

## WITCHCRAFT AND THE CHRISTIAN

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Witchcraft is the use of alleged supernatural and magical facilities. Supernatural refers to things that cannot be explained by science, evidence or reason such as ghosts and clairvoyance. Magic is the supposed power to make things happen by using alleged supernatural powers, trickery and illusion. Illusion is that which is false and deceptive. Illusions create delusions the belief in something that is false, untrue or mistaken.

In the world of mental health there are delusional disorders when someone believes something to be true but it is not. You will find that some people will state and believe something that is impossible and proved to be false and yet they still believe and will not let the matter go and argue about the matter persistently which has become an obsession. It is often said that such people have a vivid imagination which runs away with them.

So witchcraft and magic is trickery and illusion which leads some people into mental disability.

It is also a branch of paganism. A pagan originally referred to a country dweller. It joins science, metaphysics, mysticism, a belief in something that is not real, and one's personal spirit, that is to say a spirituality that is not Christian or religious. Very few pagans believe in God, Jesus Christ, Christianity. Therefore, paganism is anti-God and the Bible. It is atheistic.

There are some spiritualists, mediums and psychics who appear to have the power to reveal things accurately about the deceased without any apparent prior knowledge and can foretell some future events.

Even if that is true, the Bible teaches that such people be avoided. I can also cite many cases of fraud and deception by mediums and the like including the famous ones. It must be stressed that some mediums are exceptionally clever in their deceptions and the public can be very gullible.

Perhaps I should also say that it is said there are some mediums who are sincere but that does not mean that they are right!

On this site there are many essays on the subject of spiritualists, mediums and psychics who are deceivers, liars and downright evil!

Exodus 22.18 states, Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. The implication is that some women were involved in sorcery which is another word for witchcraft and magic.

Leviticus 19. 31 tells us that we are not to regard those that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards so as not to be defiled by them. Those with familiar spirits are called mediums. A medium is someone who supposedly can communicate with the dead. A wizard in this context is man who deals in sorcery and could be called the male version of a witch.

Leviticus 20. 6 records God saying, And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits (mediums), and after wizards, to go a-whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and cut him off from among his people.

Deuteronomy 18. 10 talks about the horror of human sacrifices and those who practice or see divination, observers of time, or are enchanters, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits or a wizard or a necromancer, all who do these things are an abomination unto the Lord. A necromancer is someone who uses a form of alleged magic involving communication with the dead and is associated with black magic and witchcraft. An abomination is severe sin hated by God.

1 Samuel 15.23 reads, For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Witchcraft is sin and rebellion against God, opposition to God. It is abominable.

There is the curious story of Saul and the witch at Endor in 1 Samuel 28. Saul had banished witches and wizards from his kingdom (verse 3) but, in disguise, he visits mediums at Endor. The medium received him suspiciously because her acts were illegal. She was asked to call up the prophet Samuel and an apparition appeared. An apparition is a ghost not the person.

Isaiah 8. 19 states that people should seek the living God and not seek those with familiar spirits and wizards with their peep and mutter. Isaiah 19. 3 tells us that God will destroy those who seek idols, charmers, those who have familiar spirits (mediums) and wizards. Isaiah 29. 4 also condemns mediums who will be brought low into the dust.

In Micah 5.12 God speaks and says, I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand and thou shalt have no more soothsayers. A soothsayer is a prophet, one who foretells future events. David J Clark refers to these soothsayers being contrary to Mosaic Law.

If you say that this is all Old Testament, then consult Galatians 5. 20. Among those who will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven are those involved with witchcraft. They are not Christians, not born again and will not have eternal life in Heaven.

I have been told that there are white witches who do good. If that is so, it is very misleading and inappropriate that they be called witches

On a personal note this is part of an address I gave in 1990 and I was not aware that it was recorded and copies circulated. I received death threats from some anonymous people who heard the recording and were into witchcraft and who also said that they were Satanists and would put a curse on me and haunt me for the rest of my life.

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