his hosts of demons. The battle had been won, the enemy unmasked, and the king of hell dethroned. And it was the Creator Himself who descended to the battlefield of earth and broke the stranglehold of evil.

When Jesus died, it was no mere human sacrifice; it was God offering Himself for lost men. Having died in the place of man, He became the Redeemer of the lost race. At the completion of that sacrifice, a mighty shout was heard in heaven: "Now is come salvation . . . for the accuser of our brethren is cast down" (*Rev. 12:10*).

That song of praise from the angelic host reverberated to the very edge of the universe. The battle had been won, assuring us that evil will ultimately be eradicated from the universe. But in the meantime the conflict between truth and error, between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness, has continued and will continue until our Lord returns in glory. The time is coming when Satan and all his followers will forever be destroyed.

It has ever been Satan's studied plan to destroy confidence in the Bible. In these last days

we can expect the enemy of God and man to come, as the apostle said, “as an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14) and “with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness” (2 Thess. 2:9-10). The Scripture says **Satan is out to “make war with the saints, and to overcome them”** (Rev. 13:7). That expression, “make war,” is found sixteen times in the New Testament and nine times in the book of Revelation. These references are always in connection with the terrible conflict between light and darkness, between holiness and sin.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”—*Ephesians 6:12-13*.

To be able to stand in the evil days just ahead can only be done by clinging to the hand of Christ. **The war will intensify as we near the close of time.** The power of spiritualism will intensify and will deceive many.

If we are to fully understand the deadly nature of witchcraft and spiritism, we need to know about Satan's first two lies.

Satan's first lie is this: If you sin, by disobeying what God commands, **you will not surely die, but live forever.** *His second lie is this:* **If you sin, you will become as God, knowing the glorious things that He has hidden from you;** you will learn the occult.

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

“And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

“And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then **your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods,** knowing good and evil.”—*Genesis 3:1-5*.

Instead of dying if you sin against God’s requirements, the Devil said, you will live forever and become God!

Let us now examine these two lies, which Satan has been telling people for thousands of years.

The authoritative *National Spiritualist Association Yearbook* declares: “Spiritualism is God’s message to mortals, **declaring that There Is No Death.** That all who pass on still live. That there is hope in the life beyond for the most sinful. That every soul will progress through the ages to heights, sublime and glorious—to God himself.”

“The Teachings of spiritualism will go on conquering until the whole world shall know and rejoice in the great truth: **‘There is no death’** and all God’s great family are linked in glad communication and fellowship.”—*A.B.C. of Spiritualism, Question No. 100*.

The site of the original Fox cottage, where mod-

ern spiritualism was born over a century ago, has this monument proclaiming the error that spiritism is based on: “The Birthplace of Modern Spiritualism . . . March 31, 1848. THERE IS NO DEATH. THERE ARE NO DEAD.” (*Full caps are theirs.*)

The well-known research writer, Dave Hunt, explains:

“Spiritism in Western Europe, England, and North America generally involves seances in which **communication is received from spirits that usually claim to be dead relatives** of the people present in the seance. **However, Jesus taught that the dead cannot come back to speak with, or appear to, the living** (*Eccl. 9:5-6*) . . .

“A common thread of deceit runs through all the messages delivered by **alleged spirits of the dead**, regardless of the culture, place, or time in history, and by whatever means they communicate—whether in a seance, through a ouija board, during a hypnotic trance, or in spontaneous appearances. **The spirit communicators** (including alleged space beings) **invariably repeat and elaborate the same lies the serpent told Eve**. Their very claim to be spirits of the dead is a denial of what God said about death and an obvious attempt to support the serpent’s promise: ‘*You won’t really die!*’ **The idea is always given that death involves no judgment and no heaven or hell**, but is like stepping through a door into another room of life, where we continue to learn our lessons and to progress ever higher *on our way to full godhood*.”—Dave Hunt, *The Cult Explosion*, p. 145.

The lie goes back to the very gates of Eden and the beginning of the human race, when through the medium of an apparently talking serpent, **Satan, the father of lies, assured our first parents that they should “not surely die” but that they should “be as gods”** (*Gen. 3:4-5*). This dual deception was spread abroad among the heathen nations as they developed and became part of the pagan religious structure—whether of pantheism, polytheism, or animism. Cults and incantations, necromancy and witchcraft, familiar spirits and diviners—all flourished in heathendom, blighting the world. It was adopted in the great civilizations of antiquity: Egypt, Greece, India, Persia, and Rome. And now it has spread to the Western world.

The Serpent said to Eve: “Ye shall not surely die . . . but ye shall be as gods” (*Gen. 3:4-5*). The Egyptians believed the lie and buried with their kings a retinue of servants for life in the next world. All pagan religions deny the reality of death. The soothsayers in the seance bring up the supposed spirits of the dead. The occult teaches the transmigration of souls. There is indeed a spirit world—but the spirits are not those of our departed dead. They are the evil angels, “the spirits of devils working miracles” (*Rev. 16:14*), to deceive as many as possible.

The Bible says, “The living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything” (*Eccl. 9:5*). “His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them” (*Job 14:21*). But **spiritualism declares: “There is no death; there are no dead”** (*Mrs. M.E.*

Cadwallader, Centennial Book, p. 68).

Clyde A. Dibble, a well-known spiritist writer and practitioner said it this way: **“We do not communicate with the dead but with the living . . .** The evidence is increasing that they are not silent and away, only that many are still blind, deaf, and insensitive spiritually to those other dimensions of the spirit.”—*C.A. Dibble, The Summit of Spiritual Understanding, June 1964.*

In the same issue of that journal, Arthur A. Meyers wrote about the other of the twin errors:

“Infinite Intelligence is not a formulated divine creature [he is saying there is no actual God] . . . It is instead an Infinite Intelligence. —You are that Power; **you are God.**”—*A.A. Meyers, ibid.*

The devil has said, “You are God and you will not die.” **The question each must decide for himself is, Whom shall we believe? God or the devil? Our decision determines our destiny.**

The Bible says:

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for **there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave,** whither thou goest.”—*Ecclesiastes 9:10.*

“Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; **in that very day his thoughts perish.**”—*Psalms 146:3-4.*

How could departed friends, whose thoughts have perished, communicate information to anyone? They cannot and do not.

The doctrine of natural immortality is that

all men have eternal life. But the Scriptures teach that man, apart from Christ, does not have eternal life.

Eternal life is not inherent in man. It is the gift of God, and is given only to those who accept Christ and remain true to Him till the end. Jesus said:

“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand. **He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life.**”—*John 3:35-36.*

“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **He that hath the Son hath life;** and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”—*1 John 5:11-12.*

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”—*John 10:10.*

The Christian has this everlasting life now—*only by faith.* It will become his *by actual possession* only at the Second Advent of Christ.

Who has immortality? This is an important question.

The dictionary defines the word, “*immortality,*” as a quality or state of being exempt from death. The Apostle Paul says **we will “put on immortality”** (*1 Cor. 15:54*) **when our Saviour comes** in glory, with all His holy angels with Him.

“We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be**

changed.

“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”—*1 Corinthians 15:51-55.*

If immortality is something we must “put on,” it is evident we do not possess it now. God alone possesses immortality.

“[God] who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **Who only hath immortality**, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting.”—*1 Timothy 6:15-16.*

Immortality, then, is a divine quality. We do not have it innately. Apart from an acceptance of Christ as our Saviour, there is no such thing as an immortal soul. We will become immortal, but not until our Saviour’s second advent. Then, and not until then, will those who have died in the hope of the resurrection be raised from their graves; from a state of corruption they will “put on incorruption.” At the same time the righteous who are living on earth will “all be changed” (*1 Cor. 15:52, quoted earlier*). And that change will be drastic; for the natural body will then become a spiritual, or immortal, body that is made like unto our Lord’s resurrected and glorious body. This is clearly stated by John:

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it

doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when He shall appear, we shall be like Him**; for we shall see Him as He is.

“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself [now].”—*1 John 3:2-3*.

In preparation for the glorious future that will be ours at Christ’s second coming, we are not to consult demons. But we should now, in the enabling strength Christ imparts, purify our lives by living clean, godly lives in accordance with the Ten Commandments, God’s moral standard of conduct.

Death, for God’s children, will come to an end. Not until our Saviour returns will death be “swallowed up in victory” (*1 Cor. 15:54*).

“For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**”—*1 Corinthians 15:25-26*.

Spiritualists speak of death as a “friend.” But the Bible calls death an “enemy.” The difference is tremendous. Death is an intruder that came as a result of sin. But, when our Saviour returns to the earth for His people, He will bring an end to death for His redeemed ones.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; **and** [for His faithful ones] **there shall be no more death**, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain: for the former things are passed away.”—*Revelation 21:4*.

The message of the resurrection was central in the preaching of the Apostles. They fearlessly declared our Lord’s resurrection. Because He died

and rose again, **“there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust”** (Acts 24:15).

“And this is the Father’s will which hath sent Me, that **of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.**”

“And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, **may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**”—John 6:39-40.

Jesus was not talking about the soul’s survival after death, but rather a bodily resurrection from the dead. **It is because the dead do not survive—and continue living—that a resurrection is necessary.** But it does not take place until our Lord returns with all His holy angels in the skies, not before.

This truth of an awakening from the sleep of death is found in both the Old and New Testaments:

“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. **Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust** . . . the earth shall cast out the dead.”—Isaiah 26:19.

“As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, **when I awake**, with Thy likeness.”—Psalm 17:15.

Those words, “when I awake” are significant. **All though the Bible death is referred to as “sleep.”** In 1 Corinthians 15, 1 Thessalonians 4, and 2 Timothy 4 we repeatedly find the words, “slept,” “made alive,” “they that are Christ’ at His coming,” “sleep,” “changed,” “last trump,” “raised incorruptible,” “put

on immortality,” “asleep,” “sleep in Jesus,” “dead in Christ,” “rise first,” “and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

These were Christ’s words when He told His disciples that Lazarus had died:

“He saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.** Then said His disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:** but they thought that He had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.”—*John 11:11-14.*

In obedience to Christ’s command, “Lazarus, come forth,” that dead man awoke from his sleep of death and was reunited with his family. The Lord did not call him from another plane or far-off world. But He called him from the sepulcher, the very place where they had laid him after he died.

The question is then asked, What is the “spirit”? The Bible says:

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**”—*Ecclesiastes 12:7.*

The spirit, or breath of life (*ruach* in the Hebrew), returns to its Source; the power by which man has lived goes back to God who gave it. **The power to live comes from God. And it goes back to God at death.** “In Him we live, and move, and have our being” (*Acts 17:28*).

Many seem confused about the spirit, not knowing how to define it. The Bible gives the answer:

“The body without the spirit is dead.”—*James 2:26.*

The Greek word for “spirit” is *Pneuma*. This is the source of our English word, “pneumatic.” Those with marginal references will see that *pneuma* is referred to as “breath.” This word, *pneuma*, is translated 288 times as “spirit.” **But, whichever word is used in translation, breath or spirit, one thing is certain: Without it, the body is dead.** Job said it this way:

“All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils.”—*Job 27:3*.

The spirit that returns to God at death is not an immortal soul. But it is the breath of life, the power by which we live.

When God created man, He “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (*Gen. 2:7*). **God did not breathe a soul into man. He “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”** When the power of God touched the inanimate dust, the lifeless form became alive—a living soul. It takes the breath, or Spirit of God, to make a living soul. So when the breath of life, the power by which we live, is withdrawn, death is the result.

This is emphasized by the psalmist:

“Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled: **Thou takest away their breath, they die** and return to their dust. **Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created:** and Thou renewest the face of the earth.”—*Psalms 104:29-30*.

As mentioned earlier, the Hebrew word for breath and spirit is *ruach*. And this is also translated “wind.” In the Old Testament, *ruach* appears 379 times. But not in a single instance does it suggest

that man has a separate surviving soul, capable of conscious existence apart from the body.

Without the breath, or spirit of life, man has no consciousness; his is the sleep of death. Paul wrote about believers who had “fallen asleep in Christ” (*1 Cor. 15:18*). How comforting is the thought that those of us who have died are at rest. When our Lord descends the flaming skies as “King of kings and Lord of lords,” He will command the spirit, or the breath of life, to unite with the inanimate dust. And the bodies of those who have trusted in Him for salvation, that have gone into corruption and apparent nothingness, will at the Creator’s word come forth glorified. They will spring forth joyfully to life, “caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (*1 Thess. 4:17*).

The thief on the cross. Someone may ask, “But didn’t Jesus tell the thief on the cross that he would be with Him that day in heaven?”

Here is the verse, as given in the King James Version:

“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.”—*Luke 23:43*.

Actually, there are no commas in the original Bible; they were added later. Based on the context of events which followed soon after, **the original Greek can read thus: “Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with Me in paradise.”** Jesus promised that the thief would be saved, but not that he would go to heaven that day. He assured him that, “today—the very day that we are both hanging

on crosses, I promise that you will later be in heaven with Me.”

We know that this interpretation is correct for three reasons: (1) **The thief did not die that day.** People did not usually die of crucifixion in one day, but Jesus died of a broken heart that afternoon and everyone was surprised that He had died so soon. When the soldiers came, they found Him already dead and the two thieves crucified with Him still alive. At sundown it would be the Bible Sabbath. So they took them down from the cross, because they expected their deaths after the Sabbath. It was against their custom to keep them on the cross after the Sabbath begins (*John 19:30-33*).

(2) **Jesus did not go to heaven until after He arose from the dead on Sunday morning.** He said, “I am not yet ascended to My Father” (*John 20:17*). Christ was buried before sundown on Friday (*Luke 23:50-54*) and did not rise from the dead until Sunday morning (*Matt. 28:1-6*).

“Jesus saith unto her, Touch Me not [Detain Me not in *Greek*]; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God.”—*John 20:17*.

(3) This explanation agrees with other passages of Scripture about the state of the dead.

Wouldn't you rather live forever with God, holy angels, and happy people,—than experience the future that is before those who take part in the satanic arts?

God has a heaven full of blessings for you. And you can begin to experience it right now, if you will

give your life to Christ; repent of your sins; and, through the enabling strength which He alone can impart, put them away and obey all that God commands in His holy Word, the Bible.

Different forms of spiritualism

More Astounding Facts

There are several other facts about spiritism and witchcraft which we need to understand, so we can warn our friends against them.

First, today there are a number of other types of witchcraft which are captivating large numbers of people. Let us briefly consider some of the leading ones.

Seances. Someone may tell you that something marvelous happened at a seance they attended. **Here are some of the actual hoaxes that occur at those gatherings.** But not everything done is fakery. You should not attend these gatherings, and you should warn others not to go!

The people are sitting in almost total darkness at seances because the lights are turned down and the windows are blacked out (“because the spirits like it that way” is the excuse given). The small

audience is seated in a row facing the front. There is also a table in front, a chair for the medium, **and space on both sides and behind him for his assistant to silently and unseen move around.** That makes it easier to do special tricks to fool everyone.

The medium's associate will dress in black from head to toe. Objects which are white or bright will suddenly appear, either on the table or will apparently float in space.

Each visitor is given a blank card to hand in, possibly with his name signed on it. These are placed on the table. Soon they disappear, or float off into space and suddenly disappear from view. Later cards containing messages written on them "from the spirits" float into view and are placed on the table.

A solid object (called an "apport") **suddenly appears** in space, floating around. It is often a silver trumpet, which moves around and eventually disappears.

The table tilts. Harry Houdini said this was done by the medium lifting the table with a steel rod or hook under his sleeve or vest.

The table begins "rapping" because the medium taps the leg with the edge of his shoe, which has steel on it. Or wires from the bottom of a table leg lead to the next room, which controls an electric coil under the table top, making certain numbers of clicks,

Trick photography produces **photos** of people who have died, but who now appear semi-transparent. Additional tricks could be mentioned.

Channeling. This is just a modern name for

old-fashioned witchcraft. Seances may be held, or “readings” may be given, which predict events to occur that year. (Most of the “prophecies” are not fulfilled. But, by December, few recall what was predicted in January.)

Wicca. This is the modern name for witches and witchcraft. “Wicca” is an ancient word for “witch.” Females are called “*witches*,” and males are called “*wizards*” or “*warlocks*.”

The New Age movement. This, plus Wicca, communication with the dead, astrology, feminism, hippie counterculture, street drugs mixed with mysticism, world disarmament and hunger projects, secular humanism, and atheism.

Several famous books and movie stars helped to popularize this spiritist fad. Since the 1980s, it has entered the public schools, corporate training, and many churches. Political and military organizations encourage it. The UN became a major center for promoting it. The so-called “New Age” is supposed to bring in worldwide peace.

Yoga, especially, is used to supposedly help relax people and improve their health. Instead, the controlling spirit causes depression when the individual is not frequently engaged in yoga. *More on yoga later.*

Transcendentalism (TM). TM (also called *Maharishi Technology* and *Unified Field*) started in the 1960s, when the Beatles visited India and learned about yoga from a holy man, called Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. He later came to the United States and, selling his “training program,” became a multimil-

lionaire.

TM is a combination of Hinduism and Raga Yoga. People pay money to learn how to do TM. **It consists of being given a “personal mantra”** (“sacred word”) **to mindlessly repeat over and over again** during a “meditation session” while the person is sitting cross-legged on the floor. The “mantra” is the Sanscrit (ancient Indian) word or phrase for one or two Hindu deities. (So, by repeating the mantra, the person is actually praying to a pagan god.)

According to Maharishi and others, the objective is to “come out of your personal nature,” “empty yourself of self,” unite with an impersonal god, and thus receive “enlightenment.” **This will bring you under that god’s control and “make you his surrendered servant.”** TM and other Eastern cults have brought a flood of Eastern occult thinking to the West.

Hinduism, Buddhism and Karma. The doctrine of reincarnation is crucial to this survey of Eastern occultism. It is a key teaching of Hinduism, and the basis of both Brahmanism and Buddhism. Reincarnation teaches that each new birth into the world is determined by the deeds of the previous life. This is *karma*. As a result, **the soul which lives forever is, at death, continually reborn again**—as a person or perhaps as an animal.

This doctrine of reincarnation and transmigration of souls was also found in Egypt and Persia before the time of Zoroaster. But it was derived from Indian sources. There are endless incarnations before all men return to the impersonal “World Soul,” and all evil is ended. **Like all occult practices,**

karma is a way to ignore salvation through Christ, as well as a way to avoid responsibility and punishment for sin. Karma teaches that one life just keeps leading to the next one.

Buddhism and dharma. Buddha was born in 563 B.C. in Lumini near Nepal's border with India. **His Dharma ("way" or "doctrine") was based on Hindu karma,** but aimed at ending the cycle of suffering in successive transmigrations. **Escape was said to be possible by reaching nirvana,** a condition of infinite bliss likened to an extinguished flame ("nirvana" means "to blow out"); in other words, a mindless, thoughtless, nothingness kind of eternal existence.

Yoga. Yoga is an Indian ritual involving certain body positions, breathing patterns, looking steadily at a candle flame, etc.; and, during this "meditation," one is either thinking of nothing or repeating a mantra (the name of the god to be worshiped), etc. This is supposed to unite the human soul in "total surrender" to the Supreme Spirit.

As with other occult practices, the spirit controlling the person actually produces within him a state of depression or a physical problem, when it is not engaged in. **But while it is done regularly, the depression lifts and the body seems to feel better.**

A major text on Yoga states, "The aim of all yoga is realization of the Absolute Brahman." Hindu belief teaches that *Brahmam* is the master god, present in all things (pantheism); yet it is always unknowable. His manifestation to men is through the Hindu

god, *Shiva (or Siva)*, the god of destruction. In other words, **because you have placed yourself under the power of an evil spirit, either you submit to Brahmam, or Shiva will destroy you.**

There are four forms of Yoga, one of which is *Hatha Yoga*, the practice most familiar to the general public. It is divided into eight stages: Body purification, postures, *mudras* (other postures), breath control, stilling the mind, concentration, mediation, and union with god (Shiva).

Body purification (*kriyas*) involves belching air, vomiting water, swallowing a 15-foot-long cloth or running a string up the nose, through the nasal cavity and out of the mouth. Most people who begin yoga assume that the positions are mere techniques to calm the body and improve physical fitness. But each one has occult relations. For example, the postures (*asanas*) are practiced by facing the rising sun and repeating the twelve Sanskrit names of the Lord Sun.

Information on Yoga has been given here in more detail, since so many are becoming involved in it and do not realize how terrible it is—until it becomes difficult for them to escape.

Taoism. Lao-tse (Lao Tzu) lived in South China in 604 B.C. He invented *Taoism* (pronounced, *dow'-ism*), which includes **the concept of yin** (good, masculinity) **and yang** (evil, femininity)—two opposing forces in everything. People must solve the problem by balancing both in everything they do. In this way, they live in harmony with the *Tao*.

As with other heathen concepts, there is no need to accept Christ, obey the Creator God, or put away sin. Just try to live a regular, somewhat civilized

life. The movie, *Star Wars*, was based on **the Taoist concept of *ch'i*, which is “the Force” that provides you with energy to keep pushing forward and getting what you want.** The Martial Arts (Judo, Karate, etc.) are based on Taoism and teach training in how to use force.

Satanism. This is the direct worship of Satan himself. People have been murdered during special worship rituals. It was very secretive in past ages, until popularized, beginning in 1966, by Anton Szandor La Vey in San Francisco. Founding the “First Church of Satan,” he wrote a book, starred in a Hollywood movie (in which he played the role of the devil), and published a monthly newsletter. La Vey’s church had a membership of thousands. **As with other spiritualists, he came to a miserable end and is now dead.** All types of nudism and sexual activity are used as part of the “worship service.”

Psychics. So-called “psychics” are people who claim to receive messages from the spirit world, and are thus able to make predictions about coming events. At the beginning of each year, leading psychics often publish lists of events which will occur during the next 12 months. By December, people have forgotten the list **and do not notice that only a few events (which were very likely to occur) actually happened.** This fact has been documented by their critics.

Here are several examples of the failure of their predictions: Charles Laughead predicted, in early 1954, that the world would end on December 21, 1954, and a few would be rescued by space

ships. Jeane Dixon, the most famous 20th century psychic, said (in her first book) a child born in the Middle East on February 5, 1962, would become a "great force" about 1980; and his power would grow until 1999, when he would bring peace to the entire planet. In her second book, she said he would instead be the anti-Christ. In her third book, she said a nuclear holocaust would occur in 1999. Here are some of her other predictions: World War III would begin in 1954 and Castro would be overthrown in the 1970s.

Edgar Cayce, the other leading psychic, predicted that California would fall into the Pacific Ocean in the early 1970s. Their demons, in whom they trusted, had lied to them.

Hypnotism. Hypnotism requires a complete unconditional submission of the will of one person to another. This is dangerous! Whenever one mind controls another, Satan controls both of them. Hypnotism (hypnosis, "spirit healing," "magnetic healing") is important in modern spiritualism and is used by many "faith healers." It also tends to weaken the willpower, and makes it easier for that person to be hypnotized again later by anyone.

The so-called healer's "energy" or "vital curative force" is received by him "from doctors in the spirit world, because he is a medium" (*R.S. Waldorf, "Spiritual Healing," Centennial Book, p. 204*). Modern hypnotism began about 1775 with Friedrich A. Mesmer, an Austrian physician. But Egyptian, Chaldean, and Hindu conjurers and sorcerers had long before produced the same results. Harry Edwards, a British healer, claimed thousands of cures. In *Into the*

Unknown, he frankly states, "We couldn't work without the spirits . . . It is all by the power of the spirits that these changes take place" (p. 127). **Do not go to hypnotists or "Christian healers" for help with your physical or emotional problems!**

Autohypnosis (hynotizing one's self) is also dangerous. When a person does this to himself, sometimes it comes on unexpectedly later. He may have used it to go to sleep at night,—and then later he suddenly falls asleep while driving down the highway!

Astrology. Along with witchcraft books and games, **the most widespread interest in the occult today is astrology.** It is based on the supposed 12 "houses" of the *Zodiac*. A person's "*Sun-sign*" is said to be the *Zodiac sign* (Pisces, Libra, Aries, etc.) the sun was passing through at the moment of a person's birth. In other words, astrological "signs" are supposedly based upon the time of your birth, in relation to the position of the planets, stars, sun, and moon at that time. It is claimed that "the position of the Sun in the Zodiac at the time of your birth determines the vital energy released by that planet and affects the cells of your brain and body" (*Anthony Norvell, Astrology, Your Wheel of Fortune, pp. 2-3*). Looking to the stars for guidance is condemned in the Bible (*Deut. 4:19; 17:2-5*).

"For most adherents of astrology, it is enough that it satisfies them. **There is a fascination with the power, without a suspicion as to the nature of that power.**"—*Charles Strohmmer (former astrologer), What Your Horoscope Doesn't Tell You, p. 42.* Many researchers tell us that **astrology has always been connected to spirits** through its contact with

supernatural spirit beings who were held to be “gods” (*Franz Cumont, Astrology and Religion Among the Greeks and Romans; K.C. Tunncliffe, Aztec Astrology; Colin Wilson, The Occult*).

This foolish theory is the means by which those who make “horoscopes” (“charts”) for individuals, and publish them in newspapers, make a lot of money. **Here are several flaws in the theory:** (1) **Twins** are born at the same time and in the same place; yet they encounter very different experiences in life. (2) The Earth has an uneven wobble as it spins on its axis. As a result, **there has been a shift in the Zodiac** to about a month later than centuries earlier, when the present chart theories were formulated. For example, the constellation of Virgo is now in the sign of Scorpio. (3) A new book by an astrologer (*Astrology Fourteen*) stated that **there are actually 14 constellations in the Zodiac, instead of 12.** (4) **Those born north of the Arctic Circle** have no horoscope; yet events regularly happen to them, as to everyone else. (5) **In Alaska, Norway, Finland, Greenland,** etc., the Zodiac stars only appear for a few months each year. During that time, according to the theory, the stars cannot be “influencing” them. (6) **Astrologers claim there are only seven planets,** when actually there are nine (if Pluto is considered a planet). (7) There are billions of objects in the sky; **why are only the sun, moon, seven planets, and a small band of stars** used as guides to predict events? (8) **The predictions of astrologers usually fail** unless so generally stated that they can be interpreted both ways. (*Example: Jeane Dixon predicted that Jackie Kennedy would not re-*

marry,—yet Kennedy then remarried a Greek ship owner, Aristotle Onassis, a few days after that prediction was announced.) (9) **All the horoscopes for a person will be different.** The daily horoscopes published by various astrologers in newspapers will be entire different from one another. A person can go to two different astrologers for charts, and each will be different than the other. (10) **Astrology is based on the theory that the planets revolve around the Earth.** This “geocentric theory” was disproved by Copernicus and Galileo over four centuries ago. (11) **One’s hereditary patterns are actually fixed at the moment of conception;** yet astrologers date their charts from the moment of birth. But the moment of conception cannot be determined. (12) Actual scientific studies of people reveal absolutely **no similarities of traits or events occurring in the lives of people with certain ‘signs.’** Dozens of such studies have been done. (13) Repeated studies of astrologers’ predictions have been made—and **the failure rate is astoundingly high.** For example, from January 1974 to March 1979, astronomers Culver and Ianna examined over 3,000 published predictions in five astrology magazines and two leading newspaper astrologers. The total number of predictions was over 3,000, and the failure rate was over 95%!

Astrology is a worship of nature, instead of nature’s God. It leads people to depend on their astrologer for help, instead of praying to God for help and guidance.

Fortune-telling. Fortune-telling is also known as *divination*; and the one practicing it is a *di-*

viner.

The diviner makes use of various props to receive his supernatural knowledge, including *palmistry* (“reading” the lines on the hand), *cartomancy* (tarot cards), *mirror mantic* (crystal balls or rock crystals), teacup reading (tea leaves in the bottom of cup).

Although some think it is always a complete hoax, yet evil angels are present. This is shown by the effect they exert on the lives of the fortune-tellers themselves. Kurt Koch, in his book, *Between Christ and Satan*, says that those “diviners” frequently reveal instability, violent tempers, addictions, vices, cursing, nervous disturbances, psychopathic symptoms, paralysis, and other emotional and mental illnesses (*see pp. 49-50*). In the Bible, God speaks about true and false predictions of the future. Does it turn out to be true? (*Deut. 18:20-22; 13:1-5; Eze. 13:3, 6-9*). Does it agree with what the Bible teaches? (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*). God condemns them (*Deut. 18:20-22; Lev. 20:6, 27*).

Ouija boards. Pronounced “wee-jee” boards, **these should be totally avoided!** Two people, sitting opposite one another, place their fingertips on the board—and then it moves by itself back and forth above letters, spelling out something! Evil spirits guide the information which is given. **This fact of supernatural guidance has been proven by a number of scientific experiments.** In addition, many cases are reported of spirit “possession” after using them. Even though they are sold in toy shops,—Ouija boards are not playthings! (A similar equally occult device is “spirit writing,” which uses similar equipment.)

Dowsing. *Dowsing (water witching)* is the search for, and location of, underground springs and other objects beneath the ground by the use of a *divining rod*. This is a V-shaped wooden branch or piece of wire from 6-18 inches in length used by a *dowser*. A “force” is supposed to suddenly come up into the rod, causing it to snap downward. Actual tests by researchers with many dowsers have shown that they are not able to locate buried glass bottles containing water (*M. Christopher, ESP, Seers and Psychics, p. 140*).

Yet, at the same time, there are individuals who are able to locate water, even using maps from distant locations (using a *pendulum*; see below). A spiritist contact is believed to be involved here. For some dowsers, the tree branch in their hands will dip *the number of feet* that the water is below ground. Those particular spirits are measuring in feet; if they were in Europe, they would use the metric scale! This shows the working of an active spirit intelligence. **Stay away from all forms of spirit contact, including dowsing.**

Dowsing may be mentioned in the Bible: “My people ask counsel at their stocks [sticks], and their staff [stick] declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a-whoring from under their God.”—*Hosea 4:12*.

Pendulum. The *pendulum* is a small stone or piece of metal suspended on a string. It is used for several different supernatural functions: (1) Water witching and using maps, as mentioned above under Dowsing. (2) Deciding which herb should be

used in healing, or the location of disease in the body, or how many tablets to take at a given meal. (3) It is even used to “purify” food before it is eaten!

The suspended weight is held over a map, or the food, or a person lying horizontally. —And then, in a certain area, the “pendulum” will begin swinging back and forth, circling clockwise, or counterclockwise. **Obviously, we have here the very same spiritist principle used in the Ouija board! Both involve a movement beyond human control.**

“She carefully lifted the pendulum over the sick neighbor and began to divine for the proper herb to be used for healing. If the pendulum swung clockwise, licorice root should be used, and if it swung counterclockwise, gooseberry bark would be the treatment of choice” (*Warren Peters, M.D., Mystical Medicine, p. 31*). This is attributed to powers within the person himself, or to “force fields,” or to “mind over matter,” etc. But spiritist activity is the real cause.

Peters also tells of a Christian family that began to rely on the pendulum for every minor decision in the home. Then one day, the father discovered the truth while driving to work:

“I felt like singing of God’s love, so that’s what I did . . . [He began singing Christian hymns] . . . As I was driving along, singing of God’s love, the thought occurred to me to try using the pendulum while singing. I picked it up, held it over my hand, but it did not move. Next I held it over my lunch, still nothing—dead as a doornail. Needless to say, I was shaken, and very scared . . . **I had my answer! I felt as if a weight had been lifted from me. I took my**

pendulum and threw the thing as far into the woods as I could. I've not picked one up since. I thank God every day for His protection and deliverance from the power of Satan."—*Ibid.*, p. 37.

Rock music. The present author has written a complete low-cost book on the deadly effects of rock music on both those who perform it and those who listen to it. (*See the last page in this present book.*) **Demons guide, not only in the message of the lyrics but also, the type of beat and wildness of the music.**

"One of the most uncanny stories I have ever heard was related to me by a close friend of mine who works among the hippies. For several weeks he dealt with a sixteen-year-old boy who, by his own admission, communed with evil spirits.

"One day, the boy asked my friend to turn on the radio to a rock and roll station. As they listened, this teenager would relate the words to the songs he had never heard before, just prior to the time the singer on the recording would sing them. When asked how he could do this, **the boy replied that the same demon spirits that he was acquainted with had inspired the songs. Also, he explained that while on acid trips he could hear demons sing some of the very songs he would later hear recorded by psychedelic rock groups.**

"Many 'heavy' rock groups write their songs while under the influence of drugs. **Some of them admit to receiving the inspiration for songs from a power that seems to control them.** In 1968, Ginger Baker, the drummer of *The Cream*, was interviewed concerning his emotional feelings while he performed.

He replied, 'It happens to us quite often: **It feels as though I'm not playing my instrument. Something else is playing it** and that same thing is playing all three of our instruments (referring to the rest of the group). That's what I mean when I say, it's frightening sometimes. Maybe we'll all play the same phrase out of nowhere. It happens very often with us.' ”—*L.E. Tucker, Satanic Spectacular, pp. 12-13.*

Evil video games. Millions of kids formerly interested only in video games are now reading, thanks to the unprecedented popularity of the Harry Potter books. **This is because both are so much alike—in evil, violence, spiritist influence, murder, and death. The games prepare children for spiritism, crime, street drugs, and violence.** Those games prepared millions for the Potter books.

On-line gaming has increased by 50%. The number of 2-17 year olds that play on-line has increased to 92%. Worldwide sales of video games have reached \$20 billion dollars a year. Yet research shows that less than 5% of parents know the content of the video games in their own homes. There are no laws regulating who can buy a video game. Many video games instruct the player to kill, run someone over with a car, shoot someone, and mangle the victim. **Video games are addictive and can control a person's life. Sorcery, witchcraft, satanism, and magic play a vital part in many of the games.** Do you want your child to play at being a witch, sorcerer, gangster, or rapist?

From the early 1980s, down to the present time, *Dungeons & Dragons* has been the largest electronic witchcraft game. It is the best example

and largest seller among witchcraft-type games. It is just what the title declares it to be—a horrid collection of atrocities, done for the fun of it.

As of 2006, Dungeons & Dragons remains the best-known and best-selling role-playing game (RPG), with an estimated 20 million people having played the game and more than U.S. \$1 billion in book and equipment sales. (“Role-playing games” involve actually becoming part of the game and interacting in it with others. **The player becomes this other person!**) Dungeons & Dragons has also produced other D&D-branded products.

A 1990 survey conducted in the United States, Australia, and Canada estimated that at least 7.5 million people engaged in RPGs (role-playing games) **at least once a month** in those three countries. A 2000 survey by the RPG company, “Wizards of the Coast,” estimated that approximately 5.5 million Americans play RPGs regularly. Additionally, there are numerous RPG conventions and gatherings held throughout English-speaking nations. There are also sizeable RPG communities in France, Germany, Spain and Italy, among others.

Unlike on-line computer games, RPGs require a close level of face-to-face social interaction. They are usually played in an isolated area, typically a room at a private residence, marked off from the outside world with paraphernalia unique to the sub-culture of gamers and involving a great deal of jargon and symbols that have meaning only to those who are part of the group. Players actively work to create marked “liminal spaces” in which they can shake off their mainstream socio-cultural identity

and adopt symbols and images deemed inimicable to the mainstream cultural construction of the self, but which form their own unique anti-structure in opposition to the mainstream socio-cultural order. Fully 35% of men and 20% of women choose to play characters of the other gender, and 60% prefer to play nonhuman characters.

These games blur the boundaries between reality and fantasy, leading people to engage in street drugs, immoral or anti-social activities, perversion, paganism, and satanism.

The moral panic that started in the 1980s in the United States (and to a lesser extent in Australia and France) directed against RPGs, especially *Dungeons and Dragons*, originated in the media response to the suicides of the 16-year-old college sophomore James Egbert III, in August 1980, and the 16-year-old high school student Irving Bink Pulling in June 1982.

Patricia Pulling, mother of Irving Bink Pulling, attempted to sue TSR, the manufacturer of *Dungeons and Dragons*, for the death of her son. The case was thrown out of court in 1984. She then partnered with Illinois psychiatrist Thomas Radecki, director of the *National Coalition on Television Violence* (NCTV), to form a new organization with close links to several fundamentalist Christian bodies called *Bothered About Dungeons and Dragons* (B.A.D.D.). **Pulling linked her belief, that there was satanic influence behind RPGs, to three other threats: Heavy Metal music, the pagan revival, and the satanic ritual abuse.** *Here is Pulling's description of the content and effects of *Dungeons**

and Dragons:

“A fantasy role-playing game which uses demonology, witchcraft, voodoo, murder, rape, blasphemy, suicide, assassination, insanity, sex perversion, homosexuality, prostitution, satanic type rituals, gambling, barbarism, cannibalism, sadism, desecration, demon summoning, necromantics, divination and other teachings.

“There have been a number of deaths nationwide, where games like Dungeons and Dragons were either the decisive factor in adolescent suicide and murder or played a major factor in the violent behavior of such tragedies. Since role-playing is typically used for behavior modification, it resulted in violent actions and increased homicide and suicide rates in adolescents.”

Comic books and movies. A large number of so-called “comic” books are filled with demonology concepts.

Comic books gained early popularity in the 1930s, originally as funny cartoon strips in the newspaper for the whole family. Soon though, came the comic book, beginning with *Superman* and *Batman*, targeted in particular for youth.

The comic book’s first step up was to **television**. TV drama (such as *X-Men*, *SpiderMan*, and *Batman*) made from comic books became popular in the 1970s-1980s. Then came **movies** of *Superman* and later *Batman*, *SpiderMan*, *X-Men*, *The Incredible Hulk*, etc.

In many comics, the violence and blatant sexual advances rival that of infamous video games like *Grand Theft Auto* and the *Resident Evil*

Series. **Frequently, practices connected to the occult are presented;** whereas others dabble in homosexuality and drug abuse. Who do you want teaching *your* kids about those things, you or the comic book?

Fairy tales. Many Christian parents have legitimate questions about letting their children read books about fairies, witches, goblins, hobbits, and magic. Should we read and condone writings that elevate supernatural powers which the Bible condemns?

Although it is true that some of these books depict battles by good forces against evil (while even worse books, such as the Harry Potter Series, praise everything evil)—yet the truth is that **reading books or seeing movies which portray the a “better type of witchcraft”—prepare the mind to enjoy the worse kind later.** These “better other worldly books,” such as C.S. Lewis’ *Narnia*, J.R. Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*, and Frank Baum’s *Wizard of Oz* introduce all ages who devour them to crave still more unreal, unnatural, exciting things later on. **Fairy tales (even the “best kind”) unfit the mind for Bible study, a desire for godly living, and a close walk with Christ.**

One Catholic writer said this about the fairy tale books of C.S. Lewis (another Catholic):

“Almost everyone knows of C.S. Lewis. Many people have read his books, and a large number of Catholics recommend and approve of him as one of the ‘greatest Christian writers of our time.’ The truth is Lewis opposed Christianity, dismissed truth as having any value, and lied openly concerning essen-

tial Christian doctrines. Yet Lewis does this so skillfully that few notice.”—*Vincent P. Lewis, The Real C.S. Lewis.*

How can C.S. Lewis’ fairy-tale books, totally unrelated to everyday reality, be called “Christian”?

“The movie of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, like the original book, is a fantasy in which four English children, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, find their way through a large wardrobe into Narnia, a world ruled by an evil White Witch, where it is always winter and never Christmas. With the help of some talking animals, especially a huge lion called Aslan, the Witch is eventually defeated, and spring returns to Narnia, where the four children become kings and queens.”—*The New York Review of Books, February 9, 2006.*

Yet many church members and their pastors excuse such reading matter as “Christian allegories.” The book, summarized above, cannot possibly be said to have anything to do with Christianity. C.S. Lewis, himself, told everyone who asked him that his books were not Christian allegories; they were just fairy-tale fiction, which he enjoyed writing.

C.S. Lewis always claimed that *The Chronicles of Narnia* were not allegorical. “You are mistaken when you think that everything in the books ‘represents’ something in the world,” he wrote to a group of school children. “Things do that in *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, but I’m not writing that way.”—*Alison Laurie, The Passion of C.S. Lewis.*

Regarding J.R. Tolkein, we are told:

“J.R. Tolkien once described his epic masterpiece, *The Lord of the Rings*, as ‘a fundamentally

religious and Catholic work.' Yet nowhere in its pages is there any mention of religion, let alone of the Catholic Church, Christ, or even God. Tolkien's hobbits have no religious practices or cult; of prayer, sacrifice, or corporate worship there is no sign.

"To make matters more difficult, Tolkien was equally emphatic that *The Lord of the Rings* is not to be understood allegorically. In fact, Tolkien was famously hostile to allegory in general . . . How then can *The Lord of the Rings* be in any sense described as a fundamentally Catholic work, or even a religious one?"—*Steven D. Greydanus, Faith and Fantasy, p. 8.*

Halloween. Here are two quotations to thoughtfully compare:

"The day witches celebrate above all others is October 31, which is Allhallows' Eve, or Halloween. **It is believed that on this night Satan and his witches have their greatest power.**"—*Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, Understanding the Occult, p. 176.*

"Halloween, you'd not be surprised to know, is my favorite holiday."—*J.K. Rowling, TIME magazine, Oct. 30, 2000.*

The origin of Halloween goes back 2,000 years before the days of Christianity to a practice of the ancient druids in Britain, France, Germany and the Celtic countries. The celebration honored their god Samhain, lord of the dead. The Celtic people considered November 1st to be the day of death. It was the end of autumn and the beginning of winter. The time of falling leaves seemed an appropriate time to celebrate death. Halloween was to them a celebra-

tion honoring the god of the dead.

The druids believe that, **especially on this one night, the spirits of the dead returned to their former home to visit the living,—who must provide food for them or the evil spirits would do all types of terrible things to the people.** This legend has come down to our own time. In order to be as much like witches as possible, children dress like them and then go from door to door demanding candy. **Not in the slightest degree should we honor, much less celebrate, any day dedicated the witchcraft and evil spirits.**

UFOs. There is a great fascination with “**unidentified flying objects.**” People, tired of their humdrum lives, are thrilled at the opportunity to think that alien creatures visit us from time to time in flying saucers. Surveys indicate that about 55% of Americans believe in the reality of UFOs.

There is an ever-increasing number of man-made objects in the atmosphere above us, such as weather balloons, planes, or reflected light from satellites. Because the Space Station, for example, is quite large, when orbiting overhead a little after sunset, it is remarkably brilliant and can easily be seen.

Our only safety is in clinging to the Bible and its clear teachings. Otherwise we will be swept by one or another of the many deceptions which Satan is using to engross the minds of millions, so they will not desire to live godly lives through faith in Christ.

Parapsychology. Before concluding this chapter, mention should be made of *parapsychology*.

This is the supposedly “scientific” study of various forms of witchcraft and seances. University professors and their graduate students seek to “investigate” these things—but, finding that a supernatural power is involved, they frequently are themselves captured by it. This is another area which should be totally avoided.

Research work in the field of parapsychology is now part of the curriculum in a number of universities. J.B. Rhine, of Duke University, claims that their research will eventually place spiritist phenomena on a “sound scientific basis.”

“Certain scientists are now working upon a new field of research, to harness supersonic rays, by means of which it is hoped to establish electronic communication with the spirit world . . . It is believed that, in the same way as Morse telegraphy evolved into radio speech and television pictures, in the future it should be possible for everyone to hear and see those on the Other Side, and even to obtain panoramic pictures of the spirit world.”—*George C. Harrop, In Search of the Hereafter, p. 213.*

Men and women are ever-looking everywhere except the right place—the Bible—for the help they so desperately need.

Evolutionary theory. Charles Darwin is the individual considered to have been most responsible for introducing the modern theory of evolution. Yet few are acquainted with his life story or realize that it was after being initiated into demonology that the theory of “natural selection” gradually formed in his mind, which would become the basis of the modern theory of evolution.

Here is additional information on a little-known portion of Charles Darwin's life. The first quotation is from the present author's book, *Evolution Handbook*. (See back page for further information on this book).

“Charles Darwin (1809-1882) was born into wealth and able to have a life of ease. He took two years of medical school at Edinburgh University, and then dropped out. **It was the only scientific training he ever received. Because he spent the time in bars with his friends, he barely passed his courses.** Darwin had no particular purpose in life, and his father planned to get him into a nicely paid job as an Anglican minister. Darwin did not object.

“But an influential relative got him a position as the unpaid “naturalist” on a ship planning to sail around the world, the *Beagle*. The voyage lasted from December 1831 to October 1836.”—Vance Ferrell, *Evolution Handbook*, p. 25.

With absolutely no plans for what he should do in life, young Darwin had only recently turned 24 when he stepped on board that ship. **He thought it would be five years of fun, seeing the world. But it turned out to be an astounding learning experience for him. After initially becoming interested in collecting specimens,—Darwin was initiated into spiritualism during his repeated inland trips** in South America. Robert Fitz Roy, the ship's captain, would drop him off at various ports and young Darwin would spend weeks on journeys into the interior, watching the natives and learning from them.

“It is of interest that, after engaging in spiritualism, certain men in history have been seized with

a deep hatred of God and have then been guided to devise evil teachings that have destroyed large numbers of people, while others have engaged in warfare which have annihilated millions. In connection with this, we think of such known spiritists as Sigmund Freud and Adolf Hitler. **It is not commonly known that Charles Darwin, while a naturalist aboard the *Beagle*, was initiated into witchcraft in South America by nationals. During horseback travels into the interior, he took part in their ceremonies and, as a result, something happened to him.** Upon his return to England, although his health was strangely weakened, he spent the rest of his life working on theories to destroy faith in the Creator.”—*Ibid.*, pp. 25-26.

While in South America, Darwin spent a total of several months with natives—constantly learning from them, eating as they did, and doing what they did.

“While the ship pursued its task, Darwin often disembarked for weeks or months at a time . . . Wherever he went, his perceptive eye scanned the jumble of nature’s phenomena and seized on that which gave meaning to the rest . . . **The study of human nature—whether seen in the behavior of a savage tribesman** or glimpsed in the recesses of his own heart—also came within his purview.”—Allen Villiers, “*In the Wake of Darwin’s Beagle*,” *National Geographic*, December 1969, p. 453.

“After an excursion to Tierra del Fuego, she [the ship, *Beagle*] returned north for seven more months in 1833. **During both periods Darwin explored ashore, making discovery after discovery.** For

weeks at a time he trekked on horseback, through the forests of Brazil and over the wide pampas of the Argentine, living with gauchos, roughing it with his saddle for a pillow and sheepskin saddle blanket for a bed.”—*Ibid.*, p. 467.

Because the chart room on the ship, where Darwin stayed, was small and crowded, when at sea he ate meals with Captain Fitz Roy, who was a godly Christian. In later years, the captain mentioned that, although energetic, the young man did not seem a bit skeptical of religion at first. **But, by the time the *Beagle* had left South America in September 1835, Darwin seemed to have become a changed man.** Something had happened to his thinking since the ship made its first port of call on that continent in December 1831.

After spending some time with the natives at Tierra del Fuego, the *Beagle* journeyed to Argentina, where from August 11 to 17, 1833, Darwin traveled on horseback in the back country. Arriving at Montevideo, he made a round-trip by horseback from November 14 to 28. From September 27 to October 2, he journeyed again on horseback, returning by boat down the river.

“He braved all dangers in quest of knowledge, journeying hundreds of miles with a few gauchos. He traveled from the mouth of the Rio Negro north to Bahia Blanca, and thence another 400 miles to Buenos Aires, sleeping under the stars, eating whatever game the gauchos could bag . . .

“From Buenos Aires he rode horseback 300 miles northwest over dangerous roads to Santa Fe, on an arm of the Parana, returning by boat down-

river.”—*Ibid.*, p. 473.

On June 11, 1834, the *Beagle* entered the Pacific Ocean. Several times when the ship landed at various ports in Chile, Darwin would go ashore for more trips: April 18 to May 8, 1834 traveling on the Santa Cruz River by boat, **with frequent stops to learn native lore from indigenous peoples.** March 18 to April 10, 1835 was spent inland, during which time he left Valparaiso and crossed the Andes by mule. Returning to that port city, he headed north by horseback to Copiapo (April 27 to June 22).

“In March 1835, Darwin crossed the Andes from Santiago, Chile, to Mendoza in Argentina by way of Portillo Pass [altitude of 12,572 ft.], returning by the Uspallata. **His companions were two Chilean guides,** his transport 10 mules. The journey across the Andes and back took 24 days.”—*Ibid.*, p. 475.

“Back from his Andean journeys, Darwin met the *Beagle* briefly at Valparaiso on April 23, 1835, and returned promptly ashore to travel overland through central Chile to Copiapo, to rejoin the ship there. He had traveled the hard way, camping in the open.”—*Ibid.*, p. 477.

In early September 1835, now back on the *Beagle*, the ship headed northwest to the Galapagos Islands, arriving on September 15. **In the course of his repeated contacts with natives, studying their cultures, collecting artifacts, and taking part in their spiritist trances, Charles Darwin became gripped with a new sense of purpose for his life: to find evidence to disprove the existence of God.**

“After leaving South America, Darwin was on the

Galapagos Islands for a few days. While there, he saw some finches which had blown in from South America and adapted to their environment, producing several subspecies. He was certain that this showed cross-species evolution (change into new species). But they were still finches. **This theory about the finches was the primary evidence of evolution he brought back with him to England.**

“Darwin, knowing nothing about the practicalities of genetics, then married his first cousin, which resulted in all seven of his children having physical or mental disorders. (One girl died after birth, another at 10. His oldest daughter had a prolonged breakdown at 15. Three of his children became semi-invalids, and his last son was born mentally retarded and died 19 months after birth.)

“His book, *Origin of the Species*, was first published in November 1859. The full title, *On the Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*, reveals the viciousness of the underlying concept; this concept led directly to two of the worst wars in the history of mankind.

“In his book, Darwin reasoned from theory to facts, and provided little evidence for what he had to say. Modern evolutionists are ashamed of the book, with its ridiculous arguments.”—*Evolution Handbook*, p. 26.

Darwin stole his theory of “natural selection, based on survival of the fittest,” from Alfred Russell Wallace, who devised the theory after becoming a spiritist while living with natives during a naturalist trip to the interior of Southeast

Asia. Here is the background of this:

“**Alfred Russell Wallace** (1823-1913) is considered to be **the man who developed the theory** which Darwin published. **Wallace was deeply involved in spiritism at the time he formulated the theory** in his *Ternate Paper*, which Darwin, with the help of two friends (Charles Lyell and Joseph Hooker), pirated and published under his own name. Darwin, a wealthy man, thus obtained the royalties which belonged to Wallace, a poverty-ridden theorist. In 1980, Arnold C. Brackman, in his book, *A Delicate Arrangement*, established that Darwin plagiarized Wallace’s material. It was arranged that a paper by Darwin would be read to the Royal Society in London, while Wallace’s was held back until later. Priorities for the ideas thus having been taken care of, Darwin set to work to prepare his book.

“In 1875, **Wallace came out openly for spiritism and Marxism, another stepchild of Darwinism.** This was Wallace’s theory: Species have changed in the past, by which one species descended from another in a manner that we cannot prove today. That is exactly what modern evolution teaches. Yet it has no more evidence supporting the theory than Wallace had in 1858, when he devised the theory while in a malarial fever.

“In February 1858, while in a delirious fever on the island of Ternate in the Moluccas, **Wallace conceived the idea, ‘survival of the fittest,’ as being the method by which species change. But the concept proves nothing.** *The fittest; which one is that? It is the one that survived longest. Which one survives longest? The fittest. This is reasoning in a*

circle. The phrase says nothing about the evolutionary process, much less proving it.

“In the first edition of his book, Darwin regarded ‘natural selection’ and ‘survival of the fittest’ as different concepts. By the sixth edition of his *Origin of the Species*, he thought they meant the same thing, but that ‘survival of the fittest’ was the more accurate. In a still later book (*Descent of Man*, 1871), **Darwin ultimately abandoned “natural selection” as a hopeless mechanism and returned to Lamarckism. Even Darwin recognized the theory was falling to pieces.** The supporting evidence just was not there.”—*Ibid.*, pp. 24-25.

Lamarckism, which Darwin later returned to, is rejected by every modern scientist and was disproved in 1891.

Lamarckism. “An important 19th-century error was the theory of Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (1744-1829), later called ‘*Lamarckism.*’ **It is the theory of inheritance of acquired characteristics, and was solidly disproved by August Weismann in 1891,** when he cut the tails off 19 successive generations of rats—and their offspring continued to grow tails! Later still, when the inheritance of characteristics was found to depend on the DNA genetic coding and not habits or environmental circumstances, the reason why Lamarckism could not work was then understood.

“Lamarckism teaches that one animal grew an organ for some reason—or no reason at all,—and then passed that organ on to the next generation, which was stuck with it.”—*Ibid.*, p. 297.

—So now you know the story behind the begin-

ning of modern evolutionary theory. **It was given to Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace by demons, after they were initiated into witchcraft by local natives.** It seemed fitting that this present book, on the effects of witchcraft on our world today should include this information about the origin of the downward trend in morality—which, among other things, has resulted in society’s current craze to investigate witchcraft.

Someone who can help you

The Only One Powerful Enough

Only Christ is powerful enough to deliver us from Satan’s power. Only He can forgive our sins, and strengthen and keep us safe, so we can live with Him forever.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”—*Romans 6:23.*

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”—*John 14:6.*

“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”—*1 John 5:11-12.*

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life.”—*John 3:36*.

Christ can do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves.

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”—*1 Timothy 1:15*.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”—*Acts 4:12*.

“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”—*Hebrews 7:25*.

“We are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.”—*Romans 8:16-17*.

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.”—*Galatians 2:20*.

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith.”—*1 John 5:3-4*.

The power of God is in the Bible. Through the enabling grace of Christ, we study and obey it.

“And they were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was with power.”—*Luke 4:32*.

“He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered [them] from their destructions.”—*Psalms 107:20*.

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and

abideth forever.”—*1 Peter 1:23*.

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.”—*Psalms 119:9*.

“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”—*Psalms 119:11*.

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world.”—*2 Peter 1:4*.

How to be delivered - or help someone else to be delivered

Deliverance from the Occult

First, recognize the sovereignty of God. Christ and Christ alone is the source of deliverance from spiritist bondage. The worldly methods (psychology, ritual, hypnosis, meditation, etc.) will only add to the problem!

The prayerful help of a godly counselor (pastor or earnest Christian friend) should be sought. He should be a person who is fully dedicated to God and has no personal problems which the spirits can take advantage of. Full deliverance may take a period of time. But, with united prayer of a few faithful friends, it can occur rather quickly.

All paraphernalia of occultism must be de-

stroyed (*Acts 19:19*). This includes even little figures made out of precious stones. They often originate from heathen temples.

All occult contacts and friendship must be broken, and not even gifts from occultists should be accepted.

In the difficult case of a person living with parents who are occultists, it may be necessary to secure other living arrangements. Conditions must be right before the prayer of faith and intercession can succeed. Because the powers of darkness may attempt to strike back without mercy, battles should be undertaken only when the participant is fully prepared.

Deliverance from the power of the occult requires complete surrender to Christ on the part of both counselor and the one needing help. Our first responsibility must be to Christ and our relationship to Him. We cannot help others in so difficult an area until we ourselves are securely grounded as Christians. Every person who really wants to be delivered from the hold of the occult must be prepared to commit his life entirely to Christ.

When a person is delivered from a state of occult subjection, he must withhold nothing in his life from the Lord. Those areas which are not surrendered to his Lord will soon be occupied again by the enemy.

If we have truly made Jesus Christ our Lord, then He will protect us from the lordship of others or secret sins. Our commitment cannot be half-hearted.

The occultly oppressed person must acknowl-

edge and confess his participation in occult activity as sin, because such practices are indeed sinful before God and require confession (*Deut. 18:9-12; 1 John 1:9*). This confession must be voluntary, or it is worthless. The purpose of the confession is to bring into the light that which is occult (hidden, secret), as well as to renounce the horrid thing and put it away. Open confession of every single hidden thing in the life should be made, in order to remove the very last foothold of the enemy. This confession should not only cover the occult, but also every other area of departure from the Lord and His will in his life. Nothing should be allowed to build up or develop which may give the devil an opportunity to return (*Eph. 4:27*). A prayer renouncing everything occult is important.

Frequently, the subjected person finds it difficult to grasp the fact that his sins have been forgiven. A barrier seems to lie in his way. Therefore explain that he must pray the prayer of renunciation of the occult first of all. This is because every sin connected with sorcery is basically a contract with the powers of darkness. By means of sorcery, the archenemy of mankind gains the right of ownership over a person's life.

The person may be unable to give this prayer, to bring his hands together to pray, or his lips or vocal chords may be unusable. He may fall into a trance when it comes to renouncing the devil. What should be done?

One can either command the evil powers to leave in the name of Jesus or else call some other Christian brothers to join him in praying for the sub-

jected person.

Renunciation may be followed by a remarkable change for the better. But not everyone experiences such elated feeling after deliverance; yet the change of ownership is still valid no matter how one feels.

It is vital to assure the individual that in Christ his sins have been forgiven. No matter how bad a person's sins may have been, they can be forgiven.

Scriptures may be read which will help him. These could include John 5:24; 6:47; 20:31; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:7, 13-14; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 18-19; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 1:7-9. *All of these will be quoted in full at the end of this chapter.*

Counseling should involve teamwork. The support of other Christians, church elders, etc. is important. Counseling the occultly oppressed is generally a matter of teamwork. The individual counselor is far too weak to take upon his own shoulders all the problems he will meet.

This is because **people with occult subjection will often suffer their first attacks from the demons after they first seek to follow Christ and serve Him.** In other words, the battle often does not begin until a person tries to receive Christ or actually does so.

Prayer will continue to be important afterward. Even after a person is delivered from the occult, he is still vulnerable. It is thus vital that a small group of Christians take upon themselves to continue to pray for him and care for him after his conversion. Many times a converted occultist has struggled tre-

mendously because he could find no one in the church to help him.

If necessary, this group need only consist of two Christians. They should meet together two or three times a week for prayer. The best thing is for the subjected person to be present; yet this is not absolutely necessary. Neither is it necessary that the oppressed person have made an open confession before all the members of the group. His renunciation of the occult may only have been made before the counselor at the very start.

When a person is delivered from occult oppression, it is crucial that he grow as a Christian! Through the enabling grace of Christ, he must obey the Ten Commandments, the Moral Code which God gave to mankind. He must continually read in the Bible and submit to its teachings. He should fellowship with fellow Christians each week. He should know and share with others basic Christian doctrine and how to come to Christ and live with Him.

Sometimes it will be found that demons have returned into a person's life; and, at this point, it seems the battle is greater. Very often this occurs when the liberated one leaves the Christian atmosphere and returns to a home where others are involved in occultism and sorcery.

Those who have been delivered from occult oppression and then returned to live in a spiritistic atmosphere never find real peace. It is best that those folk stay away from their parents or other relatives or former friends who they know are into occultism.

Warn them that anyone who fails to remain close to Christ and act on all that the Bible says for our protection will live in continuous danger of falling victim once more to the influence of the spirits who earlier left them.

Christian counselors and those they seek to help must **keep in mind that the victory is won because of the power of Christ**; *through His enabling strength alone*; to complete submission and obedience to His Written Word, the Bible and the Ten Commandments. **We must believe God's promises and act in faith, even in what may seem to be hopeless situations.** But none are finally hopeless; for, with God, all things are possible—if, in his heart, the possessed person really wants to be delivered.

Furthermore, **just because a battle may continue to rage is not evidence that the battle will be lost.** Many times, in Biblical history and church history, spiritual battles have been undertaken which have required great endurance, perseverance, patience, and faith.

It is urgent that each of us remain close to Christ every day. Each person that seeks our prayers, encouragement and help is not just “another case,” but a special individual who we must earnestly pray for and help to come to Christ and His saving power.

On the next four pages, you will find precious Bible promises which you can claim in time of need. How very thankful we can be for the Holy Bible! It is our safeguard and strength. It contains the truths we need to study and obey so that, through the enabling grace of Christ, we can be saved!

PRECIOUS BIBLE PROMISES

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”—*John 5:24*.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.”—*John 6:47*.

“These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.”—*John 20:31*.

“[Jesus Christ] Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.”—*Galatians 1:4*.

“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.”—*Ephesians 1:7, 13-14*.

“In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”—*Colossians 1:14*.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”—*1 Peter 1:3-5*,

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but

with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”—*1 Peter 1:18-19*.

“Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not his mouth.”—*Isaiah 53:4-7*.

“Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”—*1 Peter 2:24*.

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—*1 John 1:7-9*.

ACCEPTANCE AND PRAISE

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.”—*Isaiah 12:2*.

“The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”—*Psalms 84:11*.

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”—*Psalms 55:22*.

“The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy: He will rest

in His love, He will joy over thee with singing.”—*Zephaniah 3:17*.

“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.”—*Ephesians 3:12*.

“The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him, and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you.”—*2 Chronicles 15:2*.

“They cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.”—*Psalms 107:19*.

“Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”—*2 Chronicles 15:7*.

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.”—*Psalms 95:1*.

“Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.”—*Psalms 118:28*.

“O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.”—*Psalms 118:29*.

“But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto Him.”—*Psalms 4:3*.

“Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.”—*Hebrews 11:26*.

SANCTIFICATION AND OBEDIENCE

“The Lord is my strength and song.”—*Exodus 15:2*.

“In God I will praise His Word . . . in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what man can do unto me.”—*Psalms 56:10-11*.

“Unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”—*Jude 24*.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.”—*Psalms 34:19*.

“My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”—*2 Corinthians 12:9*.

“Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.”—*1 John 3:3*.

“He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.”—*Hebrews 5:9*.

“Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.”—*Psalms 112:1*.

“Every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit . . . He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.”—*John 15:2, 5*.

“Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”—*Revelation 22:14*.

“Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”—*Jeremiah 7:23*.

LOOKING INTO OUR FUTURE

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”—*1 Corinthians 2:9*.

“God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He hath prepared for them a city.”—*Hebrews 11:16*.

“He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain: for the former things are passed away.”—*Revelation 21:3-4*.

“But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”—*Daniel 7:18*.

“And they shall reign forever and ever.”—*Revelation 22:5*.

—Oh, come Lord Jesus, come quickly! —*vj*

Other Good Books

Evolution Handbook—Thousands of scientific facts, disproving every basic area of evolutionary theory, with 1,350 scientific quotations or references. Topically arranged and easy-to-read. 992 pp.

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