

WHAT IS THE OCCULT?



The Occult = “Knowledge of the Hidden”



“It is the *secret* doctrine and *mysterious* practice involving the action or influence of supernatural agencies or some *secret knowledge* of them, which transcend the natural senses, to seek their influence in our present or future lives, or the lives of others...”

The Occult Explosion!

- The Satanic Bible outsells the Bible 2 to 1 in college towns.
- 10,000 Astrologers by profession.
- 40 million people consult horoscopes.
- The Satanic Church has 8,000 members.

The Occult Explosion!

- There are 20,000 "santero priests" in Miami and New York.
- 9,000 registered witches in England.
- 60,000 occultist earn \$200 million a year in France.

Biblical Assumptions

- Assumes **the reality** of the Occult
- All Occultism is **SATANIC**
- **Prohibits** Occult Involvement

Truth and Consequences

Deut 18:12-13



12 "For whoever does these things is *detestable* to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you."

Lev 20: 6, 27

*"A man or woman who calls upon spirits or fortune-tellers or magicians **shall be put to death by stoning**; their blood is upon them... anyone who turns to mediums and fortune-tellers or magicians prostitutes himself by following them, I will set my face against him, and will cut him off from the people" (Leviticus:20: 6,27).*

Biblical Assumptions

Occult practices were one of the reasons for fall of Israel (II Kgs 17: 16-18).

What caused the fall?

II Kings 17:7-17

“They worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. 17 Then they made their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him” (2 Kings 17:16-18).

Three Motivations:

1. Gain secret knowledge
2. Gain hidden power
3. Contact the dead

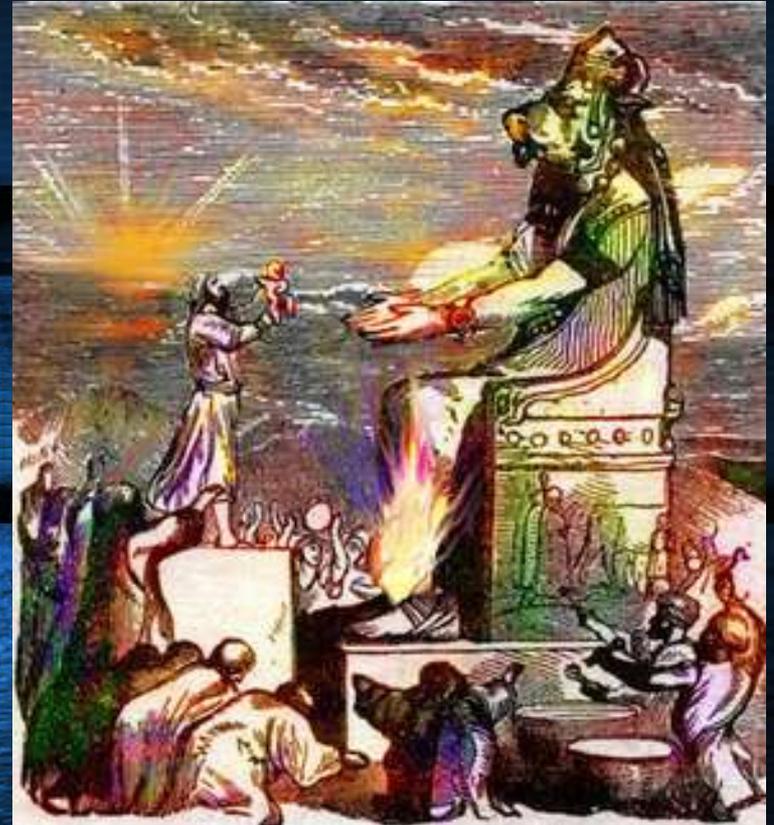


Moses & Deut 18: 9-13

"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the **detestable things** of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead."

Occult Practices (Dt 18:10).

“Passing children through fire” – **Infant sacrifice.**



Molech

Occult Practices (Knowledge)

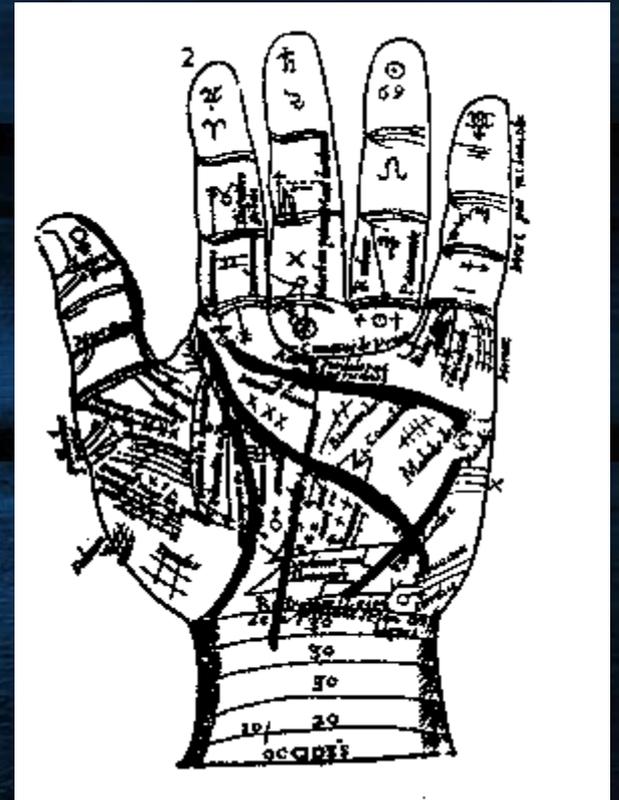
- **Divination** – “To speak a message revealed to one’s mind by the god’s.”
– Acts 16:16-19 Woman fortune teller

Occult Practices (Knowledge)

- “Observer of Times”, “practice witchcraft,” ASV “augury.”
 - “Special means to foretell the future.”
 - Ezek 21:21 King of Babylon...fork in rd.

Occult Practices: (Knowledge)

- Palmistry
- Phrenology
- Numerology
- Tea leaves



Occult Practices (Knowledge)

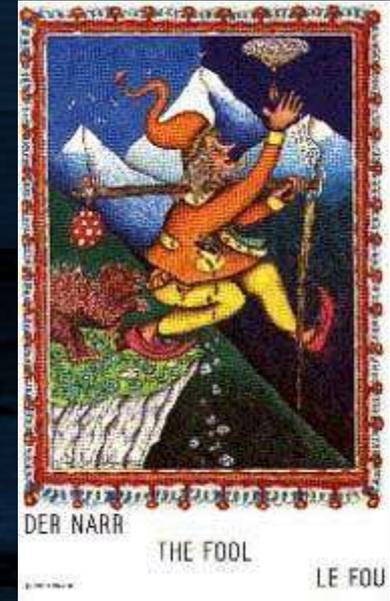
Tarot Card readings.



Devil



Death



Fool

Occult Practices (Knowledge)

Enchanter; Interprets omens

“Tells the future by observing natural phenomenon.”

Astrology – signs of the Zodiac



OCCULT PRACTICES (POWER)

Witch, Sorcerer – “Practices black arts for power.”

- Rt. Pharmacy – drugs.
- Acts 8 Simon the Sorcerer
- Acts 13:10 Bar jesus

Occult Practices (Power)

- Charmer – “Cast a person under a spell so they lose their will.”
 - Heb. Mesmer – “Mesmerize”
 - Satanism: A hex, curse, “Voodoo”

Occult Practices (Dead) Spiritism

- Mediums; consulter with familiar spirits
 - New age – channeling
 - Witch (Medium) of Endor | Sam 28

Occult Practices

“Spiritism”

- Wizard; Spiritist = “*Trumpet Medium*”
 - Able to move physical objects through a spirit guide. Levitate a table.
- Necromancer – Calls up the dead through a “spirit guide.”

DARK NIGHT

OF THE

SOUL





Isa 8:19 ff

19 When they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? 20 **To the law and to the testimony!** If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn."

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The Stairway to Heaven

Jimmy Page and Robert Plant

“Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run
There’s still time to change the road you’re on.
And it makes me wonder.”

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