

The Occult Sheet

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About the Occult

One of Satan's favorite weapons against us is occult involvement. Occult involvement means that we seek to gain knowledge or power from a spiritual source other than God. The special danger of occult involvement is that it appeals to our spiritual hunger, which is our innate desire to find the Lord, and diverts us from Him into the occult underworld, which can open up people to the demonic.

God's Word on the Occult

The Old Testament strictly forbids occult participation in a number of passages. Deuteronomy 18:10-12 reads: "Let no one be found among you who...practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist (some translations say "wizard") or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord..."

Webster's definitions read:

Divination – an act of foretelling the future, assuming the help of unseen powers.

Enchant – to use magic words or charms to place (another) under a spell.

Witch – one thought to have supernatural powers through a contract with Satan.

Medium – one supposedly having access to supernatural agencies and knowledge or power derived from them.

Wizard – a sorcerer, one possessed of magic influence.

Necromancer – one who claims to reveal the future by communication with the dead.

We read in Isaiah 47:11-15, "Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you. Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror. All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. That is all they can do for you – these you have labored with and trafficked with since childhood. Each of them goes on in his error; there is not one that can save you."

By the time of the New Testament, the Hebrews had pretty well banished occult things from their home country, so Jesus did not have to deal with it specifically (except when Satan tempted Him to turn stones into bread). However, as soon as Christians began to move into heathen lands, they began to be exposed to occult practices. Acts 19:18-20 states: "Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly..." In Acts 8:20, when Simon the Magician tried to buy the Holy Spirit to add to his bag of tricks, Peter answered, "May your money perish with you..."

In II Thessalonians 2:9-11, St. Paul warns about the last days: "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved."

Occult Involvement

We need to remember that *all occult involvement brings spiritual confusion*. This confusion begins when we seek other spiritual forces besides God, and when we use or consult them. When we open ourselves up to occult involvement, we violate the first commandment, "You shall have no other God but Me" (Exodus 20:3) and Jesus' commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27).

Remember, too, that *the wrong things we do in innocence and ignorance hurt as well as those things we do deliberately*. Satan has set occult traps throughout our world into which he hopes we will fall. God's forgiveness works not only for our sins but also for our errors due to ignorance as well. We must confess and receive forgiveness for our occult involvement, whether it was done on purpose or through ignorance.

As you read through the following list, ask the Holy Spirit to recall to your mind every involvement you have had. Keep in mind that many of these activities are clearly occult, but the occult nature of some of them may not be as clear. Please mark any and all possible activities, even if there is a question in your mind as to their occult nature, so that you are confident that you have renounced all possible occult or demonic influences in your life. It is not our purpose to teach about each and every one of these activities and why they are considered occult; we are simply trying to give a solid framework for occult renouncement, and we have based our information on the teachings of those who are considered experts in this area.

Circle each one in which you have participated; then ask God's forgiveness. Have you ever – out of curiosity or in earnest – done any of the following?

I. **Divination**: seeking *knowledge* from forbidden sources: (Deuteronomy 18:9-16; Daniel 2:26-28, Isaiah 2:6, 47:10-15; Micah 5:12; Acts 16:16).

1. Have you ever had your *fortune* told by a fortune-teller or psychic, had a palm reading, used a crystal ball, consulted tea leaves, etc?
2. Have you ever followed your *horoscope* or had a chart made to predict your future?
3. Have you ever had a *tarot card* reading – or used cards to predict your future?
4. Have you ever played with a *ouija board*?
5. Have you ever consulted a *medium* or *numerologist*?
6. Have you ever acted as a channel or *medium*?
7. Have you ever practiced *automatic writing*?
8. Have you ever practiced *water-witching* (dowsing)?
9. Do you possess books on astrology, fortune telling, etc., with the intent of using them? Have you been a follower of Edgar Cayce, Jean Dixon, Shirley MacLaine, L. Ron Hubbard or any other New Age author?

II. **Spiritualism**: seeking contact with a forbidden spiritual realm (I Samuel 28:7-11; II Kings 21:6; Isaiah 8:19-22; Leviticus 19:31 and 20:6).

10. Have you ever attended a *seance* or spiritualist meeting?

11. Have you ever practiced *Transcendental Meditation* or *Yoga* connected with its attendant spirituality? (Some people just practice the relaxing exercises without subscribing to the philosophy.)

12. Have you ever been involved in *mind-control* or ESP or tried hypnotism (without a sufficient medical reason or professional supervisor)?

13. Have you ever sought or communicated with *apparitions* that were not of God?

14. Have you ever worshipped in a *pagan shrine* or temple?

III. **Witchcraft:** seeking power from forbidden spiritual sources (Galatians 5:19-20; I Samuel 15:23, 28:7; II Kings 9:22, 23-25; I Chronicles 10:13; Isaiah 8:19, 19:3, 29:4; Micah 5:12).

15. Have you ever been involved in *casting spells*? Have you ever played *Dungeons and Dragons*?

16. Have you ever practiced *Black Magic* or cursed anyone? Have you practiced *White Magic*? Have you used voodoo?

17. Have you ever sought *healing* from a spiritualist (or "curandero")? Or through charms, amulets or incantations?

18. Have you ever used a charm or *amulet* for protection or good luck?

19. Have you studied books on witchcraft, ESP, etc., with a view to personal use?

20. Have you ever practiced table-lifting, levitation of objects or of bodies, pendulum-swinging or astral travel?

IV. **Devil Worship:** Satanism (II Chronicles 11-15; Psalms 106:37; I Corinthians 10:20-22; Revelation 9:20-21, 13:4).

21. Have you ever *attended* the meeting of a *coven*?

22. Have you ever *belonged* to a coven?

23. Have you ever attended a *Black Mass*?

24. Have you ever made a promise or a *pact with Satan*?

25. Have you ever made a *blood compact* with Satan?

26. Are you a victim of *Satanic Ritual Abuse*?

27. Have you attended *witchcraft* or *voodoo services*?

V. **Contact with Objects:**

28. Do you have any object or book in your possession that may bring an evil presence or influence with it? Has someone involved in the occult given you any amulet or object?

VI. Group Membership:

29. Have you been a member of the *Masons* (including Eastern Star, De Molay, Rainbow Girls)?

VII. Relationships:

30. Have you been in an *intimate relationship* with someone involved in witchcraft, etc. (e.g. the wife of a warlock)?

VIII. Generational Bondage: (Exodus 34:6-7; Numbers 14:17-19; Deuteronomy 5:8-10; Joshua 22:16-29; Psalms 33:11; Jeremiah 11:10-13; Acts 2:38-39).

31. Have any of your ancestors been involved in *witchcraft*, pagan religions, fortune-telling?

32. Has anyone in your ancestry been a member of the *Masons*?

IX. Activities that may lead to demonic oppression:

33. Have you ever been involved in protracted or intense *sinful* or addictive activities that have led to your being oppressed by a "spirit of sin" (e.g. pornography)?

34. Have you ever been on a *drug trip* that could have opened you up to an evil presence when your spirit was "out there" and unprotected?

35. Have you listened extensively to *music* that carried with it an evil or satanic influence (e.g. some hard rock groups have dedicated their music to Satan)?

36. Likewise, have you subjected yourself to reading *literature* or watching *movies* that are evil in nature?

37. Have you played games of an occult nature, using ESP, casting spells, trying telepathy, etc.?

38. Do you have a propensity towards superstition or a fascination with evil?

The difficulty with a subject like this, as you probably realize, is that some people tend to go to extremes; they either get frightened and overextend the power of evil, or cast it aside as "seeing a devil behind every tree." Clearly, if a person once had a lucky rabbit's foot, they probably were not harmed much by it; but just as certainly if they were a member of a coven, they will probably need deliverance – and probably at some length. Not everything on this list is of equal importance, but we tried to make it complete.