

SPIRITUALISM: -

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1. Is spiritualism a feature of the present time? **ANSWER: -** Yes.
2. Did it exist anciently?
Leviticus 19:31: - "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God."
3. What advice did John give concerning spirits?
1 John 4:1: - "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."
4. By what rule are they to be tested?
1 John 4:2 & 3: - "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

Isaiah 8:19 & 20: - "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them."

5. How does the Lord regard wizards, and those who have familiar spirits?
Deuteronomy 18:9 - 12: - "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things [are] an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

6. What did he command the Israelites to do with them?
Exodus 22:18: - "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Leviticus 20:27: - "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood [shall be] upon them."

7. What did Josiah do "that he might perform the words of the law"?
2 Kings 23:24: - "Moreover the [workers with] familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD."

8. When the Lord refused to answer Saul, what did he do?

1 Samuel 28:5 - 7: - "And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, [there is] a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor."

9. What instruction did he thus disobey?

Leviticus 19:31: - "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God. "

10. What befell Saul for his transgression?

1 Chronicles 10:13: - "So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, [even] against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking [counsel] of [one that had] a familiar spirit, to inquire [of it]."

11. Why did this evil come upon him?

1 Chronicles 10:14: - "And inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse."

12. What will happen in the latter days?

1 Timothy 4:1: - "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."

13. How will many be led to forsake the Lord?

2 Peter 2:1 & 2: - "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

14. What did Jesus say about the danger of being deceived?

Matthew 24:24: - "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

15. How do these false teachers carry out their purposes?

2 Corinthians 11:13: - "For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."

16. Whose example do they follow?

2 Corinthians 11:14 & 15: - "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

17. Where do we have the first example of his deception?

Genesis 3:4: - "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die."

18. Was it not a direct contradiction of the Word of God?

Genesis 2:16 & 17: - "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

19. What came into the world through believing a falsehood?

Romans 5:12: - "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

20. What did Christ say the children of God would do?

John 8:42: - "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."

21. How can we show our love to God?

John 14:15: - "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

22. What course will those follow who depart from the faith?

1 Timothy 4:1 & 2: - "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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

23. What are the characteristics of this arch-deceiver?

John 8:44: - "Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

24. What deceptions will be brought to bear upon those who receive not the love of the truth?

2 Thessalonians 2:9 - 12: - "[Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

25. What wonders will be done and who will be deceived?

Revelation 13:13 & 14: - "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

26. What are the spirits who work these miracles, and for what purpose are they wrought?

Revelation 16:14: - "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

27. On what delusion is modern spiritualism based?

ANSWER: - The conscious state of the dead.

28. Are the dead conscious?

Job 14:12: - "So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens [be] no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep."

Ecclesiastes 9:5 & 6: - "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any [thing] that is done under the sun."

29. When a man's breath is gone, in what condition is he left?

Psalms 146:4: - "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."

30. What was brought to light through the gospel?

2 Timothy 1:10: - "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

31. When is this immortality to be put on?

1 Corinthians 15:51 - 54: - "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

32. What is the first record we have of Satan?

Genesis 3:4: - "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die."

33. What has been his work ever since the fall of man? **ANSWER:** - Deception.

34. What is the last act to be performed by him?

Revelation 20:7 - 9: - "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

35. What will be his final reward?

Revelation 20:10: - "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

36. Who will enter through the gates into the city of God?

Revelation 22:14: - "Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."