



KINGDOM OF THE CULTS

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LESSON 7—Cult of Spiritism

Many disillusioned and disenchanted “believers” have been swept into the Cult of Spiritism.

Proverbs 14:2 “There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”

SPIRITISM

The term “spiritism” is so broad that it includes diverse groups who purport to be in contact with the spirits of the deceased—**Leviticus 19:31** “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritisms, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.”

A familiar spirit is a spirit assigned by the Prince of Darkness to influence the soul to which it is attached. These spirit entities often manifest at seances impersonating the deceased. A familiar spirit is an impersonating spirit who is familiar with the life of the deceased.

DEMONS

Demons are not fallen angels, they are disembodied spirits, most likely the spirits of the Nephilim. Genesis 6 account of the unholy relationship of celestial beings, fallen angels, procreating with terrestrials form the basis for such deductions. This hybrid offspring of spirits are believed to be demons. Demons are lower spirits to the fallen angels and are the minions used by Satan's depraved plan to deceive mankind.

HEATHEN PRACTISES

Enchantments **Exodus 7:11** “Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts.”

Leviticus 19:26-28 “Do not eat any meat with the blood still in it. “Do not practice divination or seek omens. “Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or lip off the edges of your beard. “Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord.” (this was what heathens did).

Witchcraft **Exodus 22:18** “Do not allow a sorceress to live.”

Sorcery **Isaiah 47:9** “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.”

Divination (Fortune telling) **Deuteronomy 18:10-14** “Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God. The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so.”

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Necromancy **Deuteronomy 18:11** “...or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.”

Prognostications **Isaiah 47:13** “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.”

Astrology **Isaiah 47:13** - see above Bible verse.

What Spiritism teaches	What the Bible Teaches
<p>GOD God is impersonal. He is the Infinite Intelligence expressed in the physical and spiritual worlds.</p>	<p>GOD “The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty” - Genesis 17:1. “The Lord is our God , the Lord is one!” Deut.6:4</p>
<p>BIBLE They say God did not reveal his character and purpose in the Bible. Their actual authority is the experiences of individual spirits.</p>	<p>BIBLE “However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him,” - but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.” 1 Cor. 2:9-10.</p>
<p>PERSON OF CHRIST Christ was only a good man, a medium and reformer. He is now an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere.</p>	<p>PERSON OF CHRIST “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1.</p>
<p>DEATH OF CHRIST Our Lord’s death as a substitutionary sacrifice for sin, appeasing the wrath of God, is described by them as “unrighteous”, “immoral, and an “outrageous lie.”</p>	<p>DEATH OF CHRIST “In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His Grace.” Eph.1:7</p>
<p>MAN AND SIN All people alike are the children of God and a spark of divinity dwells in each person. Genesis is a myth and man, who is basically good, is the product of a gradual moral evolution</p>	<p>MAN AND SIN “All have sinned.” Romans 3:23.</p>
<p>HOLY SPIRIT The personality and deity of the Holy Spirit are denied. Pentecost is regarded as “the greatest séance in history” and they frequently alter the meaning of the Bible words. For example, they like to substitute “medium” for “prophet”, “psychic phenomena” for “miracles” and “clairvoyant” for “discernment of spirits”.</p>	<p>HOLY SPIRIT At Pentecost, not one voice from the dead was heard! Read Acts 3 It was God who (by the Holy Spirit) gave His revelation to the prophets (2 Peter 1:21, Jeremiah 1:7-9) and spirits were discerned by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:10) and by the apostolic teaching concerning the person of Christ—1 John 4:1-3.</p>
<p>SALVATION They say man is his own saviour and makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys the physical and spiritual laws of nature.</p>	<p>SALVATION “For, if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. For what does the Scripture say?” “And Abraham believed God, as it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Romans 4:2-3.</p>

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<p>HELL As a place of eternal punishment hell does not exist.</p>	<p>HELL “And these will go away into eternal punishment” Matthew 25:46.</p>
<p>RESURRECTION OF CHRIST This is interpreted as confirming spiritistic phenomena. For example, the resurrection appearances are called “manifestations” or “materializations”. The removal of the body is regarded as apportism and the moving of the stone as levitation. They say all this phenomena were controlled by natural law.</p>	<p>RESURRECTION OF CHRIST “But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And he said to them “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts”. See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.” Luke 24:37-40, 1 Corinthians 15:1-9).</p>
<p>SECOND COMING OF CHRIST Many believe that Jesus appeared in spirit in 1861 and referred to the inauguration of a new era called the coming of Christ about 1847. Since then mankind has entered the age of Aquarius.</p>	<p>SECOND COMING OF CHRIST “for many will come in My Name, saying “I am the Christ,” and will mislead many”. Matthew 24:5. “They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory,” Matthew 24:30.</p>
<p>SPIRITS They say there is no devil and there are no evil spirits. All the spirits in the other world are the souls of the dead.</p>	<p>SPIRITS “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit that confessed Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.” 1 John 4:1-3.</p>

THEOSOPHY—NEW AGE

Spiritism comes in many dark shades. Theosophy (God’s wisdom) was popularised by Madam Helena Blavatsky and her writings. (Helena Petrovna Blavatsky was a Russian author who co-founded the Theosophical Society in 1875).

KEY TO THEOSOPHY

The god of theosophy is a pantheistic concept that everything is god and god is everything. Blavatsky’s lifestyle was spattered with one disaster after the next in terms of several failed relationships. Blavatsky was enamoured by the gurus of India, so she incorporated eastern philosophy into her cacophony of beliefs. The New Age Movement embraced the beliefs as espoused by Blavatsky who claimed that theosophy was another name for spiritism.



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“One of the most hidden secrets involves the so-called fall of Angels. Satan and his rebellious host will thus prove to have become the direct Saviours and Creators of divine man. Thus Satan, once he ceases to be viewed in the superstitious spirit of the church, grows into the grandiose image. It is Satan who is the God of our Planet and the only God. Satan (or Lucifer) represents the Centrifugal Energy of the Universe this ever-living symbol of self-sacrifice for the intellectual independence of humanity.”



THE CHURCH DILEMMA

Modern churches have opened the door to spiritists concepts dressed up and masquerading as the Holy Spirit.

The rise of prophets in the church today are not dissimilar to prognosticators and fortune tellers.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15:

“For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.”

What about King Saul’s visit to the witch in Endor? - 1 Samuel 28.

Did Samuel appear as a result of this séance? Or was this God’s intervention that startled the witch?

By implication did God send Samuel to foretell Saul’s fate?

1 Samuel 28:7

King James Version

Then 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.