

## Demonism (part 14)

(Continuation of study of the ten ways Satan is effectively paving the way for the Antichrist)

- #1, Globalism, One World Order.
- #2, Occultism outside and inside the church.
- #3, Apostasy.
- #4, Worldwide Web.
- #5, Animosity towards Israel.
- #6, Buildup of the kings of the east, Asian power.
- #7, Buildup of the king of the north, Russian power.
- #8, Buildup of Europe (the European Common Market), the Revived Roman Empire.
- #9, Preparation of the Jews to accept the False Prophet.
- #10, Destruction of the United States.

### **47. #2: Occultism outside and inside of the church.**

- a. Occultism is widespread throughout the United States in society and within the church. Only God knows how close we are to the tipping point of being destroyed as a nation due to occult activity.
- b. “Occult” comes from the Latin word *occultus*, which means “dark, secret, hidden, or mysterious.” It expressly alludes to the intrusion of a spiritual realm—a fourth dimension—into our three-dimensional world.
- c. God has explicitly warned His people about participating in such activity in the Old Testament and New Testament (Gal 5:20). In spite of this warning, occultism fills popular brands of “Christianity” (Word of Faith Movement, Benny Hinn, Joel Osteen) and Christian television programming. This nonsense is exactly what happens with Bible doctrine is neglected and rejected.
- d. Occultism is one of the main reasons God destroys a nation. There is a point in which occultism becomes so saturated that God destroys that nation. This is what happened to the Roman Empire. It was because of occultism that God destroyed the ancient Canaanites.

Deuteronomy 18:9 "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. 10 "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you. 13 "You shall be blameless before the LORD your God.

- e. Modern technology has made it possible for America to experience the greatest occult explosion of all time. This has been thoroughly researched and documented in Dave Hunt's book, *The New Spirituality*.
- f. The New Age Movement that is so prevalent today, is anything but new. New Age roots go back thousands of years to the occult religions of the Babylonians and India's pantheistic Hindu beliefs.
- g. Satan's lies embedded in all occultism, from the Zen Mediation to the Word of Faith Movement's affirmations of believers being gods, are nothing but different versions of the same four lies in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden '?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'" 4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die! 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

- 1) God's Word cannot be trusted, 1, 4, 5.
- 2) Man does not have to die, 4.
- 3) Man can become a god, 5.
- 4) Man can evolve through hidden knowledge, 6.

- h. Contrary to common belief, even in much of contemporary Christianity, Satan's demons of darkness appear as angels of light in order to deceive the world:

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

- i. Satan's deception is alluring. It is found in organizations, procedures, latest breakthroughs, psychology, and even physical fitness.
- j. The Pledge of Allegiance still proclaims that we are "one nation under God"—but which god? Our country is saturated with nature worship, worship of self, reincarnation, psychics, and occult activity on Christian TV programming. Native American superstitions are regularly celebrated on TV ads. Most Christians are deistic in their outlook in that they believe that God is not continuously sustaining all things; they think that created things have the power to sustain themselves. Logic, truth, and Christian metaphysics are unheard of in local churches. Moreover, the pluralism in our country has almost erased all confidence in absolute truth or morality. The social engineers have done a stellar job in brainwashing the American mind into thinking that all religions are equally valid. Our society has been cajoled, deluded, beguiled, and seduced into believing and accepting occultism under the cloak of tolerance and religious pluralism, which has reduced the authenticity of any one religious belief.
- k. The extent of occultism in American is astonishing. We should not be surprised for when Bible doctrine is rejected, a vacuum is set up in a person's soul which sucks in kosmic doctrines. A few stats on the saturation of occultism in our country:
  - 1) About four out of every ten adults strongly concur that when Christians, Jews, Buddhists, and others pray to their god, all of those individuals are actually praying to the same god, but simply use different names for that deity.
  - 2) Over 70% of baby boomers believe in psychic powers.
  - 3) Over 67% of American adults claim to have had a psychic experience such as extrasensory perception.
  - 4) People like Dionne Warwick and Billy Dee Williams star in TV programs urging people to call "America's top professional psychics."

- 5) A popular New Age magazine, *Body, Mind & Spirit*, tells Americans that they can “Now with a single phone call, you can choose for yourself from among the country’s leading Master Psychics including: ASTROLOGERS . . . NUMEROLOGISTS. . . DREAM INTERPRETERS . . . TAROT CARD READERS . . . CHANNELERS . . . PAST LIFE THERAPISTS . . . CLAIRVOYANTS . . . AURA READERS . . . and HEALERS.” All of this is available for a mere \$3.95 per minute on a convenient 900 number.
- 6) The occult of astrology. Just as many people once believed that the stars were gods, many today believe that the positions of the stars and planets at the time of one’s birth determine one’s character, abilities, and destiny. Most Americans identify more with their horoscope than they do the Word of God. They actually believe that the sign they were born under has more to do with their makeup than free will and God’s plan for their lives. More than 85% of newspapers in America carry horoscope columns. Gallup polls shows that more than 32 million Americans believe in Astrology in that “the stars influence people’s lives” so they daily consult their horoscopes. There are about 175,000 astrologers in our country. About 55% of teenagers (ages 13-18) believe in astrology. Around 10% of evangelicals believe in astrology.
- 7) Occult and necromancy in the White House.
  - a. Both former President Reagan and his wife Nancy were involved in astrology. Nancy is reported to have consulted horoscopes and a California astrologer before making major decisions affecting both the Reagans’ private and political lives. While I think Reagan was a great president who loved our country, we cannot overlook or excuse this occult activity or just blame it *all* on his wife.
  - b. Mary Todd Lincoln held séances in an upstairs room of the White House to the amusement of President Lincoln.
  - c. Hillary Clinton used New Age psychic Jean Houston, Codirector of the Foundation for Mind Research, to talk to the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt. Reports say that Mrs. Clinton had talks with Roosevelt and Mohandas Gandhi. When Clinton was asked about it, she said “Now I’m sure that there will be a talk show host somewhere who will point out with great glee that I have gone over the edge and am talking to myself and to Mrs. Roosevelt on a regular basis, but I believe the world, and particularly our country, would be better off if we all spent a little time talking with Mrs. Roosevelt . . .” The United Methodist Bishop of Arkansas, Richard Wilke, endorsed Mrs. Clinton’s involvement with necromancy, saying, “I think it’s marvelous that she’s having experiences like this,” adding that Mrs. Clinton was

“one of the most profound lay theologians in the United Methodist Church.” What a demonic mess ☹

- 8) It is imperative that the believer walk in fellowship with God. The old sin nature is like a radar screen that can pick up all kinds of demonic crap. All one has to do to tune into kosmos diabolicus is to get out of fellowship and stay there for a while.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20 idolatry, sorcery,** enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Safe and Sound in Him,

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