

What the Bible Says About *Idolatry and Witchcraft*

Warnings Against All Witchcraft

(sorcery, practicing magic, casting spells, calling up spirits, fortunetelling, astrology)

Leviticus 19:26 Do not **practice divination or sorcery**.

Leviticus 19:31 Do not **turn to mediums or seek out spiritists (wizards)** for you will be defiled by them.

Leviticus 20:6 I will set my face against the person who **turns to mediums and spiritists (wizards)** to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people.

Leviticus 20:27 A man or woman **who is a medium or spiritist (a wizard)** among you must be put to death.

Deuteronomy 7:25-26

The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or **you will be ensnared by it**, for **it is detestable to the LORD your God**. 26. **Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it**, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

Deuteronomy 18:9-13

When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. 10. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who **practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft**, 11. **or casts spells**, or who is a **medium** or **spiritist** or who **consults the dead**. 12. Anyone who does **these things is detestable to the LORD**, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. 13. You must be blameless before the LORD your God.

Isaiah 8:19-20

When men tell you to **consult mediums and spiritists**, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? 20. To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.

Isaiah 47:8-15

8. "Now then, listen, you wanton creature, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me. I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children.' 9. Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, **in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells**. 10. You have trusted in your wickedness **and have said, 'No one sees me.'** Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me.' 11. **Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you.** 12. **"Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood.** Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror. 13. All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. 14. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. 15. That is all they can do for you-- **these you have labored with and trafficked with since childhood.** Each of them goes on in his error; there is not one that can save you.

Micah 5:9-15

9. Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies, and all your foes will be destroyed. 10. "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will destroy your horses from among you and demolish your chariots. 11. I will destroy the cities of your land and tear down all your strongholds. 12. **I will destroy your witchcraft and you will no longer cast spells.** 13. I will destroy your carved images and your sacred stones from among you; you will no longer bow down to the work of your hands. 14. I will uproot from among you your Asherah poles and demolish your cities. 15. I will take vengeance in anger and wrath upon the nations that have not obeyed me."

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Idolatry is bowing before or serving any god who is not the Lord.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10. nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 10: 9-21

Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20. No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and **I do not want you to be participants with demons.** 21. **You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.** 22. Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or **what fellowship can light have with darkness?** 15. **What harmony is there between Christ and Belial?** What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16. What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 17. "Therefore **come out from them and be separate,** says the Lord. **Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.**" 18. "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Galatians 5:19-21

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20. **idolatry and witchcraft;** hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21. and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that **those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

1 Peter 4:3-4

For you have spent enough time in the past **doing what pagans choose to do--**living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and **detestable idolatry.** 4. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.

Revelation 21:7-8

He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, **those who practice magic arts,** the idolaters and all liars--**their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.** This is the second death."

Today's Occult Practices

The closer we come to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ the more Satan will disguise himself as an angel of light. Scripture says he will deceive even the very elect of God if it were possible.

“Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. 9. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10. and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12. and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.” – 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

Horoscopes, astrology, zodiac, psychics, palm readers, fortune tellers, faith healers, ouija boards, tarot cards, auto writing, good luck charms, amulets, statues that protect, water witching, games of witchcraft, magic 8-ball, fortune cookies, séances, necromancers, communication with dead, ESP, psychic healing, psychic phenomenon, ghosts, mind over matter, divination, spells, incantations, wizards, magic wands, magic stones, witches, warlocks, sorcery, pentagrams, black magic, white magic, yoga, eastern mysticism, incantations, casting spells, spell books, Ron Hubbard's Dianetics, Scientology, unnatural sexual deviant behaviors, knocking on wood, books and games of magic spells and incantations, Dungeons and Dragons, Vampire books, Harry Potter books cartoons, movies, and stories that glorify witchcraft, spells and incantations, and much much more.