

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

(10) There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices:

Witchcraft/Divination: “the use of magical powers obtained especially from evil spirits”; “communication with the devil or a familiar spirit [demonic spirit]”; “the art or practice that seeks to foresee or foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge usually by the interpretation of omens [signs, including astrology and horoscopes] or by the aid of supernatural powers [not by the Holy Spirit].” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary); **OR** a

Soothsayer/Observer of Times: to cover over, seek to use secret dark supernatural powers; to practice sorcery, divination, witchcraft. (Strong’s Concordance). To predict the future by supernatural means [not by the Holy Spirit]; **OR** one who

Interprets Omens/Enchanter: to hiss – i.e., whisper a magic spell; to practice divination, sorcery, fortune telling (Strong’s Concordance); user of charms, incantations (words/phrases, often repeated, to manipulate, control or otherwise supernaturally affect someone or something); **OR** a

Sorcerer/Witch: Someone who prays, offer prayers, worships and/or uses magical songs [to dark spirits, false idols]; to use enchantment, magic, sorcery (Strong’s Concordance). One that is credited with usually malignant (evil in nature, influence or effect) supernatural powers, especially: a woman practicing usually black witchcraft often with the aid of a devil or familiar; sorceress.” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary) **OR**

(11) One Who Conjures Spells/Charmer: One who attempts to charm, influence someone to join them/have fellowship with them by means of magic, witchcraft, spells, etc. (Strong’s Concordance); **OR** a

Medium: One who opens themselves using [dark] supernatural means through incantations, prayers, magical songs, sorcery, witchcraft in an attempt to communicate with [dark] spirits or the dead; *literally*, someone serving as a vessel for a python (snake spirit)/demon. (Strong’s Concordance, paraphrased in part); “an individual held to be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary) **OR** a

Spiritist/Wizard: a knower, false prophet; one who has a familiar spirit; soothsayer, necromancer; one with a spirit of divination, a spirit of a python, who speaks words to confuse and deceive their hearers. (Strong’s Concordance) **OR** one

Who Calls Up the Dead/Necromancer: One who seeks to communicate with the dead. (Strong’s Concordance). “One who conjures up the spirits of the dead for purposes of magically revealing the future or influencing the course of events; the practice of talking to the spirits of dead people; the use of magic powers especially for evil purposes.” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

(12) **For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.**

God considers these things to be idolatrous; they honor demonic spirits, and thus He calls them abominations or detestable things, things that He hates. Interestingly, He says these practices are a reason why He sent Israel in to dispossess these people. We do not want to practice customs that ultimately bring on God's wrath and destruction.

In Leviticus 20:6, God likens spiritism to prostitution, the physical counterpart to spiritual prostitution, idolatry. To God, witchcraft and occultism are similar to sexual immorality, but one is physical and the other is spiritual. Which is worse—physical or spiritual prostitution? Both defile the purity God desires in our flesh and in our spirit (II Corinthians 7:1). This linking of spiritism with sexual sins and idolatry occurs elsewhere (Exodus 22:16-20; I Samuel 15:22-23). **Witchcraft is equated with them because it is both prostitution and idolatry.**

When a Christian meddles in spiritism of any kind, whether witchcraft, sorcery, divination, consulting a medium or fortune-teller, or even reading a horoscope, he undermines his relationship with God—just as a man who visits a prostitute damages his relationship with his wife. Someone else is coming between the two covenanted parties, causing division. Occultism puts a wedge between God and the Christian; he might as well bow to an idol. It produces the same result: to drive him away from God.

The New Testament takes the same approach as the Old: Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery...of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:19-21) The apostle Paul speaks of adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and licentiousness—all with at least overtones of sexuality—then he mentions idolatry and immediately thereafter sorcery! It cannot be just a coincidence that they all fall in this order. **Those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God because they are not fulfilling their covenant with God.**

"Sorcery," intriguingly, is *pharmakeia* in Greek, from which we derive our words "pharmacy" and "pharmaceutical." Diviners, enchanters, witches, and sorcerers employed drugs and other potions to put them or their clients "in the spirit" so their "magic" would work. The drugs, then, came to stand for sorcery of all kinds. For the same reason, drug use is part of the celebration among the more serious Halloween devotees today.

The Bible's teaching on this is consistent. Spiritism, the occult, is a form of idolatry, a kind of spiritual prostitution. Its end is separation from God and eventual destruction.

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**“What is witchcraft? Voluntarily opening yourself up to demonic spirits.” Dr. Jim Logan,
Biblical Restoration Ministries**

“Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, those who consult the spirits of the dead or

**familiar spirits (demons), for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.”
Leviticus 19:31**

“I will set My face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people.” Leviticus 20:6

“So do not corrupt yourselves by making an idol or image in any form—whether of a man or a woman, an animal on the ground, a bird in the sky, a small animal that scurries along the ground, or a fish in the deepest sea. And when you look up into the sky and see the sun, moon, and stars—all the forces of heaven—don’t be seduced into worshiping or serving [which includes submitting to] them.” Deuteronomy 4:16-19

“Do not practice fortune-telling (divination) or witchcraft (soothsaying).” Deuteronomy 19:26 NLT & NKJV

“When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens (also translated an observer of times), engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.” Deuteronomy 18:9-11 NIV

While several activities listed in the subject title above (astrology, psychics, fortune telling, etc.) are considered by many to be merely “harmless” advice seeking, entertainment, “just for fun,” etc., and may appear to be very different than the other categories (false gods, religions and spirituality, witchcraft, etc.), ***biblically they are treated the same***. It is critical to understand that spiritual, biblical fact and not be naïve and disarmed by how widely present, accepted, “legitimized” and even culturized and commercialized the former have become in the United States and elsewhere.

After unbelief, there is no offense more serious to God mentioned in the Bible than worshipping false gods/spiritual intermingling/adultery, even in the seemingly slightest sense. Reflective of that biblical fact are His own repeated, specific and severe words throughout the Bible, and heavily concentrated in the Old Testament, utterly condemning such beliefs and practices and the fact that engaging in them was punishable by banishment and death under Mosaic (Jewish) law. Leviticus 20:27; Exodus 22:18. Presently and historically, these condemned-by-God engagements, beliefs and practices and the various aspects, variations and combinations thereof, ***which all originate from dark spirits***, are found in “New Age” (which actually isn’t new at all, but instead is rooted in very old dark spirit origins), Paganism, Witchcraft, Satanism, Animism, Pantheism, Polytheism, the occult, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and other un-Christian beliefs, practices, systems and organizations. And many are more subtle and mainstream, like yoga, certain alternative medicine/healing practices, “personal power”

methodologies and practices (for example, “The Secret,” and similar belief systems and practices), etc.

There are many such dark spiritual types/variations in the world and many, many books and other warfare related and other “Christian” teachings, biblical and unbiblical, exist regarding them. This manual does not attempt to comprehensively cover them. Rather, the coverage herein is focused on the core ungodly, unbiblical dark spiritual components of them, which they all share to varying degrees, and what the Bible specifically says about them. If you understand what they all are at their core, their ungodly, dark essence, and what the Bible says about their core components, you don’t need to focus at all on the many different names, titles and other designations – whatever they call themselves – or be adept at an array of apologetic arguments to understand why they are false and dangerous and/or to refute them. All you need to understand are the fundamentals of how they are all similar, their originating source and purpose (the dark spirit realm and its inhabitants’ agenda), and that in the Bible God specifically, thoroughly, repeatedly, and severely spoke about and condemned them for what they all are – quite simply, not of God but rather of the enemy.[\[1\]](#)

In that connection, the critically important spiritual core concept/foundational principle to always remember regarding this issue is that essentially any spiritual belief or practice involves one of two things – God, His Holy Spirit and His Kingdom of Light; or satan, his dark spirits and his kingdom of darkness. Spiritual power originates in one of those two realms. Quite simply, there is no third option. If you believe or are otherwise involved in anything “spiritual,” it originates from one of those two aforementioned sources and realms. The question then is what, or rather who, are you opening yourself up to. It’s an issue of invitation, gates, access and entry. Please also note that I said involved in anything “spiritual” and not “spiritual power”. That is because even beliefs, practices, idols and other things that have no actual spiritual power in and of themselves but instead are falsely spiritual have as their origin the dark realm. A particular practice, idol or book for example may not have any intrinsic power or capability to manifest any, but its concept/the tactic it is used for originated in the dark realm and it can serve as a door opener or gate for real dark spirit power to enter through.

So, by way of an example, using the extremely culturally common practice of reading daily horoscopes, if you read a horoscope you are opening yourself (your gate) to and in-taking (making a way) for something that has its origin and source in dark spirit beliefs and practices and to the dark spirit(s) that it originated from. Biblically then, according to God’s own words, by so doing (or by going to a “psychic” or consulting a Ouija board, getting your “palm read,” using tarot cards, getting your “fortune told,” “consulting” with dead relatives, etc.) you are submitting to, pursuing and even worshipping spirits other than God and engaging in something

put in the class of offenses that includes idol worship, sacrificing children and the penalties of banishment and death. However, as dire as the ultimate, eternal penalty is, the more imminent dire consequence of engaging in this kind of belief and/or activity is that you are inviting dark spirits into your life and giving them authority and access they would not otherwise have had.

So, in closing, if it's purported to be, resembles, is symbolic of, or is actually spiritual in nature and it is not biblical do not have anything whatsoever to do with it. For when you send out an invitation or open your door, while perhaps not at once or every time, eventually they will come.

[\[1\]](#) Dark spirits are the “authors of heathen worship” and by engaging in such things we are “sharing and partaking with” and “being brought into fellowship with them”. 1 Corinthians 10:21; Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Strong's Concordance

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