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Welcome to the journey that is going to change your life!

God bless,

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Topic & Goal:

- **Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia, & Sorcery – Goal:** to define and explain the principality of occultism, pharmakia, & sorcery. **To accomplish this goal, we will:**
 - ✚ Define Occultism, Pharmakia, & Sorcery
 - ✚ Examine Belief Systems
 - ✚ Discuss Medical Practices
 - ✚ Give A Partial List of The Occult
 - ✚ Give “Prayer For Overcoming The Occult”



Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia, & Sorcery

Definition

"Occultism" and "occult" are words usually associated with psychics, witches, warlocks, druids, wicca, or even Satanism. A dictionary provides a more thorough and useful definition.

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines "occult" as "1. Of or pertaining to any system claiming use or knowledge of secret or supernatural powers or agencies. 2. Beyond ordinary knowledge or understanding. 3. Secret; disclosed or communicated only to the initiated. 4. Hidden from view. 5. The occult, the supernatural or supernatural agencies and affairs considered as a whole. 6. To block or shut off (an object) from view; hide. 7. To hide (a celestial body) by occultation. 8. To become hidden or view, cover up (conceal)."

In astronomy, occultation is the passage of one celestial body in front of another, thus hiding the other from view: an eclipse. Occultation is especially applied to a moon passing the between an observer and a star or planet. When the moon comes between the sun and the earth it is called an "occult moon" because it blocks us from seeing the sun.

A Biblical definition of occultism includes any belief or practice that opposes the law of God. It also means any belief or practice that comes between God and us, just as the occult moon comes between the earth and the sun. Occultism thus includes anything that blocks you from, or comes between, you and God. In your mind picture the moon coming between the sun and the earth and then think about anything in your life that comes between you and God. This is the Biblical definition of occultism.

Central to occultism is man's desire to be his own god. In practical terms, this any means using lawless and godless processes to seize control over our lives and the universe. In every appearance and application, occultism is rebellion against God and His authority.

Rebellion stems from self-righteousness and Phariseeism. When Satan, and later Adam and Eve, rebelled against God they didn't think of themselves as sinners. Instead, they saw themselves as freedom-fighters, heroic champions standing against a tyrannical and arbitrary God. Does this sound familiar? They saw sin only as an attribute of God because He had supposedly concealed from them their own claim to divinity and had lied about the consequences of human freedom. Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die," thus implying that God had lied. Satan told Adam that God did not want him to be like Him. "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5). After Adam's fall, men certainly came to know evil!

Since then, rebellion has characterized mankind. They see it as a principle of freedom, self-realization, and self-development. People choose to believe that freedom from obeying His laws somehow released them from answering to His laws. They thought rebellion brought them some sort of earthly utopia. But they fooled themselves. Rebellion has not freed us from the temporal or eternal consequences of disobedience.



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Definition (continued)

I Samuel 15:23 says, "for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." The word translated "witchcraft" can also be translated as soothsaying or divination.

Samuel equates opposition and disobedience to God to soothsaying, witchcraft, divination, and stubbornness. In actuality, all disobedience is idolatry, because it places the human self-will on a par with God — like a god. Opposition to God's Word and commandments is really a rejection of God, thus idolatry and occultism.

Occultism is one of Satan's principalities. Many lesser, but still powerful entities or demons that we expose support it by name, Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

We have separated the principality of occultism into two major types of deceptions. First, we see false religions or belief systems, and then, modern medical practices. It is important to remember God's definition of occultism as you study through this chapter.

Belief Systems

Satan is a master deceiver, seeking to counterfeit the Godhead. First, he wants to counterfeit the Father's will for mankind. He tries to lure us into thinking and seeing life in a way that is different than God's way. Jesus labeled him a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44).

Secondly, Satan wants to counterfeit God's Word, so he entices us with another gospel. Remember that Satan knows Scripture quite well. He began corrupting it from the beginning. As he spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden, he made subtle changes in the commandments God gave to Adam and Eve. He did this to influence Eve to adopt his way of thinking.

He tried tricking Christ by misquoting Scripture while tempting Him in the wilderness. Luke 4 records the story. But Jesus, the Living Word, straightened Satan out!

Satan wants to teach men a gospel different from God's gospel. Satan's gospel is described as "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5). This also describes divination and occultism. It's a way of thinking that twists the truth, often using Scripture to establish some credibility. New Age teachings run rampant with this type of pseudo-Christian thinking.

Thirdly, Satan wants to counterfeit the Holy Spirit. During his rebellion against God, Satan said, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:14). Satan is a master plagiarist and illusionist. Satan mystically attaches Jesus' name to false teaching to give it credibility. He throws around the term "Christian" any time it helps him sell a lie. The teachings of Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Moon, and others provide examples. These churches twist God's truth and deceive mankind.

Satan attaches the word "Christian" to stars, heroes and personalities and uses their ungodly acts to trick people into changing their minds about him God says to test the spirits to see whether or not they are His.



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Belief Systems (continued)

Satan is clever and he knows that Biblical principles applied in the lives of nonbelievers still bring blessings. Practicing the charity of I Corinthians 13 brings a blessing. The cheerful heart that gives financial aid to a hurting family receives a blessing. The man who refuses to be surety for another is blessed by this application of Proverbs 11:15.

Matthew 5:45 says, "... your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." God's laws apply to the saved and unsaved. But as it concerns eternity, the unsaved are headed straight to Hell, while the saved join the Savior, Jesus Christ, for all eternity.

Satan's subtle lie is that if you have evidence of what appears to be a blessing of God in your life, it is safe to assume that you belong to God. You receive a promotion, even though you cheated on a test, and Satan says, "See, God blessed you anyway." You pray to God because you have a financial need, and then you find a billfold full money, and an identification card. You keep the money, because Satan says, "See, God answers prayers in unusual ways." Satan contends that the proof is in the blessing. Christian faith and the blessings it bestows are not based on experiences, but on obedience to God.

God speaks the truth in Matthew 16:26. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? "

And again in Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Our eternal life is at stake. We must accept God's gift of His Son to receive salvation. There is no other way. John 3:16-17 tells us clearly, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."

Remember that Satan is a master illusionist and deceiver. II Timothy 3:1-7 says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Sorcery can also be called "spiritual bewitchment." Sorcery enters our lives through doctrines of devils. I Timothy 4:1 warns us of this: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." What are doctrines of devils? This refers to the teachings of Satan — counterfeit doctrine — taught to us by other men. A perverse mindset drives these theological, philosophical, and ideological teachings. They distort and twist God's truth, and are heretical. They bring about spiritual bewitchment.



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Belief Systems (continued)

Matthew 24:23-24 tells us about another spiritual bewitchment: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

The name "Christ" is not the last name of Jesus. It means the "anointed one" or "anointing." In the last days (today) there will be many false prophets, and they will demonstrate many signs and wonders in their false anointing. They will deceive many of God's elect if they are not walking in the real Spirit of God; allowing the Spirit of Discernment to be in full operation.

We must always remember that the Lord will never call a stone building ever again. I Corinthians 3:16 says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" The primary application of the "abomination of the desolation" described in the book of Daniel is in each of us. We are His temple. The anti-Christ may set up his throne in a temple in Jerusalem but that will be too obvious to fool many. The real deception that we must watch for is within the church and thus within each of us.

Another spiritual bewitchment is the false, heretical doctrine of reincarnation. It is Satan's attempt to use human reason and teaching to convince us that we can avoid the penalty of the judgment. **Hebrews 9:27 says, "... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Men die once!**

Spiritual bewitchment exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:5 says, "Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." II Corinthians 10:5 tells us to guard against Satan's tactics by, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." If we do not know His Word and precepts we will be deceived.

Reincarnation, standing on its foundation of spiritual bewitchment says, "You don't need to worry about the judgment, because you get a chance to come back again and again and work out your sin progressively through rebirth. Someday you, too, can be a god." This teaching is sorcery and a doctrine of devils.

The false doctrine of karma supports the lie of reincarnation. Karma refers to a person's actions and deeds. When karma is coupled to reincarnation, a false belief system results that teaches that every deed, whether good or bad, has an inevitable consequence. Its adherents liken this to the Biblical principle of sowing and reaping. It twists the meaning of Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25 and 29. Galatians 6:7-9 teaches that a little sin, or even a minor false doctrine, corrupts our entire life and affects how we conduct our lives.

Believers in karma say it explains man's present condition and proposes a way out of suffering. People are told to do good deeds to pay off all their bad karma. This places them in good stead for their next life, and positions them to eventually attain nirvana - A mythological state of perfect blessedness achieved through extinction of the self (as taught in Buddhism). They believe eventually they will become pure spirit through this process of evolution of the soul.



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Belief Systems (continued)

The spiritual bewitchment of karma and reincarnation are common New Age teachings. It teaches that spirit guides, who are highly evolved former humans, no longer, need to reincarnate because they have paid off all their karmic debt. These spirit guides are available to help human seekers find good karma and so, make progress on their own road to nirvana. The promise of spiritual evolution is also found in the doctrines of Jainism, Hinduism, and occultism.

The truth is that the laws of karma and reincarnation are really Satan's doctrine of self-salvation. They teach that a person who offends another pays the price of that offense himself. There is no need for Jesus Christ's atonement on the cross to pay for sin. By perverting the Biblical doctrine of sowing and reaping, karma and reincarnation create a satanic doctrine where men become their own savior through the practice of good works.

God says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." He loves us so much that He provided a way for us to achieve an intimate, personal and perfect relationship with Him. God wrote us a love letter in John 3:16, saying, "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Only our Creator God can fulfill the promise of perfecting sinful, fallen men and women. The combined good karma of mankind couldn't purchase a seat outside heaven's gate, much less nirvana.

There are many other satanic deceptions. Others have written extensively about them in detail and it is not my intent to do so here. However, at the end of this chapter I have listed hundreds of these deceptions. We will discuss them later.

Medical Practices

The word *pharmakia* comes from the Greek word *pharmakeus* (Strong's 3552). It means "medication (pharmacy), and by extension, magic, either literally sorcery or witchcraft." The most literal translation is "medication from a pharmacy."

According to *USA Today*, April 24, 1998, and *Newsweek*, April 27, 1998, adverse reactions to prescription drugs are the fourth leading cause of death in America. The medicines that doctors use to heal us are now the fourth leading cause of our deaths. More recent studies show that about forty-five percent of all deaths are caused by medical mistakes, and/or adverse reactions to prescription drugs.

Are medications actually dangerous? And if so, when do medications become dangerous?

Medications often cover over real problems. When medications prevent someone from dealing with sin, the use of the drug itself becomes a sin. If a drug prevents a person from being sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and it interferes with God's work in them, it falls into the realm of the occult, obscuring the real problem. These uses of medication make them dangerous.

Would I use antibiotics to kill a bacterial infection? Yes, I would. However, first, I would also search myself to see if I entertained anger, bitterness, anxiety, or some other sin that weakened my immune system.



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Medical Practices (continued)

Is it wrong to take ibuprofen, aspirin or acetaminophen for temporary relief of a tension headache? Probably not, but it is essential that you understand that tension is a spiritual problem and that you must take steps to deal with it; which is most likely stress related.

Many doctors recommend taking an aspirin a day as a blood thinner. They suggest this could prevent heart attacks and strokes. We would teach you a more excellent way. Rid yourself of the anxieties, fears and bitterness that are really the root of the problem.

We do not stand against the use of certain medications for temporary use. But we will not recommend them as a permanent solution any more than we would recommend adultery as a way to get a dopamine rush to satisfy a need to be loved.

Medications can be a form of sorcery. Pharmakia and sorcery offer a type of healing that is not true healing. Addictive or habitual in nature, drugs offer a form of bondage in the name of "helps." However Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The Lord Jesus offered to give us His peace, a supernatural, healing peace. Jesus wants our hearts to be free from fear and totally at peace.

Pharmakia and sorcery can only offer a chemically-induced peace, and there is no deliverance from the real enemy. There is a more excellent way (I Corinthians 12:31). Christ offers us peace of mind during this earthly life.

Medications have unwanted physical and psychological side effects. Advertisements for many wonder-drugs carry long, detailed disclaimers about them. "CureAll (fictitious name) may cause intrauterine bleeding, nausea, thinning of the hair, headaches, scalp itch and bad breath. Some people develop delusions or hallucinations. CureAll can only be taken with doctor's prescription. But for the relief of tension-caused back cramps, nothing beats CureAll." We've all seen and read such ads.

Just as many medications have serious spiritual side effects. The disclaimers should read, "Taking CureAll prevents you from dealing with the tension that causes your back cramps and will hamper your relationship with Jesus Christ."

Spiritual and psychological problems can produce chemical imbalances in people. For example, lack of acceptance of others or ourselves, self-hatred, and self-rejection can cause fear and stress to affect the balance of the delicate endocrine system. Depression is caused by a shortage of the neurotransmitter serotonin.

The primary endocrine system consists of nine glands that produce more than one hundred hormones, neurotransmitters or interleukins. The number is constantly growing as medical science learns more about our very complicated physiology. In fact, medical science is now teaching that virtually every cell in our bodies is part of the diverse endocrine system.

Our thoughts and emotions effect the secretion of each of these glands and every cell in our bodies. An over-or under-secretion of any of these hormones or neurotransmitters has a definite effect on our health.



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Medical Practices (continued)

Most medications are designed to restore a chemical balance of some kind. Imbalances of hormones, neurotransmitters or interleukins cause the vast majority of our diseases.

Once people begin to study and apply God's truths to their lives, they will see their chemical and neurological balance come back; they will come out of depression. This type of healing never requires an expensive and dangerous drug maintenance regime. It costs nothing to maintain because it's a new way of life. It's a better life. It's a better way. It's a more excellent way.

We don't believe God is pleased when we spend up to fifty percent of our income maintaining our health, taking vitamin and mineral supplements or prescription drugs. Many people spend hundreds of dollars each month this way. God has far better ways to use our time than watching us sit in doctors' offices trying to figure out what is wrong with us, and then waiting in drugstores to get prescriptions filled.

We are to strive toward the goal of III John 1:2: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Scripture shows a direct connection between health in our body and health in our soul. The Greek word for "proper" describes a successful journey. As we mature in Christ (sanctification), our health should also prosper. And God gives us the kind of peace that only He can give, that passeth all understanding, the peace that is an alternative to the chemical peace of pharmakia (Philippians 4:7).

Reliable statistics indicate that eighty percent of all diseases are psychosomatic, including both psychological and biological diseases. A spiritual root lies behind every psychosomatic disease, and that is why a proper application of God's truths brings healing. Psychosomatic diseases are real diseases that are caused by thoughts and emotions, and affect both the mind and body. Though rooted in a lie, they are very real.

Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" Our thoughts have the effect of creating changes in our chemical balance, and they are very powerful. When our thoughts fall out of agreement with God and into agreement with His enemy, this often results in devastating consequences for our bodies and minds; our health suffers.

The truth of the power of applying God's literal Word to human life is our ministry. We seek to return the body, soul and spirit to the model of creation and to cast out those things that are not of God.

Every thought, every impression, every feeling or emotion causes a chemical release or a neurological impulse. God created us as balanced creatures; the medical profession called that balance "homeostasis."

Homeostasis is the natural and balanced internal state of our body that brings stability to our physiology. God designed our psychological functions to be in balance as well, free from unhealthy tension and stress.

Spiritually, we can achieve homeostasis as well, when, "... the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, [which] shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).



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Medical Practices (continued)

The occult consists of any thought, action or feeling that comes between us and the peace of God. The saying, "No Jesus, No peace; Know Jesus, Know peace," is a powerful scriptural concept with very real positive implications for a healthy life.

Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." God's Holy Spirit resides within each believer, leading us into living "In holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:75).

God wants each of us to have control of our peace. That's why He gave us specific instructions in II Corinthians 10:5-6. "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." We start with submission to God (agreeing with Him in thought, word and deed) and then, our stubborn resistance of the devil forces him to flee! Then we find peace.

God also tells us in Ephesians 5:26 that we are to be sanctified by Him and cleansed by the "washing of water by the Word." Spending daily time studying God's Word, praying, applying His Word to our lives and having fellowship with other believers are the keys to living a cleansed, peace-filled life.

God sanctifies and cleanses us through the Person of His Holy Spirit, granting us His peace and His rest. His peace is not conditioned upon taking drugs to bring chemical balance: pharmakia. It is a true peace, not some false or occultic peace. Hebrews 4:9 says, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." God gave us the right to claim that rest, that peace, each day.

What happens when we cannot be at rest, or are constantly restless? Our bodies malfunction neurologically and chemically. By definition, depression is the result of a chemical imbalance — a lack of the neurotransmitter serotonin — in the human body.

When we have depression, what does the doctor prescribe? An anti-depressant drug designed to bring us back into chemical balance. Serotonin is a neurotransmitter that makes us feel good about ourselves. An anti-depressant attempts to make it last longer in the nerves' synapse. It cannot produce more serotonin. The real cause for the shortage is the anger, stress, and fears that are in our life. But, the doctor cannot address the spiritual dynamic that caused the chemical imbalance in the first place. Taking the drug causes us to avoid dealing with the real underlying spiritual problem.

The side effects of the drug can be devastating. Sexual dysfunction and psychosis are the most common side effects.

Migraine headaches are caused by enlarged blood vessels in the side the head. The most common drug given today for migraines is Imitrex. Imitrex contains an antidepressant, an anti-histamine and a pain reliever. Serotonin is also a vascular regulator; it regulates the size of blood vessels. Histamine is a vascular expander; it expands blood vessels.



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Medical Practices (continued)

The under-production of serotonin and the over-production of histamine are caused by thoughts of guilt and conflict. When people deal with the guilt, shame and conflict in their lives, the chemical imbalances are healed and the headache will disappear.

There are many examples of medications that only cover up real problems. Western medicine is designed to treat symptoms. When the symptoms are the root's cause, as in injuries or other traumas, it works very well. But the symptom is usually not the root cause. We need to learn to depend on God and discover those areas of our lives that do not conform to God's teaching. When we confess and repent disobedience, then the peace of God that passes all understanding floods over us and His joy becomes our joy.

Many surgeries could also be considered occultic as they are performed to treat a disorder that is really caused by our thoughts and emotions. Many surgeries are performed to correct anxiety and stress disorders in our hearts and digestive systems. There is again a more excellent way.

Most alternative medical practices involve some form of adjusting the "yin and yang" or the "energy systems" in our body, or some type of homeopathic remedy. Let me briefly discuss two of these.

Western medical science doesn't believe, nor can it find scientifically, that our bodies have an energy system as taught by Chinese medical practitioners. Regardless of this, the real question is whether or not this type of healing is something Christians should seek? Yin and yang are other names for good and evil. Why would we Christians want to adjust the flow of good and evil in our bodies? We want to remove all evil. Good and evil are not equal as New Age practices would have us believe. The answer is to rid ourselves of the evil with the power of God. Any form of adjusting or balancing, the yin and yang is really a form of worshiping a god from an Eastern religion.

Many of the diagnostic tools used in alternative medicine involve divination. Applied Kinesiology and the Toftness device both rely on an ungodly power.

As Christians, it is vitally important that we carefully investigate things with which we become involved. Putting God first and shunning false gods requires diligence.

We have compiled a lengthy list of occultic beliefs and practices. **Please remember that occultism includes anything that we allow to come between God and us.** If you disagree with any item on our list, I strongly suggest that you carefully investigate its background and origins and use in your life, and then re-examine your grounds for disagreement. If you still disagree, let's agree to disagree and still be friends.

Please carefully study the list and mark any items with which you, or anyone in all your generations, may have been involved. Each one of these forms a part of the supporting cast, or infrastructure, of the principality of occultism.





Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia, & Sorcery

A Partial List of the Occult:

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| Abortion | Chakras |
| Acupuncture/acupressure, including
Chinese medicine, Chinese herbs,
5 Element theory | Chanting/mantras |
| Akashic record | Charms, including ankh, talismans,
Italian Horns, horseshoes, rabbit's foot,
scarabs |
| Alexander technique, Feldenkrais method | Chi |
| Altered states of consciousness | Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy |
| American Indian ceremonies:
dream catchers, medicine wheel | Christian Science Monitor |
| Amulet healing | Christian Science reading rooms |
| Angel worship | Clairvoyant diagnosis |
| Apparitions | Clairvoyance, mental telepathy, ESP |
| Applied and behavioral kinesiology/
muscle testing/NAET | Color therapy |
| Aromatherapy | Crystal balls, Eight Ball |
| Ascended masters, including
Elizabeth Clair prophet | Crystals, crystal healing, birthstones
(supernatural power of), power rocks |
| Astral projection | Cultural/pagan ceremonies, superstitions,
elves, fairies, genies, leprechauns,
godless worship, mother earth
(Gaia) worship, tooth fairy, harmonic
convergence |
| Astrology/Horoscope /zodiac signs
/astrotherapy | Course of Miracles /Helen Schueman/
Kenneth Wapnick/Gerald Jambolsky |
| Attitudinal healing /Jerald Jampolsky | Cursing/general swearing |
| Auras/aura reading/aura therapy | De´ja´ vu |
| Automatic writing /journaling (channeling) | Dianetics |
| Auric/chakra healing | Diets, including macrobiotics, Gerson
Therapy, colonics, food combining,
rotation diets |
| Ayurvedic medicine /Deepak Chopra | |
| Bach's flower therapy | |
| | Divination: tarot, fortune telling, tea leaf
reading, handwriting analysis, palm
reading, I Ching, numerology, false
prophecy |
| Baha'ism (Bahai Church) | |
| | Death/dying movement, Elizabeth Kubler-
Ross, <i>Tibetan Book of the Dead, Into the
Light</i> |
| Biofeedback/autogenic training | Dowsing (water-witching) |
| Biorhythms | Drug trips, recreational drugs |
| Buddhism: Zen, Vipassana, Tibetan
Buddhist, Buddhist meditation | |
| Cabala/Jewish mysticism | Dreamwork/Jungian |
| Cartoons, demonic comic material,
movies, videos | Dungeons & Dragons |



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<i>The Celestine Prophecy</i>	Levitation
Eastern philosophies	Magic: white/black/stage magic
Eckankar	Massage techniques such as Esalen, psychic, Jin Shin Do, Shiatsu
Esalen	Reflexology, etc. that are designed to adjust the yin and yang
ESP	Mind idolatry /Mensa
EST/Werner Erhard	Mediums: Edgar Cayce, J.D. Knight, Swedenborg, Jane Roberts
Familiar spirits/necromancy, family spirits, table tipping, séances	MENSA (self-idolatry)
Feng shui	Metaphysics
Fetishes	Mormonism
Fire psyche by candles	Movies: Alien, Ghost, Exorcist, The Omen, Psycho, etc.
Firewalking	Martial arts: aikido, tai chi, karate, kung fu, judo, taikwon do and others
Feminism/goddess worship	Masonic lodge/Masonry including Eastern Star, Shriners, Demolay, Rainbow Girls
False prophets: Jean Dixon, Nostradamus	New Age physics, the tao of physics (Fritjof Capra)
Financial bondage to the occult	New Age therapies, New Age thinking
Fortune telling	Nostradamus
Geomancy (a form of divination)	"Now signs" of the New Age: unicorns, rainbows, New Age symbols, rock music or hippie memorabilia
Hinduism/gurus/Transcendental Meditation, Hare Krishna /Deepak Chopra	Numerology
Hypnotism, self-hypnotism, subliminal tapes	Occult medicine, Occult meditation
Humanism/human potential movement, EST, actualization	Occultic music/demonic rock music, Gregorian chants, Stephen Halpern
I Ching	Occult books
Incense /moxibustion	Oracles
Iridology	Ouji board
	Out-of-body experiences



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Inner peace movement

Scientology/Dianetics, L.Ron Hubbard

Sauna therapy

Secret brotherhoods/sisterhoods; fraternities

Sororities, blood oaths

Sensory deprivation tanks

Silva Mind Control/mind dynamics

Shamanism/Carlos Castaneda

Sorcery/pharmakia

Spiritism/spirit guides

Statues or idols: Diana, angels, Mercury, Venus, Virgin Mary, Jesus, Buddha, including idolization of movie stars like Elvis, musicians, athletes, the Pope, gurus, JFK Jr., Stonehenge

Islam/ Moslems /Black Moslems

Jehovah's Witness/ *Watchtower*

Jung, Carl (archetypes, dark shadows)

Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism)

KKK/racism

Kundalini energy, Kundalini yoga

Pagan religion/paganism in Christianity

Palmistry

Past life regression (hypnotic)

Parapsychology/paranormal

Pendulum diagnosis /Radesthesia

Pokémon/Harry Potter

Polarity therapy/Randolph Stone, diet, polarity yoga, bodywork

Poltergeists

Precognition

Primal therapy/bioenergetics, Radix

Psi, the psi-tronics super-sensor
dowsing rod

Psychic detectives

Psychic reading/psychic portraits

Plastic surgery

Psychokinesis

Psychocybernetics

Therapeutic touch

Trance diagnosis

The Way International

Toftness technique

Touch for health

Transcendental Meditation

Unification Church /Rev. Moon, Moonies

Unitarian Church

Unitarian-Universalist Church

Urantia

Unity/daily word/affirmations

Science of Mind

Scientology

Reincarnation

Vampires, including Anne Rice books

Visualization/guided imagery, including
Carl Simonton's teachings

Voodoo/Santaria/Voudon /Macumba

Waterwitching/geomancy



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Psychotherapy, including teachings of Sigmund Freud, Fritz Perls, Carl Rodgers, Abraham Maslow, Carl Jung
Psychosynthesis

Warlocks, witches, Wicca

Wilheim Reigh/Neo-Reichian bodywork

Qi gong

Radionics/psychic healing

Witchcraft, spells, Jezebel/Ahab spirits, control and manipulation; Matriarchal witchcraft

Reiki healing

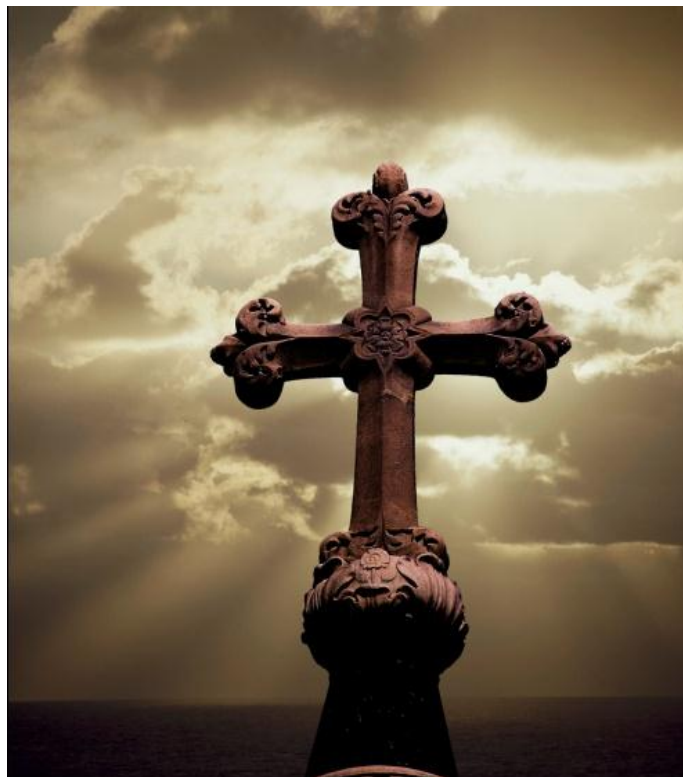
Wart charming

Rosicrucian

Satanism/Satan Worship, Halloween/

Yoga: Kundalini/chakras/third eye/ Tantra - tantram/Kama sutra

Pentagrams





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Prayer for Overcoming the Occult

Deuteronomy 5:9 and several other passages teach that the sins of the father are passed on to the third and fourth generation of those that hate God. Nehemiah 9:2, Leviticus 26:40-45 and Daniel 9 give examples of people confessing the sins of their ancestors. We believe that we need to confess and repent for our involvement, and for that of past family members, in any of these practices.

As before, take a sheet of paper and mark down all or any of these influences by which Satan has affected you. Ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. You may add others to this list. Then confess each one using a prayer such as this.

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Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus I, confess and repent, for my involvement in (specific activity). I ask you to forgive me, and all my generations, for our involvement in (specific activity). I forgive myself, and my family members, for our involvement.

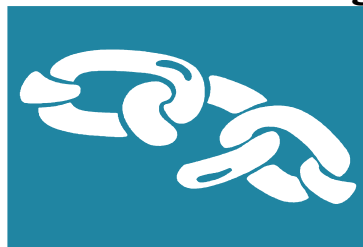
In the name of Jesus, and by the power of His blood, I cancel all of Satan's power and authority over me and my generations resulting from this activity. In the name of Jesus I renounce and break any and all curses in my family line from any form of witchcraft or occult practices.

I invite the Holy Spirit to come into my heart, and to heal me, and to speak His words of truth to me.

(Pause and let God speak His Word to your heart.)

Satan will do his best to twist your mind and resist your efforts. You may want to ask other believers to support you during this time of healing. After you have confessed each individual involvement in an occultic practice, command the principality of occultism to go in Jesus' name.

You Are Now Free From The Bondage of Occultism





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May 23rd – May 29th

Study Guide Goals:

- To recognize various areas of occultism in which Satan has deceived our thoughts. We explore occultism in two areas, belief systems and medicine. Traditional allopathic (western) medicine and alternative (eastern) medicine.
- To identify areas of occultism in your life, and repent to God.

To Think About:

Define occult as found in Webster's Dictionary.

Define occultism from a Biblical perspective.

What is the central theme of occultism?

Where does rebellion begin?

To what does I Samuel 15:23 equate rebellion?

Belief Systems:

What are the two major types of deceptions identified with the Principality of Occultism?

1. _____
2. _____

What is Satan's number one ploy as master deceiver?

How does Satan try to counterfeit the Godhead?

What is the other term for sorcery?

How does sorcery enter our lives?



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What are "doctrines of devils" and where do they come from?

Referring to Heb. 9:27, what is one of these false doctrines?

What is the falsehood in the teaching of reincarnation?

What is the basic principle of the false doctrine of Karma?

Beliefs within the Christian church:

Does God arbitrarily choose those that He will save, and reject others?

Is a verbal confession true faith or is there more required? _____
If so what is it?

Is obedience required under the new covenant? _____

Some teach that God no longer heals and the gifts of the Holy Spirit have ceased or passed away. This doctrine is called cessationism. Do you agree? _____

Is there more to the Christian life than going to heaven? _____ Is there a larger purpose? _____ If so what is it?

Medical Practices:

Allopathic or Western medicine:

Define pharmakia.

Is the use of medication always wrong and a sin?

When is the use of medication a sin?

Why do we get tension headaches?



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Is there a more permanent way to rid oneself of tension headaches or heart problems?

According to John 14:27 where does true peace of mind come from?

What side effects, both physical and spiritual, can be caused by medications?

Describe the endocrine system.

Do our thoughts control our hormone balance?

According to III John 1:2, what are God's desires for us?

What is the cause of every psychosomatic disease?

What can bring true healing?

Define homeostasis.

Will an anti-depressant drug address the spiritual dynamic of serotonin imbalance?

Alternative or Eastern Medicine:

What do most forms of Eastern medicine "adjust"?

Why would a Christian choose to "adjust good and evil" instead of removing the evil with the power of Jesus?

What is the result of confession and repentance?



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Personal Responsibility:

Review the listing of the many occult practices listed at the end of the chapter. Are you surprised at some of these?!!! Make a list of any of these practices in which you or any of your family line has participated. Then confess and repent for the sin, according to Deut. 5:9, Nehemiah 9:2 and Lev. 26:40-45.

Application:

Use this suggested prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus I ask you to forgive me and all my generations for (specific occult activity or belief).

I purpose and choose to forgive myself and release myself from (same as above). In the name of Jesus I cancel all of Satan's power and authority over me in this (occult belief or activity) in my life and in all my generations, because God has forgiven me and I have forgiven myself.

Holy Spirit please come and heal my heart, and tell me your truth about this situation.

Write down what the Holy Spirit says below: