

THE OCCULT

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We have collected all the definitions of the word occult to ensure we interpret the word correctly and we set these definitions out below. They come from dictionaries and also from dictionaries devoted to the occult. Later, we have used Bible quotes because the occult attacks the Bible and both positions have to be considered.

The word occult means 'hidden' and includes magic, witchcraft, sorcery, necromancy, black magic, Kabbalah, diabolism, devil worship, Satanism, devilry, voodoo, white magic, mysticism, paranormalism, psychicism, astrology and atheism.

Two of the most common ingredient of the occult is atheism and Satanism which employs symbols that have long been associated with the worship of the devil but there are some who insist that the occult is not Satanism.

The five pointed star in a circle is a satanic symbol but some say it has been used in other rituals without satanic overtones.

Many 19th century occultists are said to have been influenced by freemasonry.

There are those who state that the occult originated in Judeo-Christianity and also in the heresy of Gnosticism, but that certainly does not ring true since occultism is fundamentally pagan and therefore is both anti-Jewish and anti-Christian.

Gnostics teach that God is unknowable and far too pure and perfect to have anything to do with the material world which is evil. They call that all matter is evil and God Himself has generated lesser deities.

Judaism and Christianity condemn all aspects of the occult such as astrology (Isaiah 47.13), casting of spells (Deuteronomy 18.11), consulting with the dead and spiritualism (Deuteronomy 18.11), magic (Genesis 41.9), sorcery (Exodus 22.18), witchcraft (Deuteronomy 18.10) and spiritism (Deuteronomy 18. 11).

We should point out that other world religions also denounce the occult.

The occult may also involve Ouija Boards, tarot cards, Wicca and séances.

It has been shown very many times that those interested in the occult, as well as those who practise it, have opened themselves to demonic activity, demon possession and oppression including severe mental illness.

There is evidence that those who were demon possessed and were healed by Christ were damaged by the occult and may have practised it.

We should confirm that spiritism refers to communication with the dead by human channelling via mediums, as also is necromancy which also includes such communication to predict the future. Astrology is the belief that celestial bodies have an influence on human affairs and the natural world. Sorcery is the use of magic, particularly black magic, which is said to be given by spirits. Divination is discovering the future by supernatural means.

Most of the occult, if not all, is both pagan and heathen which extols atheism or beliefs other than accepted world religions. It is admitted to being heretical and apostate.

Wicca is said to be a modern form of witchcraft and is pagan.

These definitions are the accepted standard definitions and not our inventions.

Anton LaVey insists that all followers of the occult are atheists and encourages hedonism, materialism, ego and the pride of self-promotion and the insistence that they are always right. He published the Satanic Bible in 1966 for the sole purpose of stating that the original Bible was nonsense and full of silly stories.

Satanism advocates indulgence and the non-denial of any pleasure or activity whatever the cost or consequences. This would include crime and anarchy. It also approves of what is generally considered to be morally bad including paedophilia but that does not mean that all in the occult are paedophiles.

Satanists and others in the occult say that reality is sacred and is opposed to Christianity and morality. While atheism does not believe in any deities, it is used to indicate rejection of the God of the Bible.

Marxism and Communism, as well as other left wing politics are invariably anti-Christian, although some say that there are Christian socialists.

Atheism is rife among the occult and while atheism does not accept any deity, the occult attacks the God of the Bible vehemently and then say that He does not exist.

The founders of Marxism, Communism and left wing politics were atheists. These original men were Karl Marx and Frederick Engels.

Atheists claim to be free thinkers and yet they fight more and more to control every aspect of our lives and therefore we may eventually have no freedom. They treat Christianity with contempt since it has an enduring and helpful influence on many. Marxist and Communist countries have in their respective state policies the outlawing of Christianity.

Many left wing politicians are atheists such as Michael Foot, Clement Attlee, Alistair Campbell, Charles Clarke, Robin Cook, Donald Dewar, Frank Dobson, Royal Hattersley, Neil Kinnock, Ken Livingstone who hates the Jews, George Galloway also has a hatred of the Jews which is racism and bigotry and Ed Milliband. There is also Mick Jagger and Arthur Scargill, David Milliband, Mo Mowlam, Clare Short, Peter Tatchell and Harold Wilson.

The occult with its pagans and Satanists are to doubt everything and avoid traditional beliefs and dogma as well as decency and good moral values.

Satanism represents the essential need for vengeance and is opposed to forgiveness and reconciliation.

The occult does not accept the concept of sin.

According to them, man is not special but just another animal, and animals in the wild have no concept of sin and therefore man does not sin.

Satanism declares that it is the best friend that the church has, and always has had, since it has kept the church in business for 2000 years. If there were no sin there would be no need of either repentance and restitution and the church would be redundant.

Among the occult, there are white witches who apparently do good works but it is unfortunate and misleading in that they are called witches. However, they perform rituals and some white witches are despicable.

Take the case of two Cornish white witches found guilty of ritualistic sexual abuse of young girls. Peter Petruaske, 72, who claims to be a high priest and Joseph Kemp, 69, appeared in a Truro Court. Some of the girls were as young as three who were plied with money and sweets to keep quiet and were also forced to take alcohol and told to strip naked before two men in white gowns.

One such ritual took place in a stone circle with a middle-located fire and the naked girls were tied up strongly.

These two witches stated that they were pagans.

One woman said that she was raped by a white witch named Peter Solheim who was a town councillor and whose mutilated body was found near the Lizard.

One notable occultist was Aleister Crowley (1875-1947) who declared himself to be a prophet guiding humans into the Aeon of Hories, a region of Theloma in which humans are divided into Aoens in which several gods and goddesses are worshipped. Black magic was practised and Crowley would dress up in ceremonial garb.

He was evil and even some of his one time followers admitted this. He was wealthy, brash, eccentric, completely mad, egotistic, arrogant and decidedly cruel. He said that democracy was ambivalent and that Christianity and morality were offensive rubbish which statement is one of the doctrines of Satanism and paganism.

Devil worshippers use dolls to invoke evil spells and the women wear jewellery made from an owl or rat to place on their breasts to attract men. Some have been known to conduct human sacrifices as did the cult of Molech in the Old Testament (Leviticus 18. 21, 2 Chronicles 28. 3. Jeremiah 7. 31).

One can speak with authority about what one knows personally. One of our contributors writes

“I had in my class two pupils, girls of fourteen and fifteen, who knew that I often hiked at night to raise funds for charity. The girls asked me if I were to have a hike on one particular night and would I be near a local forest. I answered yes and they flushed and were very nervous leaving the room.

On Monday, they returned to school in a very agitated state and I asked my deputy Judy to talk to the girls which she did. They told her that their parents were spiritualists and also into witchcraft and that that night these girls had to dance naked around a fire with many other naked participants and they were embarrassed and ashamed. Some girls were taken into the bushes by men and violated. To add to the girls worries, my hike may have occasioned my seeing them naked as my hike was close to this event. Their parents explained that the spirits communicate better with people if they are naked. Whatever people say, that was abuse. Sexual depravity is a feature of the occult.”

We understand that this is a regular event among witches worldwide.

Some will have different views on the example quoted above but black magic is the use of alleged magic powers for evil and selfish purposes.

Schoolgirls forced to dance naked before a fire and some to be taken into the bushes for sex is evil and is immoral.

Black magic is malicious and evil. It is more often that not irretrievably linked both to Satanism and the atheism that denies the God of the Bible. It can involve devil worship and invokes spirits who, apparently, can best communicate if you are naked.

Certain films and TV series portray black magic such as Rosemary's Baby, The Craft, Harry Potter films, Charmed and The Secret Circle.

Spiritism and spiritualism teaches that you can communicate with the dead usually through mediums. There are those who state that this actually works and that the messages from the other side are accurate and reveal things that only the enquirer would know.

What I and many others have experienced is the lies, deception and frauds of spiritualists. Betty Shine revealed falsehoods to a friend insisting that they were true. My friend's late father was happy on the other side and talking about his years in the Philippines. He never left the UK. David Icke states that we come from reptiles, that the Queen drinks children's blood every day for breakfast, that Ted Heath murdered children and that only he, David Icke, understands crop circles. He walked around my town for a considerable time saying that he was both Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah. He now says that Jesus Christ does not exist and never has. He claimed that the spirits in another dimension told him that he should only wear purple, which he did for a time. At a meeting, he told Mavis that her mother was safe and happy on the other side and Mavis remonstrated saying that her mother was alive and well and, in fact, sitting next to her and Mother stood up.

It is known that some mediums put 'plants' in the audience and some mediums have someone at the door taking the entrance money and finding out some information which they pass on to the medium.

In my research, I have been outside a room in a spiritualist meeting, both unseen and unheard, and listened to what was being planned inside in order that the coming meeting would be sensational and would prove the mediums powers. All very fraudulent and deceptive.

With all these facts in mind, it is clear that we should have nothing to do with the occult. We have known very many people who have become involved in these dangerous practices and have also become insane and never recovered.

What does the Bible say?

Idolatry is the worship, adherence and belief in various pagan gods and pagan practices. An idol is anything or anyone or any belief that replaces the true God, the God of the Bible.

In 1 Samuel 28, Saul went to the witch at Endor, or, rather, the medium at Endor asking her to conjure up the dead prophet, Samuel. The prophet foretold the death of Saul which did happen. The Bible does not say, suggest or imply that the medium was real or that this incident had God's approval.

In Ephesians 6 verses 11 and 12, we read of the wiles and the cleverness of the Devil as principalities, powers, the rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places which Christians must avoid.

Jeremiah 10 speaks of false gods and the superstitions of the heathen who have false and vain doctrines and not the doctrines of the true God.

Jeremiah 27.9 talks of false prophets who are sorcerers and whose words are therefore lies.

Deuteronomy 4.19 speaks of those who worship the sun, the moon and the stars of heaven, which is the precursor of astrology, and compare this with 2 Kings 21 where king Manasseh built altars of worship for these celestial bodies and made children walk through the fire to appease the false god Moloch. The king and his followers depended on these people who had familiar spirits, that is to say mediums, as well as paranormalism.

Solomon built temples to the false gods and yet some Christians absurdly assert that he is a type of Christ!

This is all idolatry, and idolaters will not enter heaven as stated in 1 Corinthians 6. 9 and this is confirmed in Revelation 22.15. It is said that idolatry has one thing at its core, namely self. People worship at the altar of what they perceive as right and those who disagree are in the wrong. Idolatry is the adherence to something other than God (Exodus 20.3).

The Ten Commandments state what God has said, Thou shalt have no other god but me. Colossians defines examples of idolatry such as sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and covetousness. 1 John 5.2 warns us to keep away from idols. Galatians 5. 19ff lists the works of the flesh, that is to say things which are not Christian and therefore not spiritual, and such abominations include sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, strife, anger, dissensions, envy, drunkenness and orgies.

There are very clever magicians.

How did David Copperfield make a large airliner disappear when it was surrounded by many people holding hands? Apparently, he also made the Statue of Liberty disappear.

Derren Brown is said to be a successful mind reader. How does he do this?

One can only say that they are very skilful illusionists. It is trickery and the majority of people are becoming even more annoyed at this type of thing, feeling that they are being conned and made fools of.

There are writers, some of whom are not Christians, who draw attention to the sensationalism of various aspects of the occult and compare it with the sensationalism of Elim and other Pentecostal and charismatic churches who state that they are superior having charismatic gifts. Some claim that they are so blessed by God that they can perform miracles which are, in themselves, sensational and, of course, miraculous. The psychic, Betty Shine, said the same thing and claimed to heal people without seeing them and this being after the senior doctors with all their efforts and expertise failed. We know charismatic healers who have claimed the same thing and thereby asserted that their abilities are greater than the most able doctors and specialists. Morris Cerullo healed a girl of cancer and said she would live a long life. She died three months later. This is one of many examples that we could quote.

We are certainly not saying that all Pentecostals are like this, and the majority of them would condemn the actions of these self-appointed, ultra-superior people.

Graham Scroggie said, "There are no better Christians but there are more obedient ones!" The Christian life has no place for so-called superior Christians and possess personal vanity since the New Testament states that God resists the proud. In all things Christ is to have the pre-eminence. You cannot be full of the Holy Spirit if you are full of yourself.

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