

# THE OCCULT!

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In this fast paced world in which we live, there has been a rapidly growing interest in the realm of the supernatural, with many people dabbling in the ancient knowledge and practices of occult mysticism. By the term “*occult*”, we will define it for our reader from the dictionary, so that there is no misunderstanding.

“OCCULT” – “Of the nature of or pertaining to those sciences involving the knowledge or use of the supernatural (as magic, alchemy, astrology, theosophy, and the like).”

“OCCULTIST” - “One versed in, or believing in, occultism; a mystic.” – Both definitions are from THE OXFORD UNIVERSAL DICTIONARY ILLUSTRATED; Volume 2, pg. 1355.

In fact, it would be fair to say, that in our western world, in the last twenty years or so, there has been a virtual *explosion* of interest in the occult. Books and magazines readily appear in popular Bookshops and in our local

Newsagents, dealing with witchcraft and eastern mysticism. Movies and videos abound on these subjects. The readers of these tabloids eagerly devour the regular columns in Newspapers and Magazines dealing with astrology and mysticism.

People are fascinated in the supernatural today. They eagerly want to “*tap into*” these supernatural forces, to use these powers for their own personal ends. Whether it is to help them acquire wealth, successes in business or relationships, or to contact their “*departed loved ones*”, people are flocking to these occult sources for answers and help with their every day lives.

The enormous popularity of the “*Harry Potter*” series of books and now the movie, coupled with the runaway success of “*The Lord of the Rings*” movie establishes the truthfulness of our previous comments. People want to get hold of these supernatural forces, to manipulate them for their own advantage.

And as our western world has become more and more “*dechristianized*”, because of the bombardment through the education system and the mass media, of the **humanistic theory of evolution**, people still have a need to turn to some supernatural source for knowledge and power, to fill the

vacuum left by the popular rejection of Biblical Christianity. Therefore, they are turning to these occult sources to find answers.

But is this turning away from Biblical Christianity, and rushing headlong into the occult, a wise thing to do? Most people, who are doing this, have never seen the observable evidence that clearly supports the Biblical Creationist Model of human origins. In fact, most people do not want to give “*the other side of the coin*” any sort of consideration at all. Is this closed mind mentality, which refuses to examine the available evidence, concerning the reliability of the Christian Bible, wise and intelligent? What happens if we have been **brainwashed** and **deceived** into accepting the false **theory** of evolution, which does away with the Creator God of the Bible? Where does that leave us, in trying to find the correct answers to our innate spiritual needs? We would suggest that the many people, who are turning to the occult to fill this need, are looking in the wrong place for answers to life’s problems. The truth comes from the Creator God who has revealed himself to us in his Inspired Word – the Christian Bible.

The one foundational belief that runs through all the various branches of the occult is, that we

can contact and communicate with the “*departed spirits*” of the dead, who can give to the living, knowledge and power. It is even claimed that sometimes these occult spirits can accurately predict future events.

And many people are eagerly embracing these belief systems and practises, without having any objective means by which to evaluate these phenomena, to determine whether they are from a good and truthful source, or whether they are from an evil and deceptive source. For most people “*seeing is believing*”, and “*if it feels good, do it!*” Their method of evaluation is purely subjective.

Could it be that we have been too hasty in tossing out the Christian Bible as an objective source of knowledge, to guide us through life, and by which we could correctly evaluate these occult mysticisms?

The foundational belief, which we have just previously mentioned as running through all of the occult belief systems, can be summarized as: -

That the soul of mankind lives on after death, and that the dead can communicate with the living.

If we compare this belief with the plain statements of the Christian Bible, we shall see that

the two belief systems are in *direct opposition* with each other.

God's Word teaches that: -

**When a person dies, the whole person dies, and returns to dust, through the process of decomposition. No part of the person, no supposed "inner spirit" or "immortal soul" lives on after death, as the dead have no knowledge or emotion. They are portrayed as being asleep in unconsciousness. Let the Scriptures speak for themselves: -**

- Genesis 3:19: - "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return."
- 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."
- Psalms 6:5: - "For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"
- Psalms 104:29, 30: - "Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth."
- Psalms 115:17: - "The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence."
- Psalms 146:3, 4: - "Put not your trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom [there is] no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."
- 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."
- Ecclesiastes 9:10: - "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

The Christian Bible further teaches that the dead do **not**

come back to communicate with the living at all: -

- Job 7:9, 10: - “[As] the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no [more]. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.”
- Job 10:20-22: - “Before I go [whence] I shall not return, [even] to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; A land of darkness, as darkness [itself; and] of the shadow of death, without any order, and [where] the light [is] as darkness.”
- Job 16:22: - “When a few years are come, then I shall go the way [whence] I shall not return.”

The Christian Bible forbids any dabbling in or involvement with the occult in any form. (It will be necessary to briefly define the following terms, so the reader can understand what the following texts are referring to.)

“FAMILIAR SPIRIT” - The supposed “spirits” of the dead. If a person *has a familiar spirit*, we would call them today, a **Spirit Medium or Channeller**.

“A NECROMANCER” - Is a person who practises the occult art of trying to foretell the future, by means of communicating with the dead.

- 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.”
- 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.”
- 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.”

This last passage really sums up this whole issue and the choice which people are confronted with: - As far as the Christian Bible is concerned, the living should **not** turn to the dead, through the agency of the occult for knowledge and power. We should turn to the God of the Bible for the answers to our every day problems.