

THE OCCULT REVIVAL

The late Dr F A Tatford (1975)

Updated 2012 by various contributors

Mrs Browne looked up from her magazine while her husband was struggling with his tax return. "You really ought to read this dear," she said. "It says that there are 30,000 practising witches in Britain today in 1975 and that you will even find them in schools. I wonder if they know what they are talking about".

"I expect they do", said Mr Browne wishing that that would terminate the conversation. But Mrs Browne's interest had been aroused and she started quoting detail from this article.

A German journalist called Horst Krant has stated that there were at least three million West German people interested in the occult and more than seven million with more than a superficial interest. A recent report stated that occultism had spread throughout Italy."

Margaret Murray's book *The Witch Cult in Western Europe* had described witchcraft, or Wicca as it is called to be a pre-Christian and pagan religion with fertility rites and priests and priestesses which religion had flourished for the thirteenth century to the 17th. It is surprising that any witches survived when one recalls the persecution they suffered. A lot of them were drowned and some burned at the stake. Many of them were wrongly deemed to be witches because they used herbs and plants which often relieved illness.

The Witchcraft Act was repealed in 1951 and, thereafter, hundreds of covens sprang up in Britain and spread to other countries. It must be remembered that witches and their followers worship the Devil, the prince of darkness and still think of him as wearing horns having a tail and having cloven feet whereas others worship the mother goddess who is the source of life. One such coven which, apparently, made the *National Press*, consisted of 13 people of whom one was the high priestess. Even today, witches regard the devil's appearance as portrayed above.

Their ebats were regular meetings but the sabbats were special ceremonial meetings where they all appeared naked because of the idea that an electromagnetic aura surrounds the body and it is essential to be naked and to be aware of the nudity. The meetings are usually held at night around a candle-lit altar or fire and they dance around the fire and yes, some do use magic broom-sticks, or magic staffs as they are called. They would whip one or more of their number but the climax of the ceremony would be reached in ritual copulation which was said to be a symbol of the fertilization of the fields and to ensure a successful harvest. Teenage girls forced by their parents to go to such events and some would end up having copulation with some man albeit reluctantly and, in any book, that constitutes rape. Witchcraft is also pornographic when you consider the brutal rape of innocent underage girls.

The worship of Satan and a mother goddess is still practised today in 2012 and it is spreading. The university of South Carolina has, or had, a course on witchcraft which courses were fully booked and other educational establishments did likewise. In the late 1970s, there were 60,000 practising witches in West Germany. It is strange that so many people indulge in this, whereas all kinds of witchcraft, the occult and spiritualism is condemned in the Bible. Whatever you may think of Biblical principles, that teenage girls at a ceremonial fire forced to have sex and who may subsequently suffer emotional and physical damage is totally wrong by any standards. It constitutes crime.

And what about sexually transmitted diseases?

This is paganism and it is full of sex, violence and crime. There is no such person as a moral pagan and the moral principles of the Bible are ignored. It is evil, morally reprehensible and deserving of censure and rebuke; it is utter wickedness; it is evil against each other and has devastating effects upon society and the world; it is a lack of decency and goodness.

In America, in 1975, there were more than 200,000 members of spiritualist churches. The word church is misused by spiritualists to gain charitable status. The word church correctly refers to those, and the buildings used, for the worship of the God of the Bible just as a synagogue is for those who adhere to Judaism and a mosque is for followers of Islam.

It was the Fox sisters, Kate and Margaret who spread spiritism / spiritualism. In 1848, they stated that spirits communicated with them with rappings, one rap for an affirmative and two for a negative in séances. They received much publicity until, in 1888, they admitted that this was a hoax playing achieved by bouncing an apple up and down on a string running through the mattress of their bed and, later, by cracking of their big toes. This was fraudulent, a swindle and deception and yet some people believed it and have used similar activities even to this present time to get people to believe in this. This method is still used today and is based on this original fraud by the Fox sisters.

A séance is an attempt to communicate with the spirits of the dead. One of the earliest accounts of such an event was in England in 1760 and spiritualism flourished in the 1840s when it reached its peak

It was developed from spiritism developed by Allan Kardec (1804-1869).

Emmanuel Swedenborg was born in 1688 and said he was a theologian and yet he was into spiritualism and believed he spoke to spirits of the dead from most of the other planets!

Reincarnation was not accepted by spiritualists for very many years as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle pointed out. He also said that spiritualism was not a religion, but a science.

Coupled with this is the rise of Satanism. In 1975, in Paris there were 22 chapels dedicated to the worship of the devil and the venues were crowded with people and the black mass is celebrated. A French journalist, Serge Basset, visited one such place in 1945 and the walls of the chapel were painted black and six black candles gave some light. A huge and hideous goat, the symbol of Satanism, with great staring eyes formed the centrepiece and the congregation voiced a sombre chant. A young naked girl was stretched out on the altar. It is always a young girl and not a granny. As the meeting proceeded, the congregation took off all their clothes and a male bird was sacrificed and the blood caught in a chalice for the worshippers to drink from. This is a blasphemous caricature of Holy Communion, The priest then had violent sex with the naked girl and the congregation also indulged in sex. It was an orgy. It is evil as we have already defined it, and those who practice it are evil. Evil has many dangers which the normal person would avoid.

And yet with black witches and white witches there are some intelligent and professional people

There are vegetarians who hate all cruelty to animals and yet go along with this pagan treatment of animals and yet condemn the Jews' use of animal sacrifices and how they slaughter animals today.

To join a coven a new member attends a fully-fledged ceremony. The candidate, whether male or female, would be blindfolded and their hands tied behind their back. The candidate would be nude like all the others in attendance. A sacred circle would be drawn with the athame, a magic knife. If the candidate was a man he would be dealt with by a female and if the candidate was a female she would be dealt with by a male. The leader would press the point of a sword against the novice's breast and then kiss the feet, knees, breasts, lips and genitalia and a sexual act would be performed actually

or symbolically. This would be followed by the scouring and anointing of the candidate and a display of the tools of witchcraft — wand, sword and pentacle.

The black mass was first practised in France in the 13th century but, by the 18th century, it had spread all over Europe and was associated with sex and extreme hedonism and sometimes the sacrifice of babies was performed.

Satanism had a fresh impetus from the founder of the Church of Satan in San Francisco by Anton Szandor La Vey (1930-1997) in 1966 and, within a few years, he had a membership of 20,000. He teaches that Satan is the lord of the world and is, therefore, to be worshipped. He maintains that there is no after-life and, therefore, that people should enjoy themselves and gratify the physical senses by the use of sex, drink and drugs. The members of his church are enjoined to indulge in the seven deadly sins --lust, greed, gluttony, envy, jealousy, pride and slothfulness. La Vey describes himself as the black Pope, the Exarch of hell and Satan's Emissary on earth. Naturally, he rejects the Bible and declares that the Decalogue must be reversed. Weddings, baptism and funerals are conducted in his church in the tradition of the black arts. His church is a black house with black windows and black curtains. The high priest dresses in black and wears a black balaclava. The black mass is celebrated with a naked girl serving at an altar and carnal desire is given full rein and she has sexual intercourse with the priest.

Churches of Satan are springing up all over Europe and some are called the Church of the Antichrist. Charles Manson and his 'family' were described as Satanists at their murder trial. The American, Manson was born in 1934 and became a cult leader whose followers carried out seven notorious murders in the 1960s, including the murder of the actress Sharon Tate, and inspired the book *Helter Skelter* named after a song by the Beatles. Manson developed a pop culture around himself. He believed that there would be a race war, blacks versus whites, and that the blacks would win but be incapable of running America. The murders were to precipitate this race war and the blacks would be blamed. Manson was a racist and decidedly evil.

But there are people who are still fascinated by him. Some people are very interested in the lives of evil people and a minority, one hopes, have real admiration for them. The Krays are admired and the defence put forward by their admirers is that they were good to their own.

The Bible is right, of course, when it says that men prefer darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil and those into witchcraft hate this statement and tear Christianity to shreds. But putting the Bible to one side, common decency and morality condemns the evil in witchcraft. Do not condemn the Bible but respect common decency and honourable morality.

Alistair Crowley (1930-1997) was an occultist and described as the most wicked man in the world. He hated Christianity. It is true that those into witchcraft hate Christianity and the Bible because it condemns their evil practises and rightly so.

There is the Church of Minerva in Los Angeles who worship the devil. The leaders are all women and the disciples are young men. The women are clad in red and flutes play an eerie melody and the men sway to and fro uttering chants in praise of women.

Coming into the 21st century, many other writers have confirmed the continual spread of these evils. Bill had a platonic lady friend named Chloe who declares that everything she wore was black. He did not see the significance of this until she expressed wanting to be involved in Wicca which was paganism. If she followed this she would have a social life and have some fun and not be bored and may have some exciting sex.

Another word to describe all of this is heathenism. A heathen is someone that does not believe in the God of the Bible and, incidentally, some Moslems use the word heathen for those who do not believe in Allah.

A popular male schoolteacher who, in a group of fellow walkers, enjoyed hiking at night to raise funds for charity. He was approached by two girls at his school who asked him if he was to have such a hike on a particular night. He said yes and told the girls the route. They were upset. On the Monday morning, they came to school and were in a state. They confessed to a lady teacher that their respective parents were into witchcraft and had taken them to a ceremonial event in which they had to be naked round a fire, like everyone else, and they were violently raped. They were afraid that the male teacher would discover them, naked. What the parents did was abuse and what the men did to those girls was rape and, therefore, criminal. Again, there is no doubt that this is evil and morally reprehensible.

It is all very well saying that these matters are not our business and everyone has the right to live their own lives their way. Others will say that morality and decency is essential as is the protection of people including young people. Many young people who are raped, like the two mentioned, suffer physical and emotional damage and some for the rest of their lives and some commit suicide.

There are white witches as opposed to black witches. It is said that the white witches combat the evil of black witches. We quote from their own website.

"White witches worship Mother Nature, the Earth, the Goddess and a god. We tune into nature and use the elements such as the planets, flowers, trees, and crystals which make their spells work. We major on astrology. We only perform good magic. We meditate, light candles, cleanse our selves and others. We practise the Blood Moon ritual when the veil between humanity and the spirit world is at its thinnest and we have seances and divination. Spiritualists also believe in this when all souls of the dead are more easily communicative."

If they are good witches then they are unwise to use the word witch. It is like saying I am a white criminal.

Let us continue with what white witches say on their own website where they assert that not all witches are pagan, they have religious freedom and it is an offence to discriminate against them. They also say that not all witches are Satanists. To be a pagan is to follow pre- Christian beliefs and is, therefore, not Christian. White witches believe in Angel cards in which unidentified angels give advice and you pick cards at random and receive a message.

If all religions lead to god which god of the white witches is the one that followers will be lead to? Or is it a matter of polytheism?

Pagan refers to someone who is opposed to God and the teaching of the Bible with its moral concepts and that is demonstrated in their beliefs and practices. Another word for pagan is heathen which is also defined as irreligious, uncivilised and unenlightened. And the nude dancing around the fire and sexual acts are certainly uncivilised.

Some say that paganism is a religion and there are witches who state that there is no such thing as evil probably to justify what they do. Many do not believe in an after-life and, therefore, dismiss the concept of eternal punishment but, as with any group of people, opinions differ and sometimes even in Christian denominations.

White witches worship Nature, the Earth, the Goddess and a god so, in this instance, one could call them religious.

White witches are also into Wicca and have their rituals and there are regular accounts in the Press of leading white witches and their gross misconduct particularly in the realm of sexual depravity.

All of this reminds of the depravity in the Old Testament when the Temple and other places of worship had both male and female prostitutes, when the true God was not worshipped or even respected, when sexual orgies took place such as when Moses was delayed on the Mount, and the heathen sacrificed their children through fire to the god Moloch.

Evil has always been with us. It still is and there seems to be no effective remedy offered by governments to this rise of evil and appalling decline in society.

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