

THE OUIJA BOARD

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The Ouija board is also known as the talking board. It is marked with the letters of the alphabet, the numbers 0 to 9, the words yes, no, hello and goodbye and has various symbols and graphics.

There is some indication that Ouija Board or something similar were known in China in the 1100s but that, in the West, the first advertisements for them appeared in the USA in 1891.

Some insist that they are not related to the occult or spiritualism, but they are.

The original idea that it was an innocent parlour game is universally disputed. Scientists claim it is certainly a dangerous activity. Christianity and other religions condemn it.

The action of the board is parsimoniously explained by unconscious moments of those controlling the pointer. The pointer picks out letters one by one to spell words and even produce phrases and sentences. It is said that all present join hands to control the pointer.

At the end of the session, the users must enter goodbye or else it is said that the spirits can accompany attendees to their various homes and create havoc.

Those who use the Ouija board are said to be in an cult. It is used in séances and other spiritualist meetings and it is said to be used to contact the dead.

At the trial of Joshua Tucker, his mother said that he had carried out the murders because he was possessed by the Devil who contacted him while he was using a Ouija board. G K Chesterton used it and was into the occult as well. The poetry of W B Yeats is said to have been inspired by his wife's use of a Ouija board.

Alistair Crowley, one of the most hateful men who ever lived, was an occultist and has written that a good way of using the Ouija board is to get what you want, but you have to use the proper magical incantation and be in a consecrated circle.

Many years ago a student of mine, Patrick, talked to me about this matter saying it was all the talk of his school and that one of our royals used the Ouija board. He was a little confused with this and with witchcraft and said a message came through from the board that schoolchildren could be kidnapped and taken to a secret place and have to be stripped naked. He did not want anyone to see him like this and he was only fourteen. This really scared him but he tried to bring some humour into this by saying that if Sally was kidnapped he would love to see her naked as would all the boys in his school.

His fear was even more acute when a message came through that his cat would die and it did. He was not using the board himself, but a friend was.

The Ouija board has been used in films and is always connected with evil as in the film, The Exorcist.

There is an extensive list of those who have used it, or had others use it for them, who have developed mental illness and what has been identified as Devil possession and sometimes demon possession. One must conclude that it a device used by the Devil and/or evil spirits.

A friend who is a psychiatrist has often said that people who are involved in spiritualism and the occult often make up the largest number of patients in mental health institutions, particularly in cities.

The simple explanation is that the Devil is very clever and uses all sorts of things to deliberately cause disruption and sometimes disaster.

Why do people dabble in such things? Is it because they want to know if there is life after death and to hear from those in the after-life world?

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