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The Occult in America



Through the mid-1900's the popularity of witchcraft in America grew by leaps and bounds. Many people would be surprised to find how commonly the occult is practiced in our society, and they may find it is closer to home than they realize. In 1998, The Chicago Tribune reported that, though difficult to quantify due to the lack of a formal organization, neo-paganism is the fastest growing religion in North America. It is now estimated that it will double in size every eighteen months. Estimates in the U.S. of practicing witches were as follows (and it is possible that these figures could be as much as 50% higher than these): In 1972, there were 20,000 witches in the United States. In 1986, there were 50,000. In 1992, there were 200,000. In 1996, there were 360,000; and in 1999 there were 768,400 (that they knew of).

Books — Nearly every bookstore has a major section on the occult. You do not have to look any further than the Harry Potter series to see just how popular these books have become. Some bookstores and book clubs are devoted entirely to the occult. Magazines and tabloids, such as the National Enquirer, sold at every grocery store check-out lane, promote psychics and all kinds of occult practices.

Games — Toy or game sections in stores often sell occult games such as Ouija boards or Dungeons and Dragons and similar "fantasy games." Still more popular are computer games involving witches, sorcerers, demons, and occult powers of all kinds. Often players role-play or pretend they are these occult characters.

Stores — Some stores specialize in selling paraphernalia used in various occult activities. We have such a store called "Sacred Earth" in Antioch, IL. Their web site says: Sacred Earth brings you a diverse selection of spiritual and magickal supplies, including an extensive collection of herbs, stones, jewelry, ritual tools, books, herbal smudge sticks, tarot cards and more.

Television and movies — Many programs and movies have major occult themes, beginning years ago with "Rosemary's Baby," "The Exorcist," "Harry Potter" etc. MANY children's cartoons and programs feature occult powers, with witches, sorcerers, demons, etc. This trend started in the sixties with shows like Bewitched, I Dream of Jeannie, The Munsters and continue today with shows like Wizards of Waverly Place, Ghost Whisperer and more. This can even be seen in "educational programs" such as Barney, Sesame Street and more.

Music — Many popular recording artists are personally involved in sorcery, witchcraft, and Satanism. Popular songs often involve the occult, and many of their album covers portray occult and Satanist symbols.

Education — Many colleges and universities teach courses discussing the occult, and even high school and grade school texts may contain references to witchcraft and the occult. Although Christmas has been banned from the public school system each October the hallways and windows of most schools across America can be found adorned in decorations featuring witches, ghosts and goblins.

The New Age movement — consists largely of people involved in the occult and pagan religions. Many of the the teachings from the New Age movement have also made their way into the pulpits of Evangelical churches across America in the form of "The Word of Faith Movement"...using mind power as its focus instead of faith in the God of the Bible...going as far to teach that "we" are little gods.

Satanic rituals — News often mentions crimes which police suspect are the result of Satanic worship rituals.

Halloween — is a holy day in witchcraft. More spells and incantations are caste on this night than any other time of the year. Satanist and Wiccans alike consider this their most "highest" day of the year. All of the customs and traditions associated with this celebration are rooted in the occult. The popularity of this celebration in America has almost become unreal...it is close to being the biggest money maker of any of the holidays celebrated in America.

But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness:... Isaiah 47: 9-10



What Does the Bible Say About the Occult?

“Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1Thessalonians 5:22

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Eph 5:11

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” 2 Corinthians 6:17

“Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.” Deuteronomy 7:26

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:20

“Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.” 1 Corinthians 10:18-21

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.” Leviticus 20:6-7

“Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:” Isaiah 28:15

“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;” 1 Timothy 4:1

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

“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.” Deuteronomy 18:9-12

“Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...” Jeremiah 10:2

“They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.” Psalms 106:28

“For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee.” Isaiah 47:10-13

These scriptures are just a few of the MANY that can be found in the Word of God that makes it perfectly clear how the LORD feels about the occult, witchcraft and ANYTHING that glorifies the works of darkness



Halloween: A Christian Holiday or Occultic Celebration??

It is impossible to talk about the occult in America without mentioning halloween. Many people have the "mistaken" idea that Halloween is a Christian holiday. The truth is halloween is not nor has it ever been a "Christian" celebration. Known as the Festival of the Dead in Great Britain it was a night of satanic activity by a people known as the Celts and the Druids...it was on this night that they worshipped who they believed to be the god of the dead who they called "Sah-ween". As the Catholic missionaries swarmed Britain and Ireland seeking the mass conversion to Catholicism their orders from Pope Gregory in 601 A.D. was to cunningly convert the Druid rituals into Catholic rituals. The Catholics converted the ritual of Samhain (sah-ween) into the festival of All Saint's Day, a day of celebration and prayer to dead "Saints." How Biblical is that? In 835, Pope Gregory IV "blessed" All Saint's Day as a sacred "day of obligation," consequently on that day, the Catholic Church officially "ordained" Halloween. This celebration may have very well breathed its last breath many years ago if not for the "ordination" of the Catholic Church. So How did this celebration that began across the seas make its way to America? Halloween was not celebrated in this country until 1845. At that time multiplied thousands of Irish emigrants flooded into New York because of the Irish Potato Famine of 1845-46. They brought with them the old Druid Holiday the Festival of the Dead now known as halloween. Gradually celebrating this day spread throughout the rest of the country. Over the years Halloween has become a highly commercialized event involving most communities, schools, business, government offices, and even churches throughout the U.S. Many schools and businesses go all out in taking part with its celebration. Today, children and adults alike wear the costumes and play out the rituals of this seemingly harmless event without ever considering their origins and true meaning or possible consequences. Most reason, "How could having fun "pretending" possibly have any harmful effects? After all, who believes in the devil and evil spirits today?" Are Halloween traditions really just harmless "fun" as most suppose? Does it have a connection with satan worship and the occult? What do those in occult have to say about this holiday? What about those that have come out of the occult...what is their view? It is our prayer that you will find the answers to these questions and more in the pages of this newsletter.



Customs & Traditions of Halloween

"Jack-o-Lantern" Although there are many myths and stories concerning the face carved pumpkin, the most startling truth is that the Celts believed that this could ward off evil and protect them. If the Druid Priests were satisfied with the Celts offering or sacrifice they would leave one of these in front of their home. They believed that when the lord of death passed by, if he saw the jack-o-lantern that he would *pass over* their house. **Sound familiar?** This was, and IS no more than a mockery of the Lords Passover and the blood of Jesus. The jack-o-lantern is as much a satanic symbol as a pentagram or image of satan.

"Trick or Treat" The Celts were so horrified on this night, that they would leave trays of nuts, fruit, and whatever else they thought would appease the demons and spirits, in front of their homes as another attempt at protection. They were afraid that if they didn't offer something to satisfy them, then a curse would be put on them and their house!

"Costumes" Like the other traditions, the roots of this one are found embedded deep in this satanic ritual. As already stated, the Celts believed that on this night demons and spirits roamed the hillside. In an attempt to protect themselves from the spirits, they would try and fool them by dressing in disguises. The Druids also participated in this as well. It gave them the opportunity to impute more fear into the Celts, and help themselves to the "treats" left outside their homes.

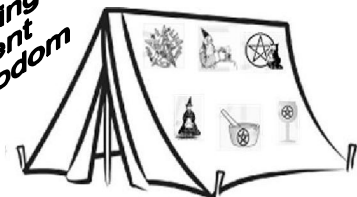


The REAL Danger of Halloween

Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. Genesis 13:12-13

The real danger of halloween is not the razor blades or poison in the candy...which certainly is a concern. Its not even the terrible horrendous fact that animals and humans are sacrificed on that night. The most critical danger of this celebration is the casual acceptance of the occult...what most of the church calls "fun" God calls an abomination and a cursed thing. Through entertainment...and the repetitive celebration of this unholy day the hearts of even many of the most devout followers of Jesus have been calloused to the occult and the works of darkness. So much so that when someone dares to speak or teach against it somehow they become the odd man out for taking a stand against that which God has already condemned. This ministry has been attacked, criticized and even taken from the airwaves in certain areas simply because we had the audacity to speak out against the participation in the occult... some have even complained saying that we are too repetitive in our efforts since we teach on it and send it out in our newsletter each October. But the truth is, even though many have heard and read our teaching on this subject EVERY year without fail we hear from people who are hearing it for the first time. There are many reasons why the occult is so widely accepted by the world and even by the "church"... as stated we have been so bombarded with it in our society today that we have simply become "used" to it...it has become the norm instead of unacceptable. Looking into Gods Word we see this happen to Lot, Abraham's nephew. When it came time for them to separate Abraham allowed Lot to choose the direction in which he wanted to go and the Bible says that Lot "pitched his tent toward Sodom"...in doing this we find that Lots soul becomes vexed...Why? Because he set his eyes upon the people...their ways...their conversation and even though at first this may have been repulsive to Lot over time he became more and more like them...so much so that he called them "brethren" and even went so far as to offer his daughters to the perverted men of that city. You see the longer you behold something...the more you are around IT...the more acceptable it becomes. Someone once said what one generation tolerates the next generation accepts! How true that is! We have been so exposed for so long to the occult that we no longer look at things the way our forefathers did...our Christian forefathers denounced halloween and all involvement in the occult...how far have we come? It is now the second biggest money making holiday in this country! Gods Word says "Suffer not a witch to live"...Now am I saying stone them? No...certainly not but how can we justify petting them....consulting them...dressing like them...accepting them as nothing more than fun?? Stones aside this type of practice AND the condoning of such is STILL an abomination in the sight of God. Please take the time to read the scriptures and articles that we have included in this newsletter...take the time to pray about this...take the time to seek the Lord for His direction in this matter and we are confident that you too will see the occult, witchcraft and the celebration of halloween for what it really is....the works of darkness. For more on this subject order our NEW Series "The Danger of Pitching Your Tent Toward Sodom"

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The Truth From Within

" On Halloween night my fellow Wiccans and I would call up dead spirits such as George Washington, King Arthur, Aleister Crowley (A satanist that called himself "The Great Beast"). They would appear and talk in conversations during the ceremonies. And we would also cast spells on the countryside giving spirits the access to possess whoever they pleased. We would especially cast spells on the children going about Trick or Treating" *Bill Schnoebelen, former high priest in the church of satan*

"Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the LORD Jesus". *Tom Sanguinet, former witch and high priest in Wicca*

"The feast of Samhain (sah-ween) is an unholy Sabbath observed by occultists world-wide. The old Celtic "Sabbat" is their main feast " *Valerie Duffy, former witch*

"I am now a born again child of God delivered by the blood of Jesus BUT at the age of 3 I was dedicated to satan by my mother who was a witch and halloween was our highest day of the year other than our own birthday. During this time demons and devils were called upon like no other time of the year and if Christians only knew what this was really all about they would not have anything to do with it!"
former witch interviewed by Pastor Billy R. Douglas

"If Christian parents had ANY idea of what Halloween really is, they wouldn't even mention the word around their children." *Doreen Irving, former ruling witch of Western Europe*

"Halloween, is our most important day - October 31, The New Year's Eve of Witchcraft, when Satan's powers are at their strongest. I am glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil one night out of the year." *Anton Lavey, author of "The Satanic Bible" and founder of The Church of Satan*

"It makes me sick that the Church of Jesus Christ would take part in this horrible, demonic event that is happening all over the world. Christians should stand against Halloween! Christian churches shouldn't be having Halloween parties (fall festivals), they should ban together as brothers and sisters and bind the evil forces and pray." *Glenn Hobbs, ex-satanist*

"Do not participate in Halloween in any way! Not even with so-called "nice costumes". Do not allow it in your church. You will open doors for demons to operate in your life or bring judgment on your church. Confess any past involvement and renounce it and turn from it today!" *Bill Niland, exoccultist*

"Salem (Massachusetts) is a mecca, especially around Samhain. It is our holiday, our new year, and a lot of witches come here from all over the world..." *Sharon Graham, witch*

"As I got to the higher degrees I learned that the name of the horned god (sah-ween) was Lucifer. I learned that the sign of the second degree was an inverted pentagram symbolizing the horns of Satan."
former Alexanderian Wiccan witch

"It [Halloween] gives even the most mundane people the opportunity to taste wickedness for one night. They have a chance to dance with the Devil . . . I see Satanists all over the world meeting in small groups this night and Hallowe'ens 500 years hence, to raise a glass to the Infernal Hosts. . .
" *Satanic High Priestess Blanche Barton*

"Attempts are made to break the bond which is keeping the doors to the underworld closed. Blood and sexual rituals. Sexual association with demons. Animal and human sacrifice - male or female."
Description of Halloween on the Satanic Calendar



The Testimony of Jeff Harshbarger: The Devil Inside

I was only in the third grade when my parents bought a ouija board. It seemed like a lot of fun until I found out that it was no game. The oracle as you put your hand on it would move around. Well, my brother's a jokester, and I kept giving him the elbow convinced that he was moving it around. He kept trying to convince me that he wasn't doing it. Well, what I did was I took the ouija board by myself up to my bedroom one night. But the ouija board still answered my questions, and I knew some other force was at work. It scared me beyond anything I'd ever experienced but at the same time, it was like a rollercoaster ride. You're scared to death but you're thrilled. I began to recognize that there was a presence that began to develop in my house. I would wake up in the middle of the night and literally feel somebody's watching me. I basically felt like someone was with me. I would wake up and walk through the house in order to experience that because I liked it. Normally a kid in third or second grade wakes up and feels some presumably dark presence in the room. He doesn't want to get up in the middle of the night to walk around the house alone to check it out. But I based this experience on the fact that I knew there was more. There was something on the other side. I was soon closer to the presence than I was to my own alcoholic father. I was unhappy as a kid. I didn't want to be where I was. I didn't want to be in the family I was in. So I was looking for an escape. I was looking for the possibility of something else, anything else, because my life was a torment. Here I was the town drunk's kid, being abused, being neglected. I didn't feel loved. Soon after my experience with the ouija board, the presence I felt in my home spoke to me. I woke up one night and literally there was a voice behind my ear saying "Jeff, come. Come here. There's something I want to show you." This strange force took me on what seemed like out of body experiences. During these times, I saw things days before he experienced them in real life. Then I met a man who was a practicing satanist. We constructed a pentagram, stood within the pentagram, he prayed over me, and laid hands on me. When he laid hands on me, I was literally filled with a demon. I believed satanism was the path to honing his paranormal abilities. When a demon is around you or inside of you, with the sensation of their presence, you lie to yourself. You think that is your power level. My new teacher and I formed our own coven and recruited other teens to join them. I saw each and every one of them become demon possessed, and I noticed something in my heart. My heart felt for them. It was like I was convicted. I knew it was wrong. It was like I knew this shouldn't be happening. I fought that because I'm a satanist. I don't care about anybody or anything but me. [But] Here I am a caring satanist. I began to ritually try to kill this part of me -- this heart, this part of me that cares. No matter what I tried, the demonic forces inside me just couldn't kill that little seed of love and compassion. So, the demons that had given me power for so many years turned on me and tried to kill me instead. The demons inside of me literally began to torment me. I mean turned against me, against each other, sending me through unexplainable torment! I decided the only way to escape the torment was to kill myself. So I got a gun, went down to my motel, sat in that room, and put the gun against my head. When I looked down the barrel of that gun, the thought in my mind 'Where are you going to spend eternity?' came out of nowhere. I couldn't pull the trigger. The next day I tried to hang myself, but the rope slipped. I went to bed sobbing. Again I heard a voice, but this time it was different. The voice came from right there next to me and said, 'Get out.' I knew it wasn't demonic. It was different. I got out of bed. I didn't even think about walking through the house and going out the back door. I opened up my window and stepped out. I'll be honest with you, when I stepped out my window I was in a completely different presence in my backyard. I knew it was God. There was this incredible presence of power, but love... I knew that that power that had pursued me, who wouldn't let me die, was present. Here is the love that you have always wanted, always needed, always been searching for, and you went looking for it in the wrong place. Because you didn't have it, you turned to darkness. Now here it is. I just looked up in the sky and said, "Jesus make my life okay." I had just called on Christ for the first time, but I still had to deal with the demons. I had been performing elaborate satanic rituals for years, but all it took to get rid of the demons was the simple prayer of a woman I met at church. She just started praying and the demons inside of me just came up and turned my head. I looked at her, and she looked at the demons and just said, "In the name of Jesus, go." And they left... It was like that. I ran to find a mirror, and I looked at myself for the first time in four years. Because every day I shaved I saw the demons. Finally I'm free. Every one of us is looking for someone somewhere to take care of us, to love us. We have a Heavenly Father who is real, who we have access to anytime we want. Think about that. What an awesome opportunity to be loved, to be taken care of, to be provided for. He'll never leave us or forsake us. It's almost too good to be true, so we deny it. **Don't deny it.** Take Him at His word. Allow Him to be who He says He is. Don't tell Him what to do. Don't try to manipulate Him. Just put your faith in Jesus...let Him provide and love for you. **He will!**



Can We Talk To The Dead?

3Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. 5And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. 6And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. 8And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. 9And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. 12And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. 13And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. 14And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. 15And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. 16Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? 17And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: 18Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. 19Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.
1st Samuel 28:3 - 19

Do you believe that you can talk to someone who has crossed over to the other side? A Washington Post Weekly article stated that 40% of Americans say that they have made contact with the dead. Many people have said that they have felt the presence of someone who has crossed over. They have heard a voice; felt a light touch; and have seen visual images of their lost loved one. Linda Georgian, in her book *Communicating with the Dead*, says that she has been talking with dead people since she was a child. I guess she has a sixth sense. This is similar to John Edward's story. Many of you have probably heard of him through the Sci-Fi Channel's show "Crossing Over with John Edward." John Edward claims that he has the ability to reunite people in the physical world with loved ones that have crossed over. What do you think about this? John Edward is not the first one to claim that he had the power to connect with a person that has crossed over. We see it all the time. How about Miss Cleo, Sylvia Browne or the late Jeanne Dixon? Can we talk to the dead? My answer is "Yes!" I believe that it is possible to talk to the dead because if it were not possible God would not have been specific in His warning against it. We see in our text that Saul was desperate to get answers to his questions. He was looking in all the wrong places. Anything other than seeking Jesus Christ for the answer is WRONG!!! He's the ONLY WAY to find answers to your questions, peace and joy for your life, freedom from sin and so on. Lessons Learned from Saul's Psychic Experience

1. Remove any barrier than hinders your relationship with God. Isaiah 59:1-2 - Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Saul's barrier was unconfessed sin. His sin blocked God's ability to communicate with him
2. Refuse to allow demonic powers to influence your life. Ephesians 4:27 - Neither give place to the devil. We open the door to evil influences when we expose ourselves to tarot cards, horoscopes, palm reading, séances, and communication with psychics. This is not something to play around with. When you allow this, you are opening the door to dangerous forces. It may be out of fun or curiosity, but God's word says that it should be avoided. The information may be helpful at first, and before you realize it you find yourself using the psychics as a counselor to listen to your problems.
3. Seek a deeper relationship with God and you will find what you've been looking for. Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. friends don't be tricked by the enemy who will tell you it's ok to dabble with all of this garbage of the occult. The things I've shared with you are very serious. Satan wants to deceive you and cause you to wind up in the lake of fire with him. Please don't partake of these evil practices. Turn your life over to Jesus and you will never be deceived or led astray.

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In closing...

If after reading the information in this newsletter you are still not convinced of this truth...we want to challenge you. You don't have to just take our word for it...spend time in prayer...seek the LORD concerning this matter...search the scriptures...go to the local library and read the history of this celebration and the occult for yourself. Take a step back and examine the things that you and your family watch through movies and television. We are confident in doing so you will see the startling truth about the explosion of the popularity of the occult and witchcraft in this nation and its effects on our society AND the church.. In closing we want to leave you with some more quotes to consider from others that have studied the history of this celebration and its ties to the occult.

All histories of Halloween inevitably wind back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain...(Skal, David J. Death Makes a Holiday: The Cultural History of Halloween, p. 20)

Halloween had its origins in the festival of Samhain among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. (Encyclopedia Britannica 2005 "Halloween")

Halloween can be traced directly back to Samhain, the ancient Celtic harvest festival honoring the Lord of the Dead. (Thompson, Sue Ellen. Holiday Symbols and Customs, p. 251)

First-born sacrifices are mentioned in a poem in the Dindshenchas, which records that children were sacrificed each Samhain...(Rogers, Nicholas. Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night, p. 17)

Halloween. That was the eve of Samhain...firstborn children were sacrificed...Samhain eve was a night of dread and danger. (National Geographic. May 1977, pp. 625-626)

They [Druids] sacrificed victims by shooting them with arrows, impaling them on stakes, stabbing them, slitting their throats over cauldrons (and then drinking the blood)...(Guiley, Rosemary Ellen. Harper's Encyclopedia of Mystical & Paranormal Experience, p. 167)

This is what occurred on the original Halloween night! Today, Halloween lives and breathes with the foul stench of the diabolical Druids. (Dr. Terry Watkins...Dial the Truth Ministries)

The witches held a party at Hallowe'en and the women...sold their soul to the devil, would put a stick in their beds anointed with the fat of murdered babies...(Douglas, George William. The American Book of Days, p. 569)

Halloween practices open the door to the occult and can introduce forces into people's lives that they do not understand and often cannot combat. (Dr. David Enoch, former senior consultant psychiatrist at the Royal Liverpool Hospital and the University of Liverpool.)

Halloween Information on CD or Cassette

VOTL Radio Special which includes audio testimonies of ex-occultists.

*Plus...*Sermon: "A Covenant With Death & Hell"

6 page booklet dealing with the subject of *Halloween*

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