

heart. Ask God's forgiveness, and turn completely away from these sins, and mention that you will never participate in these occult activities ever again (*Read Tract - 'Repent Or Perish!'*). 3) **Satan and his demons must flee**, as they no longer have any legal rights to operate in your life. Only true believers have the authority to cast out demons from the demonically possessed *Mk 16:17*. They must be commanded to leave in the Name of Jesus! Never converse with Satan and his demons. Read tract: *'You Can Be Set Free!'* before casting out any demons.

How to destroy the works of witchcraft in your life? Witchcraft may involve conjuring or summoning demons, and then dispatching them to churches, families and individuals to cause hatred, bitterness, envy, strife, confusion and disunity. Some warlocks have openly confessed: 1) That they were into Satanism, and had killed people by putting curses on them. 2) Working through witchcraft sex and different kinds of pagan rituals, as Ruth Brown mentions in her book: *"Destroying Works Of Witchcraft Through Fasting And Prayer"* (*highly recommended*). Praying powerful anti-witchcraft prayers daily with regular fasting, will guarantee absolute victory in destroying the works of witchcraft in your life. You will be set free from evil spirits that any witch or warlock may conjure and send your way *1 Jn 3:8*.

We must always be on guard against the dangers of the occult. We must be extremely cautious, sober, alert and vigilant of Satan and his schemes. He is described in scripture as a "roaring lion looking for someone to devour" *1 Pe 5:8-9*. Satan will take advantage of every opportunity to deceive, tempt and influence us. We must never give him a foothold in our lives. We must hold fast to the truth as revealed in God's Word. We are commanded to submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from us *Jas 4:7*. God promises protection for all those who obey His commandments, continue to be faithful to Him, and remain undefiled by avoiding these evil practices *Ps 91:14-16; Mt 6:13; Jn 17:15*. We must put on the whole armor of God, to resist Satan's schemes *Eph 6:10-18*. Remember, any questions about what the future holds for you, or what God has in store for your life, will be addressed in the bible. He has an awesome plan and purpose for your life. God's Word will light up your life and provide you with all the spiritual information that you need. You will learn how to resist Satan's temptations and be set free from evil spirits. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you into all truth. May you be inspired and encouraged to build a strong relationship with Almighty God, and live according to the truth of God's Word; and not according to Satan's dark deceptions. Please proceed to the tract entitled: *'You Can Be Set Free!'*

Anti-Witchcraft Prayers: www.godzangelmusic.com/powerfulandeffectiveprayer.html.

Book: *'Destroying Works Of Witchcraft Through Fasting And Prayer'* by Ruth Brown. www.Christisit.com.

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Dangers Of The Occult: Exposed!

Is Satan real? Are evil spirits real? What does the Bible say about occult practices, such as witchcraft, sorcery and divination? How dangerous are these occult practices? Are there serious consequences for dabbling in the occult?

Is the spirit world real? The Bible clearly states that there is a real "spirit world." Satan is the "ruler of the kingdoms of this world," also described in Scripture as the "kingdom of darkness." Our warfare is against the "spiritual forces (hosts) of evil in the heavenly realms" *Eph 6:12; Col 1:13*. Satan is not a cartoon figure with a pitchfork, horns and tail. He is a powerful spirit being (limited in power), who has an army of "demons" (fallen angels), to deceive, tempt, influence, discourage, "oppress," and even "possess" humans. Satan is also called "ruler of the kingdom of the air" *Eph 2:2*, the "adversary" and "a roaring lion" *1 Pe 5:8*, "great dragon or ancient serpent" *Rev 12:9*. He also masquerades as an "angel of light" *2 Co 11:14*, and is described as a "murderer, thief and destroyer" *Jn 10:10*. He is the "deceiver" *Rev 12:9*, and "father of lies" *Jn 8:44*, who has been "sinning from the beginning" *1 Jn 3:8*. Satan's destiny is the lake of fire, and he is filled with fury because he knows that he has little time left *Rev 12:12*. Satan's powerful influence resulted in one-third of the angels following him in rebellion against the Creator God *Rev 12:3-4*. Satan attempts to destroy humans using different methods. For example, false: 1) religion, 2) "knowledge," 3) education. Satan's power is exercised in three main ways: 1) directly by himself, 2) by evil spirits, 3) through human agents, who are either demonically influenced or possessed. Those who have rejected God's authority in their lives are subjected to Satan's power *2 Co 4:4*.

What does the Bible say about occult practices? God condemns all forms of occult practices. The Lord uses strong words in the following scriptures, regarding these abominable and detestable practices *Lev 19:31; 20:6; Dt 4:19; 18:10-13; 1 Ch 10:13*. We must pay attention to the strong warnings from the Lord. According to the 'Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words,' the word 'abomination' in *Dt 18:9-14* (KJV), is the Hebrew word 'to'ebah,' which means 'abomination; loathsome, detestable thing.' When someone consults with mediums and spiritists, God says that person is prostituting himself *Lev 19:31; 20:6-8*. We must be holy as God is holy, and remain undefiled *1 Pe 1:15-16*. God will judge all who are engaged in occult practices *Mal 3:5*. Practicing witchcraft results in no peace *2 Ki 9:22; Is 57:20-21*. Scriptures demonstrate the truth about how dangerous these occult practices really are. For example, King Saul disobeyed and rejected God's instructions regarding the Amalekites. As a result, God rejected him as king and God's Spirit was no longer guiding him *1 Sa 15:23; 16:14; 28:6*. Saul then proceeded to desperately seek help from a medium that caused him great suffering. He asked a medium to perform a séance even though he knew this was a direct violation of God's Law, which states that a man or woman who is a medium or spiritist must be stoned to death *Lev 20:27*. During the séance, a spirit identified as Samuel warned that the Philistines would defeat Israel's armies, and Saul would soon die. Saul was terrified by this spirit's message and fell prostrate to the ground. Scripture shows that the summoned spirit was not Samuel and Saul never actually saw Samuel. Saul apparently thought that the spirit was Samuel because of the medium's descriptions. Saul's participation in a séance resulted in his death and the kingdom was taken from him *1 Sa 28:1-25; 1 Ch 10:13-14*. Many mediums or necromancers today, claim to communicate with deceased spirits - but their clients do not see or hear these spirits. Scriptures teach us that the dead know nothing and death is compared to a deep sleep. They will remain dead in their graves until the resurrection *Ps 146:4; Ecc 9:5; 12:7; 1 Co 15:51-54* (Read tract - 'Immortal Soul?')

Reasons why God does not want us to engage in occult practices? The very 1st commandment clearly states that we must have no other gods before God the Father, who is the Creator of the universe *Ex 20:3*. The 2nd commandment mentions that we must not make any idols in the form of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters below, and we must not worship them. Punishment for the sin of idolatry extends to the 3rd and 4th generation *Ex 20:4-6*. There are serious consequences, including generational curses, for those who participate in idolatry and false religion (Read Tract - 'Release From Curses'). God condemns and strictly forbids occultism and anything associated with it, because it is idolatry. Idolatry refers to the worship of false gods, idols and images, and putting anything or anyone above, or before the one True God (Read Tract - 'No Idols!'). Exceeding affection for, trusting in, or giving more attention to things such as power, influence, money, fame, fortune, career, success, status, position, accomplishments or anything else is idolatry. The true God must always be first love and His will must be top priority in our lives. He must be of greatest importance. Our God is a jealous God and a consuming fire; vengeful and wrathful against abominable and detestable idolatrous practices *Ex 20:5; Dt 4:24*. In the Old Testament, the punishment for witchcraft was death *Ex 22:18*. In the New Testament, the punishment is the lake of fire, and not inheriting the Kingdom of God *Rev 21:8*. Once someone becomes involved in occultism, it is very difficult to escape unharmed. Participation in occult practices is very dangerous and may lead to demonic possession. It means "selling one's soul" to the devil *2 Ki 17:17; Ac 13:8, 10; 16:16-18*. Opening the door to evil spirits through occultism, means giving them legal grounds to operate in one's life. This will have a devastating effect not only for the person's involved, but also the members of his/her own household. Misery, sickness, disease, insanity, and even an early death are only some of the consequences that will be experienced by all who refuse to heed God's warnings, and begin to dabble in the occult. 1) Charles Manson was heavily involved in occult cults, 1967. 2) Columbine killers were obsessed with Satanism, 1999. 3) Adam Lanza worshipped the devil and had an online page dedicated to him, 2012. 4) Kurt Cobain, leader of the band called 'Nirvana' was a Satan worshipper, obsessed with Anton LaVey, founder of the Church of Satan (Mojo Magazine Sept. 1999, P.86). Rumour has it that Anton begged God on his death bed for mercy and begged to keep him out of hell. Kurt committed suicide in 1994. 5) Jackson paid for voodoo curse to kill Spielberg (Fox News). Occultism is prophesied to be rampant in the last days *1 Ti 4:1*. This is mainly due to the increase and glamorization of occult material by the producers and authors who stimulate interest in making contact with the spirit world and are making huge profit, while you are reaping serious consequences for dabbling in the occult. Don't be deceived into thinking that you can become a great magician by reading occult books and watching movies, such as 'Harry Potter.' They don't truthfully and accurately portray witchcraft for what it is - an evil, harmful, dangerous and detestable practice, as God's word clearly mentions. There is no such thing as good and bad witchcraft. ALL witchcraft is evil. It involves making a pact or ungodly covenant (knowingly or unknowingly) with Satan and evil spirits, and therefore, Satan works through witches and warlocks. It all involves communion with demons. Whether you realize it or not, if you are not serving the Lord Jesus Christ; you are serving Satan the devil. Satan's power is behind occult practices. Whom will you serve - God Almighty or Satan the devil? *2 Co 6:14-18*.

Which occult activities must I avoid? God condemns and strictly forbids all forms of the occult, including: divination, astrology and horoscopes, sorcery, Satanism, witchcraft and casting of spells, voodoo, hoodoo, channeling, reincarnation, astral projection, ESP, dungs

eons and dragons, crystals, tarot cards, ouija boards, I ching, automatic writing, hypnotism, transcendental meditation, or any form of Eastern meditation such as yoga, new age movement, séances, involvement with mediums, spirits and necromancers, all kinds of fortune telling including: crystal ball gazing, palm and psychic reading, and numerology *Dt 18:10-12*. These are abominable and detestable practices. Involvement in any form of occult practices and worshipping false gods, is called harlotry or "spiritual idolatry" *Ps 106:38-39*. Witchcraft is one of the acts of the sinful nature, according to *Gal 5:19-21*. Its purpose and objective is to control people's lives and get them to do what you want. The desire to control people is expressed through: 1) manipulation, 2) intimidation, 3) domination. Ancient Israel went into captivity as a result of such detestable practices as divination and soothsaying *Dt 31:29; 2 Ki 17:17-18; Ps 106:34-43*. There will also be a future national captivity for the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel. They will suffer serious consequences, as a result of forsaking God's Laws, and engaging in the occult and other detestable practices, which provokes God to anger *Dt 28:15-68; Jer 9:12-16; Eze 4: 5; 12; Hos 8; 9; 10; Lk 21:23-24*.

How do people "open doors" for demonic activity in their lives? Firstly, there is a distinct difference between demonic oppression and demonic possession (Read Tract - 'You Can Be Set Free!'). Demonic oppression is defined as a mild to heavy influence or harassment by demons operating externally (outside the body), however, the person retains control of his mind and body. On the other hand, demonic possession (indwelling of demons) is described as the state of total control, or full command of demons over the person's mind and body. The evil spirits remove the person's volition, together with his mental and physical capacities. Therefore, he will experience an inability to use his will and consciousness. The demons may speak through the person, and control his behavior and personality. Both demonic oppression and demonic possession is real, happening in the world today and no joking matter! Knowledge of Biblical spiritual truth can mean the difference between life and death *Hos 4:6*. Simply being a churchgoer, does not make one immune to demonic activity. Many churchgoers live contrary to God's commandments, and openly live in fornication and adultery (Read Tract - 'You Shall Not Commit Adultery!'), and there are even pastors who practice witchcraft and thus, have given Satan and his demons a foothold in their lives *Eph 4:27*. The temptation or desire to sin (such as commit fornication or adultery) begins in the mind. Consistently dwelling on, and meditating on these tempting thoughts, will eventually lead one to act out on the temptation and sin in the flesh, and it will most definitely open doors for demonic activity *Jas 1:13-15*. Satanic inspired thoughts, such as contemplating murder or suicide, usually come through direct involvement or a family background in the occult, and is the major channel through which evil spirits gain access to humans. That person has given Satan and his demons (helpers) legal grounds or permission to operate in his life. Once Satan has gained access and a foothold in one's life, he will plant all kinds of vile thoughts into that person's mind, which eventually become deeply entrenched in the mind. The person submits to the temptation, which then leads to an obsession. The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the word 'obsession' as a 'persistent disturbing preoccupation with an idea or feeling.' That person will begin to entertain the thought, and become isolated and secretive about his vile and evil obsession. The obsession may take on many forms. It may include pornography and other sexual perversions; watching bloody and physically violent movies or playing video games of this nature; drug abuse; occultism and Satan worship, including Satanic music and movies. He will have an obsession with either power, sex or violence, or all three. By participating in the occult, you will automatically open doors for Satan and his evil spirits to gain access and operate in your life, because you are giving him permission and legal grounds to do so. Once you step foot in enemy territory, it will be extremely difficult for you to escape Satan's clutches and you will reap serious consequences. Don't give the devil a chance, or you will be held captive as his slave. If someone has a tempting thought to do something drastically vile, such as commit murder or suicide, you can be certain that it will be directly from Satan himself. He is the master of all kinds of evil schemes and he can have one tailor-made just for you, if you allow him to do so. Satan's schemes include, but are not limited to: deception, temptation, doubt, discouragement, distraction, accusation, condemnation, intimidation, manipulation and domination. Usually, an evil obsession will have an element of addiction, where the person will have an intense craving to continuously repeat the same behavior, indefinitely. He will also exhibit erratic and sinister behavior. The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the word 'addict' as 'to devote or surrender (oneself) to something habitually or excessively.' The obsession will eventually lead to demonic possession, where Satan claims ownership of the individual and regards him as his possession. Therefore, Satan will be in total control of that person's speech, actions, behavior and personality. Strange voices and profanity may be heard, and the person's attitude and behavior will suddenly become abusive, threatening, hostile and brutal. At this final stage, the evil spirits reside in a person's body controlling him both spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally. Demons may control people's minds, where they create powerful impulses to commit radically evil acts. The temptation to commit extremely vile acts originates with Satan and his demons. Satan's audible voice may be heard by the one being possessed, persuading him to commit extremely perverted and violent acts. Most often, psychologists wrongly label the 'hearing of voices' as a symptom of schizophrenia, when in fact, it may be a symptom of demonic activity. The reason being is that they don't understand spiritual truths, which are spiritually discerned, and revealed by God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

What are the demon objectives in humans? Demons are unclean or evil spirits with evil personalities. Some of the most characteristic actions of demons are to: deceive, tempt and cause addictions, accuse, condemn, pressure, resist, oppose, control, afflict, harass, torment, enslave, defile, compel, entice, urge, discourage, attack, steal, kill and destroy. Demons may persuade one to commit evil acts, where Satan and/or his demons will speak into the person's mind with a persuasive voice, tempting them to do violent and destructive acts. Evil spirits can influence and cause havoc to human lives, and be major hindrances to their faith.

How to be set free from occultism? If you have been involved in occult practices, it is crucial that you remove any legal grounds for these demons to operate in your life. You must close all doors to evil spirits, that you have opened through these idolatrous practices. 1) **Do a household clean-up.** Burn all sorcery books, items and objects *Ac 19:18-20*. Those who have been involved in Satanic worship, must burn all garments worn while worshipping Satan, including all Satanic music and movies that they may have in their possession (Read Tract - 'No Idols!'). 2) **True, heartfelt repentance is crucial.** Confess and renounce your sins of rebellion and disobedience (e.g. contact with Satan, bowing down to false gods, possession of idols, etc) to the Creator God, in prayer. You may specifically name the occult activities that you've been involved in, and individually renounce them in prayer. If you've been involved in witchcraft, you must also renounce your desire to control others. Renounce all contact with Satan and his demons. Break all ungodly covenants. Never cherish sin in your