

Demonism (part 15)

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

#1, Globalism, One-World Order.

#2, Occultism.

#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.

(continuation of **47. #2: Occultism.**)

1. Bible teaches of a literal being called Satan who is out to deceive the world and destroy the spiritual lives of believers.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.

- m. Witchcraft in American. Witchcraft has always been a means for extracting information or guidance from a demon/god. Browse through almost any mall bookstore and you will find an entire section of occult books that children of any age can acquire. These occult sections are typically much larger than the Christian sections. Public libraries also have a great demand from people with an ardent curiosity in books dealing with witchcraft, demonology, and the occult. There are also a number of websites celebrating all kinds of occultism and witchcraft that even offer daily e-mails. However, the Bible calls sorcery witchcraft, and strictly forbids the practice.

Deuteronomy 18:10 "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,

Exodus 22:18 "You shall not allow a sorceress to live. [Since we do not live under a theocracy, the death penalty for witchcraft does not apply. The point here is to show God's attitude toward the occult.]

- n. Witches and sorcerers have tried to sanitize their practice by calling it "white" witchcraft or "white" magic as opposed to "black" witchcraft and "black" magic. What "magicians" teach is that there is only one source of power, whereas black magicians believe in a good source and bad source of power. White magic is nothing more than Satan transforming himself into an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

- o. Satanism. Some who practice black magic have made a pact with Satan. Some occult "churches" require submission to Satan as a requirement for membership. There are an increasing number of Satanic websites complete with Satanic literature and downloadable membership forms. Maury Terry, an investigative reporter, writes in his book *the Ultimate Evil*:

There is compelling evidence of the existence of nationwide network of satanic cults, some aligned more closely than others. Some are purveying narcotics; others have branched into child pornography and violent sadomasochistic crime, including murder. I am concerned that the toll of innocent victims will steadily mount unless law enforcement officials recognize the threat and face it.

- p. Occultism in music. Although rock music in and of itself is not Satanic, it has been used by some heavy-metal groups like Black Sabbath to give altar calls for Satan, inviting young people to come forward to make Satan their lord. Lyrics in their song “Master of Reality” call Satan the “Lord of this world” and “your confessor now.” Ozzy Osbourne, son of a pastor and former lead singer for Black Sabbath, has also given an altar call for Satan at one of his concerts. Some members of the group Iron Maiden openly admit that they are dabbling in the occult, including witchcraft. The group has opened with the words “Welcome to Satan’s sanctuary.” Some of the most common themes found in these groups include illegal drugs, illicit sex, violence, incest, rebellion against authority, and rebellion against God.
- q. Occultism in the cinema. Many movies actually glorify Satan and/or his power: e.g., *The Exorcist*, *Rosemary’s Baby*, *The Amityville Horror*, and *Poltergeist*. Other movies degrade Jesus Christ. *The Last Temptation* depicts Jesus in a highly offensive manner. This film portrays the Son of God as a sinner, a coward, and a homosexual who stumbles through life, having an affair with Mary Magdalene along the way before being executed for his troubles. There are a host of other films which subtly plant seeds of occultism through Eastern religious thoughts as well as immorality and nihilism.
- r. Satan has done a stellar job on many fronts in corrupting families, schools, literature, and entertainment—as good is called evil and evil is called good on an increasingly level, e.g. those who believe in traditional marriage are demonized by many in the media while those who believe in same-sex marriage are viewed as virtuous. America is headed for the 5th cycle of discipline unless it turns around and begins to restore the laws of divine establishment. God destroyed the Canaanites and their “neighborites” because of occult activity, and will destroy any nation that becomes saturated with occultism. Once a nation goes from calling good evil and evil good to replacing good laws with evil laws—i.e., legislating immorality—the nation must be judged, otherwise the upcoming generation will not have sufficient opportunity to understand basic establishment principles of right and wrong.

Deuteronomy 8:19 "And it shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God, and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall surely perish. 20 "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

s. There are five decay stages of a nation with negative volition. Degeneration of a nation is always related to negative volition in that nation. The solution is not in gaining new leaders. The solution is found in positive volition. The five decay stages are found in Romans 1:18-32.

1. Rejection of God, Rom. 1:18-22. Negative volition at the point of gospel hearing and negative volition to laws of divine establishment.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

2. Idolatry, worship of creation (e.g., work, possessions, and pets), Rom. 1:23-25.

Romans 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen

3. Sexual immorality (lasciviousness and homosexuality), Rom. 1:26-27.

Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

4. Depraved/reversionistic thinking, Rom. 1:28.

Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

5. New “morality” (political correctness and legislation for the promotion of immorality) Rom. 1:32.

Romans 1:32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Safe and Sound in Him,

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