

# OCCULT SEMINAR: The Devil, Black Magic, Ghosts, UFOs, Ouija Boards, Witchcraft

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This is our first night of our three-part lecture series on the occult, or the secret of hidden things, the things that go bump in the night and so forth but our first topic for tonight is going to be on dealing with the devil. That's what I've entitled this series, "Dealing with the Devil," because we have to have a foundational understanding of what we're really getting into here when we're talking about the occult and it really centers in on a biblical understanding of what and who the devil is. Once you have a biblical understanding of that, then we move into tomorrow night's categories which will be or the subject for tomorrow night will be: ghosts, UFOs, and black magic and it's part of my title, as a matter of fact, things that go bump in the night. That will be tomorrow night's topic. We'll get into all of those aspects of the occult and then the third night, it will be Thursday, we'll get into the tools of the occult such as Ouija boards, crystal balls, Dungeons & Dragons. I used to be a dungeon master back in my old previous life, and all those type of occultic tools that people get into, that they are so fascinated with in this day and age as it continues to increase in popularity. But before we get into all of that stuff in the next couple of nights, I felt it was a good idea to get a good firm grasp of what God's word says about the devil and demons and the spiritual realm so you will have that background when we get into these other topics on the next couple of nights. A lot of people will look at those things and forget the real spiritual nature of what's going on behind the scenes so tonight we're going to take a good biblical look at what we're dealing with here when we're dealing with the devil.

Okay, so first of all, we don't have any people armed and dangerous here. I usually, if I don't have my main witnessing Bible, I always carry a derringer on me. It's a little worn here but a lot of people think I'm unarmed. They don't think I have a Bible on me but I usually carry one. But we're going to get into some scriptural references tonight on the devil and look at some of the things the devil and his legions of demons do in relationship to the topic of the occult and then we'll just take it from there.

So to begin with, we'll go to Matthew 4. In fact, as I open this discussion on the devil, I ought to mention that a lot of people think the devil is some kind of comical figure. You know, if you watch cartoons on Saturday morning, a lot of times in some of these cartoons, you'll see how Bugs Bunny or Donald Duck or somebody will end up in hell and there is a little devil with his pitchfork in his red union suit, you know, smiling and the sulfur smoke and everything, the devil is sitting down there in hell and ready to poke him with a pitchfork or something. We all have this comic book idea of the devil, that he has a goatee, he's got the horns sticking out of his head and all of that kind of stuff, and he lives in hell and he is not something that we have to worry about here. Maybe he's sitting on a throne in hell and maybe he comes out now and then or he sends some of his emissaries out of hell and mainly they spend their time down there kind of torturing people who have already died and gone to hell and they're down there. You know, if you have ever read this medieval novel which I had to read when I was in high school called "Dante's Inferno" this is where a lot of this comic book idea comes from, the devils and the demons, you know, just reading a little section of "Dante's Inferno," it says, "Below on my right and filling the first ditch along both banks, new souls in pain appear, new torments and new devils black as pitch. All of these sinners were naked. On our side of the middle, they walked toward us. On the other end, in that direction was swift of stride and wherever along that hideous track, I saw horned demons with enormous lashes move through these souls, scourging them on the back." So as you go through things like this you had to read in high school and maybe even junior high, you get all these ideas that hell is a place where the demons are beating up on the poor lost souls and everything like that, and you've got your comics and cartoons. What I'm saying is forget all this. This is all baloney. This is not the truth of what we're talking about here in the devil. This is not the biblical account. This is not what you find in Scripture. You have this comic book idea of the devil that is totally false.

As we are looking in Matthew 4, starting in verse 1 through 11, I'll just briefly read that. I don't know if any of y'all can see that. Here's a more popular picture of the devil in these times. They came out with this picture of the devil in 1861, the goat's head with the horns and all this stuff, and a lot of your satanic groups get into that type of image of the devil, and you've got the pentagram there on his forehead and all that aspect. So they make the devil look like this as well but this is another, a false idea of what the devil looks like. But I want to let you know right now, all this comic book stuff, when you run into Satanists and devil worshipers which are out there, all these concepts of what the devil looks like and who he is and where he's coming from are false.

What we're going to look at is what we believe to be the truth as found in God's word and as we get into Matthew 4, even this rendering isn't a very good rendering in my opinion but it's about the only thing I could find to get ready for this little lecture series. But this is an artist's rendition of Matthew 4 where Jesus is being tempted by the devil in the wilderness and, as you know, Jesus went out to the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights, didn't eat, fasted, and then the devil came to him and tempted him and was offering him and we're going to take a look at this, but if I were to have done this picture, I probably would have had the devil looking like some really majestic being because when you look

in the Scripture, you find out the devil appears as something wonderful. He's glorious and radiant and shining and everything. So here he kind of makes him look bad. He's kind of dark and everything like here, but if I were to have done this, I would have made the devil look like, I don't know, I don't know who you think is good looking, Robert Redford or something. But really a fantastic looking creature to make you think, "Wow, I want to buy a car from him," or something. That's the way the devil comes on. He doesn't come on as some repulsive creature that you go, "Ew!" No, the devil comes across like, "Hey, I want to get in with this guy. He's got something going on."

So as we look in Matthew 4, we're going to get a little idea here and then I'll move directly into our discussion of the devil and his legions that follow him. What we have here in Matthew 4, it says,

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him [that's the devil], he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered [Jesus is saying] and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

You know, it's interesting, people always remember "man does not live by bread alone," everyone remembers that but they never remember the other half of that sentence, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." No one ever remembers that part, they just remember the first part, but the second part is the most important part, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." As you look through the Scriptures, you find that Jesus was constantly quoting the Bible, quoting the Bible against the devil, against the scribes and the Pharisees, all those who would come against him. He quoted the word of God to defeat their arguments or whatever type of thing that was false that they were trying to bring to pass.

Well, here in verse 5, we pick up the story and it says,

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

So here the devil takes Jesus up to the pinnacle of the very temple in Jerusalem, just like that. You've heard, you've seen Star Trek where suddenly they jump in the transporter and they can suddenly materialize anywhere on some planet or in a cave or wherever they need to transport, well, the devil can do the same thing. He takes Jesus and suddenly they are up on the top of the temple in Jerusalem and he's looking out and the devil is saying, "Hey, if you're the Son of God like you claim, jump off this temple." He's telling Jesus to jump off and fall down and he says, "The Scriptures say the angels will bear thee up lest

you dash thy foot against a stone." You see, Jesus rebuked him on the first thing, "If you're the Son of God, turn these stones into bread," Jesus said, "Well, you know, man does not live by bread alone," and rebuked him with the word of God. So the devil says, "Well, let's see, he's going to quote the Bible at me so maybe I'll try him this other way by quoting the Bible." So the devil does it here, he takes him up and says, "Jump off," and then he quotes a Bible verse to him. The only problem with that is when you're dealing with the devil, he uses the Bible, of course, but he perverts the Scripture. He is quoting Psalm 91:11 but he doesn't quote it properly. He perverts the text and tries to make it look like, "Oh, let's just tempt God." If I want to go out, let's say a train is coming down a railroad track and, "Well, God will protect me. After all, he'll send some angels and they'll protect me lest I dash my foot against a stone. I'll just lay across these railroad tracks and the angels will stop that train from running over me." That's not what Psalm 91:11 is saying and the devil knew that and, of course, more importantly, Jesus knew that in this case that he was perverting the word and Jesus corrects the devil scripturally.

As he goes on in verse 7, he said,

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again [now he's refuting the devil, once again with the word of God], Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God [quoting Deuteronomy 6:16].

So you're to take good care of yourself, you're not to drink poison and say, "Well, God is going to protect me." You're not to tempt the Lord. The Lord will watch out for you under normal circumstances and so forth, you know, have his angels watching over you but if you're intentionally going to go out and try to, "I'll slit my throat or I'll do something that's really dangerous on purpose," then you have no guarantee because that's tempting the Lord and that's what Jesus rebuked the devil with.

Then you go on and it says,

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Now he comes on to Jesus with the biggest temptation of all. He takes him up. They use the Star Trek method again of teleportation. They go up on a high mountain and the devil in a moment of time shows him all the kingdoms of the world. He says, "Look at all this. You can have it all if you'll just fall down and worship me, Jesus. Just fall down and worship me. You can have all these things." Blatant materials, all the things in the world you could want. This is just another way the devil tempts us all. He'll give us something if we'll just sin against God or something of that nature. But one thing to notice here is could the devil really offer all this to Jesus if it wasn't in his power to offer it to him? We know in other Scriptures the Bible says that all the world is in the lap of the evil one. And Jesus' response here is even more telling to this temptation by the devil. Here he offers him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them and Jesus says in verse 10,

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written,

You see, the third time now dealing with the devil, Jesus rebukes the devil with the Bible, with the word of God. He says,

for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Quoting, of course, Old Testament Scripture once again. You're only to worship God, not the devil or anyone else. He turns away the temptation the third time by quoting the Bible. So here the devil has come at him with three different temptations, even trying to pervert the word of God and all three times Jesus rebukes him with the word of God and that's really your only defense when it comes to dealing with the devil, when we get into the next couple nights, the occult, ghosts, UFOs and all these things that you're going to come in contact with and, believe me, we can't go to HEB anymore without the magazine racks talking all about UFOs and all these religions they bring with them, all these UFO encounters. Well, I'm getting ahead of myself. I'll save that. I could talk your ear off on these alien creatures and you don't even have to go and see "Independence Day" to find out about that stuff.

But anyway, what we're dealing with here then is a being that is presented in the word of God that is just as real as Jesus himself. You know, I find this so interesting. So many times there are people who say, "Oh, I believe in God," but they don't believe in the devil. "Well, do you believe in the Bible?" "Oh, I believe the Bible." "But you just told me you don't believe in the devil." They say, "Well, there couldn't be a devil. You know, God is love and he loves everybody and he wouldn't let the devil run around and cause all this kind of trouble." I say, "Wait a minute, if the Bible is true, then the devil has to be true."

I remember when I first got saved, I fell on my face, tears, thanking the Lord for saving me and I gave my life to Christ and everything and all my in-laws, I was at my in-laws' house when it happened, they were all wondering what I was doing over here crying and all this stuff, but the next big realization I had after I was born again was, "The devil is real! You know, there really is someone out there trying to get me." I always thought the devil was off somewhere, maybe down in hell, you know, running hell and some of the demons with the pitchfork and all that kind of stuff and I found out that, no, the devil is not down in hell. The devil has never been in hell. Do you want to know where the devil is right now? Scripturally, I'll tell you. The answer is in Revelation 12 and I might as well just read that real quick. But get it out of your minds right now that the devil is not around here. One of the biggest mistakes I made before I became a Christian was just think the devil is somewhere off bothering somebody else or he's in hell and he is nowhere around here, but what a mistake. The devil is all around and his legions, as the Bible makes it clear, we're in the middle of a cosmic battlefield right now. We're in the middle of the biggest war you ever saw in your life, although it's hard to see it because it is invisible but we see the manifestations of it in the world, as Jesus said, "Love not the world or the things in the world," but you are to follow God instead.

Now, let's take a quick look here in Revelation 12 and I'll start in verse 7 and move down. It just says,

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not

A lot of people have this idea that heaven is this perfect and, you know, you see some of these movies and everything is wonderful and everybody is walking around with wings and stuff like that but what we read here right in the word of God, it says there is war in heaven. There is a battle going on even in heaven and the dragon, and we'll get into some of these discussions of the devil here shortly in a more machine-gun fashion on some of the scriptural references, but the devil is, of course, Satan, in fact he even describes that as we go down the page.

Anyway, the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

Now here's the key point, verse 12,

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman [and that goes back to the early part of the chapter and I won't go into all the exegesis of that] which brought forth the man child.

Let's see, going down here, basically it just says in verse 17,

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The key to Revelation 12 here it tells you where the devil is now, and if you were listening to what I just said there, the devil has never been in hell. It says later in Revelation 20, the devil at the end of time will be cast into the lake of fire along with the

beast and the false prophet, but the devil has never been in hell. He doesn't even know what it's like. Not yet, anyway.

So the devil is here right now with us along with all his legions and Scripture makes it clear that 1/3 of the angels, it says stars in Revelation but that is symbolic of those who follow the devil, are down here on the earth right now, having been cast out and are seeking to pervert the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to attack the church of Jesus, make war on his saints and to deceive those people so that they will be damned in hell just like the devil is going to be damned in hell. He's got a short time and he wants to take as many people with him as he can and that's the whole situation as far as the Scripture makes it clear. We're in a cosmic war and the devil is here right now and he's out to deceive us and take as many people with him to hell as he possibly can and he's going to do it by any number of methods: by, of course, false religions. If you believe in a false Gospel, Galatians 1:6-9, "If any man comes to you preaching another gospel other than what which we preach to you which is found in the word of God," and that is being spoken by the Apostle Paul. He wrote 14 of the 27 books in the New Testament. He said, "If anyone preaches to you another gospel other than which we preach to you, let him be accursed," and of course, that's the strongest word that you can use in the Greek language in the New Testament, the Koine Greek, which means "anathema," which means "let him be damned to hell." You've got all these religions out here, the Hindus worship 88 million gods, the Bible says there is only one God. Jesus says serve and worship only him otherwise it's idolatry. If you don't believe God is strong against idolatry, you need to read the 10 Commandments again and then go from there. You read the Old Testament and there is nothing but curses on the Canaanites and the Moabites, the Jebusites and all the other "ites" about worshiping all these false gods and God is going to judge them.

So the devil uses false religion and Paul says in the New Testament that these people that worship all these other false gods are worshiping demons. They're not worshiping God and as sincere as somebody wants to be about, "Well, Shiva of the Hindus, he's god and I worship him and I'm sincere about it and don't all paths lead to God? As long as you're sincere, isn't that good enough? You'll just make it to heaven if you're just sincere about whatever you happen to believe. The Muslims out there believe in Allah and surely the Muslims are okay because they are sincere about their belief in God." Well, you can be sincere that if you drink a bottle of cyanide or you can be sincere and you can walk off the Grand Canyon, well, if you walk off the Grand Canyon, you're not going to fall, you'll just walk right across it over to the other side, you can be sincere about that but the problem is reality. It's always a problem, isn't it? Reality. I can imagine all kinds of things that I want to be true. I can imagine I've got \$1 million. I go to the bank and I say, "Hey, I want to withdraw \$1 million, please." But the only problem is reality. The bank teller is going to say, "Well, you don't have \$1 million in this account." Just because I believe it doesn't make it true and this is the problem with all these religions. They believe Allah is God, or they believe Shiva or that cow, the sacred cow, you know, they've got all the animals that they worship over there, is God, but that doesn't make it true. Just because I drink a bottle of cyanide and think, "Oh, it won't hurt me," you know, the reality is that cyanide is going to kill me and I'll be dead on the floor and they'll carry me out and that's just the fact of the situation.

And God is trying to tell us in the word, that's why it's here, that we must believe the way he has presented his Gospel. And you'll get accused when you tell people this of being narrowminded, in fact I got blasted on my answering machine, well, I get blasted almost every day because we have a lot of TV shows on access television in Austin. We've been doing a series on the Muslims here of late and have had some schoolteacher call up and say, "Well, I'm a Christian and I think it's just terrible you're so closed minded saying that these other cultures, their religions don't work." But when you read the Bible, if Jesus was going around saying, "Oh, it doesn't matter what you believe. Just believe whatever you want to believe," how come they wanted to crucify him? How come they're yelling, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" I mean, if he just said, "Well, you just believe whatever you want to believe," then why would they get mad at him? They were mad at Jesus because he was saying, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father except through me." He's saying, "If you want salvation, you've got to believe in me, not some of this other stuff. You've got to believe in me," and these guys didn't want to do it and so they got mad and they said, "Well, let's kill him and get rid of him so we can believe what we want to believe."

This is where it's all at. This is what the devil is trying to do, he's trying to get people to believe in false belief systems and religions so that they on the final day, as the Bible makes it so clear over and over again, there is a judgment day coming. "It is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment," and then we'll all be judged for what we did in this flesh. And it's not if you did more good works than bad, that's what the ancient Egyptians believed. They believed, "Well, if I have done more good things than I have done bad, then I'll be all right. God will accept me." Well, that's not it. That's the religion of the Egyptians but that's not going to be much good when it comes to the God of the Bible because he says the only way of salvation is faith in his Son, Jesus Christ, and this is where a real battle line comes as you get into this whole subject of the occult. As we're going to find out in the next couple of days studying about ghosts, UFOs, black magic, witchcraft, crystal balls, tarot cards, all these things that we are going to be looking into, you're going to find that the undermining core of all this stuff is a basic denial of Christian doctrine. It's a basic denial that Jesus is the only way to be saved; that you'll find in all this occultic art that they say, "Well, you're God yourself or anything you want to be true will be true." Anything as long as it's not Christianity.

It will be a basic denial, as we find out, and this is how the devil operates, in false belief systems, and he uses tricks. It's like I've always said, God parted the Red Sea. God can do these great miracles and when we look into these occultic arts, it's more or less parlor tricks, you know, predicting the future, let's say through astrology or a trumpet flying through the air at some of these séance sessions when you're speaking to the dead and so forth. I mean, why does God need to do little parlor tricks that we find in all these occultic things when he can do great and mighty acts the whole world can see? He doesn't need to stoop to these little tricks. This is more in line with what the devil does. He does these little tricks or whatever it might be, although we do find in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 it says with all deceivableness and cunningness, the devil will deceive those who don't believe the truth with great signs and wonders, and as we'll find out, 99% of the signs and



wonders in the occult are fraudulent. It's just people want to believe this stuff so much that even when a fraud is being perpetrated, they'll believe it and they'll think it's some kind of supernatural thing when really it's just some trickster, a palm reader or whatever, ripping them off and making them think there's some supernatural thing when really there is nothing going on there. The devil won't use supernatural power if he doesn't have to. If he can just get people to fall for simple tricks or some liar that is passing himself off as some psychic reader, you know, get them a psychic hotline, find out who your husband will be or your wife or all these things, he can just use simple tricks like that, he doesn't need to use any supernatural things to get people to see. Anyway, so God doesn't need to stoop to this sort of thing and we'll find that out in the next few days.

Here is one of the tricks of the devil and what I want to do at the moment is get into some of the things the devil does and we won't get into all the Bible reading. What I'll do for the sake of the tape because people from all around, basically I guess I can honestly say people from around the world buy our books, tapes and videos. We get orders, we have our resource list and everything and so for the sake of getting these Bible references on the audiobook when people get it they'll be able to write those references down from the tape and then look them up when they're doing their studies. But what I'll do is go through some of the references about the devil and so we will get an idea of what this creature is doing.

And right before I do that, I think a very important point needs to be said about the devil. A lot of people mock the devil. They call him "old slew foot" or they call him any other number of names about the devil and whatever kind of names they want to call the devil, they call him, "Get out of here, devil! Or do this. Get out of that piano!" or whatever it might be. They curse the devil in one way or another but there is one reference I think is very important that needs to be understood when we are dealing with the devil and it is found in Jude verse 9. I'll just read it real quick, it says, "Yet Michael the archangel," now remember, we read about him in Revelation 12 where he's in heaven fighting the devil and his angels. It says here.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not [I'm reading from the King James, sorry about that] durst not to bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Now, here is Michael the Archangel, one of the highest angels there is in heaven under God and he doesn't bring a railing accusation against the devil. He doesn't sit there and call the devil, "Oh, get out of here devil. Old slew foot, move on." He doesn't do that. Instead of doing that, he didn't even dare or would not dare. If you look in the Greek, it's really emphatic, the original language, he would not dare to bring this railing accusation against the devil so apparently the devil still has great respect and has his position in this created universe that we find ourselves in until judgment comes and he is cast into the lake of fire. So he's got his position here by God's authority and we find that he said instead, "The Lord rebuke you." So when you're dealing with the devil, you should ask the Lord to rebuke the devil. Don't just sit there and think, "Oh, I'm some high and

mighty Christian and on my own authority I'll tell the devil to get out of here." No. No, don't do that. If it's not good enough for Michael, the highest of the angels, then we should depend solely on the power of God, that you pray the Lord to rebuke the devil. You go to God, you don't go to yourself and think you've got some kind of thing over the devil. We're just mortal men down here and believe it, the devil finds something in all of us; the devil didn't find anything in Jesus but he finds plenty in us. So we need to lean on the Lord, not ourselves, when it comes to dealing with the devil and this is a very important point to know and just calling the devil names is not the answer.

So, with that, let me go over here and let's take a look at some of the things that the devil can do biblically, and all this ties in, keep in mind, with what we'll be talking about the next few days because really this is the underlying power behind the things that we will be discussing in the next couple of days. If you understand and remember what the Bible says about these things, then it will all make a lot more sense to you when we try to stress the dangers involved in dealing with Ouija boards and things of that nature, and séances, and spiritism, and things that we will be talking about which in a lot of cases have led to demon possession. But let's see what we've got here. I'm going to my notes. First of all, I'll say some things about the devil so you will understand what his power is, and then from there we'll see exactly from the scriptural references what he can do so you'll be aware of those things because the Bible stresses that we should not be ignorant of Satan's devices. That's one of the commands that we are told in the Scripture, "Do not be ignorant of what the devil can do." So we need to be aware and understand what this entity is out here trying to do to us.

Okay, first of all, a lot of people think there is God and there is the devil. Okay, you've got God here and you've got the devil and they are equal, they are equal in power and it's sort of like a division of power; you know, it's the good and the bad, the yin and the yang according to some of the Eastern religions. They say the good and bad are equal powers and it's just a matter...it kind of goes back to that ancient Egypt religion of good and bad, do more good works than bad and you'll be all right. But basically the devil is not equal to God by any means. The devil was a created angel, which means, in fact you can find in the Bible, Colossians 1:15 and following, that Jesus who is God, created the devil and all of the universe. You also get that in John 1, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," that's John 1:14. Jesus, you've got to remember, Jesus Christ is God in the flesh and therefore being God and the one who created everything and all that there is, is over the devil so don't ever get the idea that Jesus is under the devil or anything like that. Jesus is the one who made the devil. The devil is simply an angel who fell.

You get some references to that fact in Ezekiel 28 and also in Isaiah 14. For those listening on the tape, write those down and look that up and just read the whole chapters there. You have some good references about how the devil basically before his fall was an exalted cherubim, one of the mightiest angels, and was real close to God and then suddenly pride was found in him and he wanted to be exalted as high as God was, and as you get into Revelation, you find that in his rebellion against God, the pride that was in the devil, he found himself at odds with the God, and then took 1/3 of the angels who

found him so wonderful; they preferred the devil over God himself, that's how majestic the devil appears or in the biblical references.

In fact, you can get, I think it's in, if my memory serves me correct here, 2 Corinthians 11, a reference on his appearance. Here we go, in fact there is a lot of good stuff here. It says in verse 14,

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

What you have is the devil always appears to be great and wonderful and his ministers too, as it warns you in 2 Corinthians 11:13. It says,

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers [talking about the devil's ministers] also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

So always keep in mind the devil is going to come to you as something wonderful, something great, just like in heaven where he was actually able to get 1/3 of the angels to follow him. That's how great his appeal is. He's the greatest salesman that ever came into existence, I suppose. It's an amazing thing.

So here's the devil, he is a created being, he was in a war, as we already read about, in heaven, he was cast out and we find that he is now in this time period that we're in, in this dispensation, I guess, still here. He's here with us. The war is going on all around us. It's an invisible warfare, we call it spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6 gets into a lot of this because we are told there in Ephesians 6 as Christians you put on the whole armor of God. As you find the biblical references throughout the Scripture, we're like in combat. Paul is always making the Christian equivalent to like a soldier. You know, we've got the sword of the Spirit, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, and we are in there and supposed to be fighting against these spiritual entities that are against us. And a lot of people don't think anything is going on or if the devil is down in hell there is no war so what do I have to worry about? But it's going on all the time when you watch TV, you watch TV shows and you get these alien philosophies coming at you; the false concepts of God popping at you on the radio, television, the music you listen to. It's all around you. You can't escape it.

A lot of people don't really study their Bibles, they don't go to church enough, they don't really pay attention, they're more into whatever things they're doing whether if they're in a band in high school or cheerleading or whatever it might be, they spend more time in that than reading the word of God and then they think, "Well, nothing is going on. I'm over here." When I was in high school, I spent all my time, I was in a marching band and I played wargames. I liked to play Dungeons & Dragons. I played that kind of stuff and I spent all my time doing that rather than reading the Bible. I guess that's one reason I thought the devil was so far away but the whole time I was just totally wrapped up in the world and wasn't thinking about God or anything else. I always had more time to play

games than to read God's word or anything. That's another way the devil will deceive you, he gets you so off-track, wasting your time on all kinds of wasting time things, sitting there watching sitcoms. I used to watch "All in the Family," and the reruns of all these old shows, "I Love Lucy," instead of reading the Bible. You know, we don't have time to read our Bibles but we've got time to watch reruns of "I Love Lucy." There is never a good excuse for not learning what God has to say.

So anyway, the devil is under God. He has been put here for a purpose. There is a reason for all this going on. God has purposes, it says in Scripture that everything will bring glory to God at some point, on judgment day. It is tough spiritual war around you. A lot of times you say, "Well, why doesn't God just get rid of the devil? Why does he let him be here with us? Why doesn't he just get rid of him now?" But God has his purposes. He wants us to live a Christian life and move on through this life, enduring to the end, as the Scripture says, and known to God, we are here whether we like it or not, we have to deal with this situation.

Now, so we've got this entity and all the spirits that are out to basically, not to get you paranoid, but they're out to get us. The devil and his demons are out to get us. They are out to get you and destroy your soul one way or another and whether you want to believe it or not, that's up to you, but if the Scripture is correct, the Scripture presents the devil just as real as Jesus. So you can't have Jesus...and you've got to have both. You can't just have one or the other. If Jesus is real, then the devil has to be real. I mean, just the reference I read at the beginning showed them both to be actual entities and the devil is found throughout the Scriptures and there is no escaping it.

With that said, let's go on and see some things about Satan. He is created; Satan is not eternal; he had a beginning Satan is not omniscient; he does not know all things. Satan is not omnipotent; he is not all-powerful. He can't just do anything he wants like God does but, of course, God can't do anything he wants either so when an atheist says, "Can God make a rock so big he can't move it?" Don't fall for that trick. Just say, "Well, God can't do everything," and that will mess up the atheist every time because the Bible says God cannot lie so right away we know there is something God can't do, he can't lie. Because he said it himself, being composed only of spirit or mind, Ephesians 2:2, Satan is undetectable by the five senses. He is usually invisible to the eye. You'll find a reference there, Luke 22:3. As with any angel, he can appear in various forms and you find in Genesis 3:1, this is the temptation of Eve, the devil appeared as a serpent so the devil can appear in animal forms. Also look up Revelation 20:2. He can appear in angelic forms, that's 2 Corinthians 11:14, which I already read to you. Also in Galatians 1:8 where you have the false Gospels being presented, I already read that verse to you. He can appear in human forms, that's 1 Samuel 28:4 -25. In natural forms, Luke 10:18, Job 1:19.

Okay, I already told you how the devil became evil. He was in heaven before and now he's down here with us. What are the names and titles of this fallen angel? Some references, we find the word "Satan" mentioned 53 times in the Bible. You have references such as 1 Chronicles 21:1, Job 1:6, Zechariah 3:1-27. In the New Testament,

Matthew 14, Acts 26:18, Romans 16:20 and Revelation 12:9. He's called the devil 31 times, the dragon 13 times, the evil one 12 times.

Have you ever heard someone say the Lord's prayer? "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Anyone know how it finishes? "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Right, but I thought I heard someone say the right answer. Do you know what the Greek literally says there in the Lord's prayer? It says "deliver us from the evil one." Very good. Someone said it. Evil one, you see, a lot of times we recite that and you leave out the word "one" but, you see, what Jesus is saying, deliver us from the evil one, talking about the devil, and I missed it all through my growing up because we didn't have it in our church recitation, we just had "evil," and it was a freak out for me to find out later it's right in there. It says, "Deliver us from the evil one." The devil himself. We need to be delivered from him and Jesus stressed it in his own Lord's prayer. So this is how important this is and I thought that was an interesting twist that the devil must have been so good to have let that word "one" out of many people so they never get it. You know, we just figure, "Well, we don't want to do evil, we don't want to do bad things," when he's really talking about the devil.

Anyway, as we go on through here, the devil is called the prince of this age, the ruler of this world three times in the Bible. Remember how the devil offered the world to Jesus. You see, the devil has got that kind of power where we are. He's called Beelzebub 11 times, the evil one 12 times. He's called the adversary two times; the prince of the demons two times; prince of the power of the air, that's Ephesians 2:2; the god of this age, 2 Corinthians 4:4; the accuser of the brethren, I read that earlier in Revelation 12:10; the spirit which works disobedience; the deceiver of the whole world, Revelation 12:9; a ruler, Ephesians 6:2; an authority; the power of darkness in this world; the spiritual force of evil in heavenly places; Abaddon or Apollyon; the father of lies, John 8:44; king over the demons; the tempter; Lucifer in Isaiah 14:2; a murderer in John 8:44. And now more importantly than all the names he is given throughout the Scripture and we could spend hours just looking up all of the references to the devil so if you ever think the devil is not stressed in the Bible from Old Testament to New Testament, you're completely wrong and that's how important it is to know about him and what he's up to.

Now, what can he do? That's really the key question we want to answer before we leave today and I'm going to get into that right now. What can Satan do? He is a very powerful angel as such. His strength and intelligence are far superior to man's and here's what he's capable of. Super dimensional teleportation. It's sort of like I mentioned before, the Star Trek, "Beam me up, Scotty," type of stuff. You find that in Job 1:6-7 where the devil goes from earth to heaven when he's talking to God at the very throne of God and God asks the devil, "What have you been doing?" He says, "Well, I've been patrolling around on the earth and seeing what's going on," and he starts to talk about how God brings up Job and then you go from there on this cosmic scenario of the overall war that we find ourselves in. Anyway, visual materialization in various forms, as I mentioned before, 2 Corinthians 11:14. He can transport objects and people from place to place, as we

mentioned in Matthew 4:5 and 8. Molecular transformation of matter. That's in Exodus 7:12 and also 22. Remember in that movie with Charlton Heston and Yul Brynner, "The Ten Commandments," remember when Moses goes in there and he puts his staff down and it turns into a snake? Remember what those two Egyptian magicians do? They throw their staffs down and their's turns into snakes and then Moses' snake eats the two snakes by the Egyptian magicians. So the devil has power to turn things into other things, you know, molecular transformation, you might say. Spontaneous human combustion. What we have there is Job 2:16 and Revelation 13:13. That's where, have you ever heard of spontaneous human combustion where somebody just bursts into flames, their whole body is destroyed and all you've got left is....? In one case they just found a person's feet. The rest of their body burned away and all that was were their feet and their shoes sitting in the room and nothing else was burned. It was just like their body just burned away and it didn't scorch anything and all they found were their feet sitting on the floor. It's an amazing thing, but what you find in the Scripture is the devil can just turn people into human torches and burn them up and destroy them. So you have those references there that I have just given you.

("Does this happen to just anybody?") No, well, if you are in God and Christ, the devil can't hurt you like that. Usually it happens, although God can...you do have the references in Corinthians, I think particularly, I believe it's in 1 Corinthians around chapter 5 where Paul tells the church to excommunicate this guy because he's doing some wicked sin and he says, "Turn him over to the devil that his body will be destroyed but his spirit will be saved on the day of Jesus Christ." So you have references where the church, the wicked doers, he has some guy in the church and he's doing wicked deeds, the church is to excommunicate him and then turn him over to the devil so the devil will destroy his body and maybe his spirit will be saved after he himself dies.

I had a guy just yesterday at work tell me, "Well, what about this sin and everything else? I'll still be saved and everything?" And it looked like he was looking, to me it seemed like he was trying to justify something he was doing. He wasn't telling me what he was doing but it just seemed that way. And I said, "Well, you know, if you're really a Christian, you can do some of these wicked things but the only problem is, you may be turned over to Satan and you'll get killed. You'll die. Your spirit may be saved if you're really a born-again Christian but, you know, it just may be like Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5, God will kill you. You just don't know." He didn't seem to take too much comfort in what I was telling him so he kind of walked away not feeling too good about whatever he was doing, I guess.

Anyway, moving along here, the devil can do counterfeit miracles. You find that in Exodus 8:7, 2 Thessalonians 2:9, Revelation 13:13-15. Possession of the minds of non-Christians. This gets into demon possession. We find that in 2 Timothy 2:25-26. We have a lot of references throughout the New Testament of Jesus casting out demons from demon possessed people.

Demon possession, I've seen one case where I was at a Bible study and someone became demon possessed while I was right there and I was with some other Christians and the

person just leaped up and ran into the other room where we had the church tape library and he tried to destroy our tapes, our church tapes. One particular tape, we had a tape in there called "What Jesus Has Done to Satan." This is an outstanding tape, I can really promote it now because I figured, well, if a demon possessed person tried to destroy that tape, well, then the devil must not want that tape to get out so let's promote it. Anyway, we had to do an exorcism right in my living room and this was the first time I have had any kind of...I mean, we were in shock for about a couple of weeks. It was something else. But the person didn't even remember what they had done after we did the exorcism.

About the only closest thing I had outside of that was when I had some woman missionaries at my house and they were giving all this false gospel about how men and women will be gods and goddesses, they had their own planets and all this kind of stuff and you get those false gospels are demonically inspired, it's like the Bible says, doctrines of demons. But I'll never forget that because I was always recording the conversations. I've got them to this day, eight hours of talks with one of the missionaries. But this one guy gave a testimony like you see on TV, how he knew Mormonism was true and he went up on a mountain and, I mean, this was one of the greatest testimonies I've ever heard. It's so emotional and you're like, "I've got to be a Mormon." But he's crying and saying all this stuff and I was sitting in my quiet living room with a group of people and when I went back to listen to the tape, when you listen to the tape, it's weird because you get to that part where he's just talking about him giving this great testimony, tears and everything, and all of a sudden you hear what sounds like a slowly blowing wind and as he continues to move toward his climax of this great testimony of why Mormonism is true, the blowing sort of wind sound in the background on this tape got so loud you could barely hear the guy talking and there are these murmuring sounds on the tape. And I have given this tape to several people to try to figure out how did this happen. Is it the air conditioning system? Where is this noise coming from? But it's so funny because you hear this and then we start to say things like, as soon as the guy got through and he's got tears and everything, I just said, "Yeah, but I've heard the same thing from a Jehovah's Witness so that still doesn't make it true." Then you don't hear the noise anymore. I kind of wonder if that was maybe a demonic manifestation while the guy got so emotionally involved in giving his testimony for this Mormonism gospel because it was a perfectly quiet room. I mean, quieter than this is right now and we can hear the air conditioning going but to have it where when you listen to the tape and you can't even hear the guy talking anymore and you just hear all this wind blowing and you hear these murmuring sounds, guttural voices and you kind of go, "Whoa!" But when you're dealing with Mormon missionaries, Jehovah's Witnesses, other false religions, you've got to pray because you're dealing with demonic entities.

Let me just try to wrap up real quick here with a list of a few more things and we'll pick up on all the occultic things tomorrow, finish this off in thought transference or implantation. That's in Chronicles 21:1, Matthew 16:22-23, so they can implant the demons and stuff, can implant thoughts in your mind and they can cause death, Hebrews 2:14. Hindering man's ability to comprehend the Gospel, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. Produce bodily illness and create illnesses in your body, Matthew 9:32-33, Luke 13:11-17. They can produce mental illness, Matthew 5:1-13. My mom was into black magic. I'll have to

tell you about that when this mental illness stuff comes in, I'll be able to give you some examples there. Insight opposition to God, Acts 13:6-12. Remove the word of God from the mind, Matthew 13:19. Manipulate the weather, you find that in Job 1:19, Mark 4:35-39. Hinder answers to prayer, Daniel 10:12-14, 20-21. Tempt people to sin, 1 Thessalonians 3:5. Invent false religions and ideas, as we stressed, 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 1 Timothy 4:1-3, 1 John 4:1-3 I'm almost through here. Manipulate things to bring financial disaster or wealth to individuals. So the devil can destroy your finances or give you finances to serve his purposes one way or the other. Job 1:3, Job 13:19, Matthew 4:8-9, 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Disrupt the assembly of the saints by the presence by inciting dissent, disunity, lies, divisions, Acts 5:1-10, 6:1. Guide the spirit and actions of nations. So he affects national governments, Daniel 10:13, Revelation 16:14. He probably has some high level demons dealing with Bill Clinton, Boris Yeltsin and all these rogue governments. You find in the Bible the devil is big on how the governments are run and a lot of these countries won't let you read the Bible or anything. I wonder who is behind all that when you think about some of these biblical references. Keep believers in a constant state of depression or discouragement, 1 Peter 5:8-9. Send a messenger to be a thorn in the flesh in a believer to vex him, his or her spirit as long as they live, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. God uses this satanic device to keep believers humble by revealing their weaknesses and absolute dependence on God's grace. You get that in same reference. Then the last two here, kill the body, excommunicating believers. That's what I mentioned before, 1 Corinthians 5:5. And communicate with people during séances and other occultic rites, Deuteronomy 18:9-11.

But you have basically the whole occult ABCs found right in the word of God in Deuteronomy 18, starting in verse 9 and going down to about verse 14. I'll just read that real quick and then we'll start getting into some of this information that you need to know about as we start to move to these things that are so popular in the world. Deuteronomy 18:9, it says,

9 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.

Abominations, I'm sure you're all aware are the things God hates.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire,

A lot of these pagan cultures back then, they had idols and false gods where when you had a baby, a daughter or son, you would put it on this island and burn it to death as a sacrifice to whatever god it happened to be. This Molech, it was a big statue and he had these iron hands that were heated real hot and they would set the live baby on the red-hot hands and sacrifice the infant to that god, and you had that going on all the time back in those ancient days and so once you have everyone says, pass through the fire, it's talking about burning up your children as a sacrifice to these gods.

He says God also says,



or that useth divination

Which is someone who predicts the future, uses divining rods or casts lots or does something to figure out the future, divination. There are any number of ways to predict the future, and methodologies.

or an observer of times, or an enchanter,

Basically these are someone who, an observer of the times is someone who interprets omens. You know, some people cut open pigs and pull out their entrails and they kind of look through there and they dig through there and "Oh, I see that there is a famine coming in the land. You can tell from his third intestine over here. Do you see that?" And they do whatever crazy nonsense they can come up with but these are the observers of the times, the enchanters that get into the same type of thing, interpreting omens and so forth.

We have,

or a witch,

A lot of times we think of Samantha from "Bewitched" or something but the witch in this case, I also have in my book here, "The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology," is a lot different than what you find. In fact, on Samantha in "Bewitched," if I can find it quickly here, I think I have the note for...here we go, from witchcraft, this is actually, the name of this is "The Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology." This is put together by occultists themselves, people that get into all this and really believe this. But concerning this reference here in the Bible about witches, here's what they say under witchcraft on page 990 in this, I think it's volume 2, yes. It says from Saxon wicca and it says, "The cult of persons who by means of satanic assistance or the aid of evil spirits or familiars are enabled to practice minor black magic," but the difference between the sorcerer and the witch is that the former, "has sold his soul to Satan for complete domination over it for a stated period whereas the witch usually appears as the devoted and often badly treated servant of the demonic power. She is often mistress of a familiar or bound and enslaved, and among certain savage peoples are co-powers or self-evolved." And there's a lot I could read here about witches but, right away you find out what they say themselves about witchcraft. As I was holding up this other book, "The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology," it is interesting that demonology is associated with witchcraft so the people that are in this themselves admit that there is demonic influence, satanic influence when you're dealing with this and it's no wonder God says, "Stay away from it," as he says here. These are abominations.

A witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits,

These are people, there are some people that are charmers. They come up with things, they have certain charms or they have amulets or something that is supposed to give them some kind of magical power. "I want that guy to love me so if I wear this particular ring that has had a spell cast on it, he'll start to love me." Or whatever it is that they want to do with that. The consulter with familiar spirits is like a medium. It's someone who gets into a séance, let's say, and starts communicating with the dead and some spirit or some body.

Of course, once again, fakery and trickery here can be of great importance. A lot of this resurgence of occultic activity, séances, talking with the dead and so forth, took place here in America back late in the 1800s. It started with people called the Fox sisters who did something called table rapping. They sat at a table and went into a séance to talk with spirits and the table would start rapping and knocking messages apparently. What would apparently confirm their suspicions they were talking to the spirit world was the table knocked out a message that there was a body buried in the basement of their house and when they went to look, they found somebody buried down there so this was supposed to be a big confirmation and the spirits are talking to them through this table that is making noises. Of course, it's always possible that what happened is maybe they had discovered this body down there and then they decided the table was going to tell us there's a body down there or, who knows, there are all kinds of opportunity for them to be fraudulent and create this. Later, in fact, some investigators did find out that when they did séances and there would be floating trumpets and things going around in a room, flying objects, when they came to investigate the room where the séances were, the assistants to the Fox sisters said, "Well, you won't find any secret panels here. I mean, knock on any wall." The only problem was that when he was showing the investigators, he knocked on a wall and the wall opened up and then they saw an outfit where a guy could dress up in total black and there were trumpets and all the stuff that would be flying around. It was all in the secret panel behind the wall.

So, once again, you've got to watch out. There is a lot of fraud. But you see, those people back in the late 1800s really succeeded there. There were all these people that really believed this was happening. They made a lot of money and some clubs and societies were started up and all these people got into this psychic research and it just grew and grew and you get people like J. B. Rhine coming along in our century and he starts with all these psychic powers. He got a farmer who said his horse had psychic capabilities. He could count numbers. He would hold up  $2+2$  and the horse would tap with his foot, you know, he would tap four times with his hoof. You see, there are psychic powers being communicated even to animals and they did all these scientific studies and a lot of things you find out with this kind of occultic stuff that people are alleging is they always claim it has some kind of scientific validity, you know, ESP, extrasensory perception and they tried to make it valid by saying it is science. "Oh, this is science. This isn't some phony mythology faith and religion like Christianity. No, this is science." But what they found out with the horse and so forth is that when they took the farmer who owned the horse and put him where the horse couldn't see him, suddenly the horse couldn't count anymore. What they found out was that the horse was actually reading little signals that the farmer would like, flinch his eye or something, almost imperceptibly a certain number

of times and the horse would pick up on that and just tap his foot. If the farmer wasn't around, the horse couldn't do a thing. He would just make horse sounds.

So there is a trick is what I'm saying, but the key is, the real investigators don't get fooled by it but then there are all these other people and they see things and they believe it and they start giving their money to it. They buy books, tapes or whatever it is and they get into it and the thing just grows out of all proportion. You now see on television, I don't watch that much TV but I catch commercials now and then for something called a psychic hotline and you can call now, an 800 number, get involved. Make some money there to help you with your love life or whatever it is.

You can call these psychics and they will tell you all about yourself but a lot of this is trickery as well in that you can do something like that. I don't know if any of you have ever seen the Amazing Kreskin when he used to be on TV. You'd see a big audience and he would do all these amazing things like he could find who was hiding and who had a secret envelope. He could figure out by just looking at the audience. A lot of this stuff is trickery in itself in that there is something called cold reading. You can usually tell who has got, let's say if I wanted to use this cold reading method that some of these so-called psychics used, that I've got some kind of power to find out who's got the envelope, you know, before the session, somebody gets the envelope and he's supposed to hide it. I can usually tell because of, there are certain things that are a giveaway. Like if a woman is hiding something in the context of a group or something like that, a lot of times she might start giggling or something like that. It's called cold reading. You can tell little things that people do. Men though, they get real tight and tense. They are like poker-faced, like they're playing poker. "You know, I'm not going to give any expression and I've got the secret envelope." And these guys can figure out by the way people act on the surface by a process of elimination who's got the secret envelope or something like that. It's just more trickery but if they tell you, "Oh, this is psychic power," you see, if you believe it, then you can fall into that trap of thinking these guys have psychic powers and then when they start telling you about religion or other things, you start believing it. They say, you know, you're off in a cold group or maybe going down with Jim Jones and drinking Kool-Aid, but the key to it all and that's why I thought this video was so important for you all is just to know that most of this occult stuff is just fraud. Don't fall for it because there's usually an explanation for it.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not saying the demonic and Satan and all of that doesn't exist because he had better exist because we find him throughout the Scriptures, as much as we find God almost, and you can't have one without the other. Scripture is true and God is telling us about this cosmic war as we discussed with the devil. But like I said, the devil doesn't have to use legitimate supernatural power to fake you out if he can just use normal everyday liars and cheats, which is sort of along his own characteristics, he'll do that. If it works, it works. Just like in the garden of Eden, he used a simple lie to Eve and it's been working for him ever since, "You shall be as gods." And as we get into this occult study, you'll find that that's an underlying religious theme taught by most of these philosophies, witchcraft, black magic, UFO cults, so forth. A lot of the philosophies are espousing that you shall be as gods and that is very interesting because Satan has found

something that works and he has been using it ever since the garden of Eden. As we study these different occultic religions, you'll find that this is something that just goes all throughout.

Now, to finish this here in Deuteronomy 18, it says "a consulter with familiar spirits," like I said, someone who speaks with the dead,

or a wizard,

That's also a spiritist. And as we just read from "The Encyclopedia of Occultism," that also could be like a sorcerer who, as it says there, someone who has given his soul to Satan.

or a necromancer.

That kind of ties in with the same thing, the spiritist or someone who speaks with the dead. Verse 12 it says,

12 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. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. 14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

So you have a direct command by God to stay away from all these guys, you know, the guys that can read the future, Jeanne Dixon, the astrologers. Well, I'll save my astrology discussion here for just a minute. I want to try to take these category by category as I get into them, trying to set this up simply for you.

One thing I will mention in Luke 16, we won't read it, it's a long chapter there but if you want to write the reference down and look that up sometime, Luke 16, Jesus gives you the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and he's talking about how there was a rich man that died and Lazarus who died, one went to hell and one went to paradise or Abraham's bosom. And what you find is that Jesus states clearly that when someone dies, there is no longer any communication with that person after he has died. A lot of times when we're talking about ghosts or these spirits, séances or whatever, a lot of times they get in a séance, they hold hands and they say, "I want to call up Aunt Hattie or Uncle Bill who died years ago." My mom was into black magic and she used to talk to my grandmother all the time who had been dead for years, but the problem is Jesus says point-blank in Luke 16 and we have another place like I mentioned last night, Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment." Once you're dead, you're out of here and there is no contact with the living until the judgment day comes. And Jesus says when someone has died there is no longer any communication. "There is a great gulf fixed," and so when someone dies, you won't be able to communicate and talk to them again, according to what Jesus said, until we meet on the other side in glory or at the

Great White Throne judgment in Revelation 20, which I hope none of us have to attend because that judgment is going to be for the wicked, but the saved will be there to see what has happened.

So just keep that in mind. Jesus said the dead, once you're dead, there is no more communication with this life. So what does that do then to haunted houses, ghosts? You see all these TV shows where they say, "Oh, this guy used to live in this house 150 years ago and his spirit still walks the halls at night." Now, either they're telling you the truth about this spirit that is walking the halls that lived in this house 150 years ago or Jesus is telling the truth. Now, it's my opinion, I'll go with Jesus over what these guys are saying about this ghost that is walking down the hall.

What we find in Scripture and now I want to tie this in and do a fairly rapid review here of these different items we have to discuss, is give you a little more background on when we talk about ghosts, that will be the first thing, and then we're going to get into UFOs and black magic. I want to give you a little more background. I have some new people here. I won't spend too much time on this because I've only got about 30 minutes left and there is a lot of material to cover here. But let me read to you a little bit more about what the Bible says about the demonic and angels and then you can go from there.

Angel phenomena is a big thing right now in America. If you write a book on angels, you'll probably have a bestseller. People are buying angel books like crazy. You know, good angels, guardian angels, all these things about angels. I'll just review just briefly here on some of the things the Bible says about angels and, you see, demons are nothing more than fallen angels. They are simply angels that turned against God and followed Satan in his rebellion and that's why we're in this big cosmic war that we find ourselves in right now.

The Hebrew word "malacha" and the Greek word "angelos" both mean "messenger." So when you're looking at the word "angel" in the Bible, it's coming from those original language words and it just means "messenger." All the word "angel" means is "messenger," someone who communicates a message. The good angels, of course, are communicating for God, the demonic angels are communicating messages against God. It's as simple as that.

Now, let's see, the word "angel" appears more than 300 times in 24 books of the Bible. This does not include synonyms used for "angels," such as "sons of God, holy ones, morning stars, cherubim, seraphim, ministering spirits, watchers" and such. In all, the term "angel" or its equivalent is found in 35 books of the Bible. Angels are spirit beings created directly by God prior to the creation of the universe, that is Job 38:7. They were created as servants of God, Jesus Christ and the church in order to fulfill the will of God in the earth, Hebrews 1:6 and 14. Apparently there is more than we can figure out. There are just unknown numbers of them, just millions or billions. I don't know how many angels but they can do all kinds of incredible things. Angels are immortal and can never die, Luke 20:36. And they are incredibly powerful and they have great intelligence and wisdom. In their natural state, angels move at tremendous speeds, are not bound by space

and time, at least not in the manner we are, and you have all these references like Mark 16:9, Luke 8:30. Morally, there are two kinds of angels: the holy or the elect angels, 1 Timothy 5:21, and the fallen who are described in the Bible as evil spirits or demons. These rebellious angels will not be redeemed, Hebrews 2:11-17. And their final end is the lake of fire, Matthew 25:41. However while some of these fallen angels are now free to roam, others are currently kept in eternal bonds, Luke 6 and 2 Peter 2:4. So apparently there are some demons that are so bad that God had to lock them up and they are imprisoned and they are in like a spirit prison right now where they can't even come out. If they were let loose on this earth, who knows what horrible stuff they would have perpetrated. But in addition, angels have incredible supernatural power. Peter putting it mildly when he says that they are greater in might and spirit, that's 2 Peter 2:11. For example, one angel was sent to destroy the city of Jerusalem in 1 Chronicles 21:15 and so forth. You have one angel that destroyed 185,000 men outside of Jerusalem. One angel alone was sent by God and he wiped out 185,000 men. So angels are incredibly powerful. They're not these little cupid like baby dolls sitting on clouds with little...they're usually a terrifying figure. Almost every time you look in the Bible about some appearance of an angel, you find like the Apostle John in Revelation, fell down as a dead man before an angel and started to worship the angel until the angel said, "Stop. Only worship God, don't worship me." So these angels that you find in Scripture are terrifying and incredible creatures. They're not something that is just some little thing like you see represented in cartoons all the time.

Now, as far as the demons, and this will tie in with our subject tonight, evil angels are morally corrupt spirits in rebellion against God, Psalm 106:37, Matthew 12:34, and I could just keep going for a long time on all these verses. One of the demons' principal ploys is to deceive people through false religion or deceptive miracles and thereby to blind people to spiritual truths. That's 2 Corinthians 4:4, Acts 26:18, and on and on it goes. Demons are forever set in their ways and they have no opportunity for redemption, thus they will eventually be cast in the lake of fire, Revelation 20:2,3,7-10. So the demons are going to be destroyed and they know it. They're going to hell and, like I said last night, they want to take as many people with them as they can. They have no chance to be saved, they're just here to cause as many people to go against God as they can and so that they will be destroyed and held forever like they are going to be. So don't expect any favors from any demons out there.

There is one high school, a lot of young people get into the occult and things and some of the occult readings and things will tell you how if you get this occult power, you can have...one high school guy got two of his high school friends to tie him up and then throw him into the lake where he drowned, and the reason he had that done by his friends was he was into these occult books that told him that if he were to kill himself in this way, he could command 40 legions of demons. So he had his friends tie him up and throw him into the lake and, of course, he drowned thinking he would get to command 40 legions of demons but I'm sure the demons, whoever convinced him of that, I think he realizes now he did the wrong thing because there is no hope for anyone that follows this occultic stuff as far as salvation and redemption. And you'll find that when it comes to the occult, at

least a lot of mental illness, a lot of people end up in insane asylums, get mentally ill, suicidal tendencies and so forth like that.

Finally on this and then we'll move right into it, just another quick rundown on things that demons can do. I've got plenty of Scripture verses but I won't mention them all for sake of time and trying to get to the main parts here. Demons have power to torment. They have considerable influence in the world affected by Satan's power. Purposeful deception disguised as good spirits. Remember, the demons always come as if they're good guys trying to help you out; "angels of light," as the Scripture talks about. They produce insanity. They have great physical strength, that's Luke 8:26-35. They can cause sickness. They have power over nature. Satan produces whirlwinds, fire from heaven and great miracles in the presence of people, there are 20 Scripture verses for that. Power over the human body. Dumbness, blindness, multiple possession, apparently seeking rest by possessing humans, Luke 8:30, 11:24-26. You find demon possession mentioned throughout the Scriptures. Jesus was always casting demons out of people so demons can take over your body and the occult is a great doorway for doing that. You get into these occult activities we're going to be talking about in the next two days and this is your perfect opportunity if you ever want to meet demons, this is your chance, get into this kind of stuff for any length of time and the demons will come in like a flood. If you're looking to be mentally ill or sick or have suicidal tendencies, this is your chance.

Anyway, further on, the Scripture talks about convulsions, child possession, mauling, animal possession, that's in Matthew 8:30-32. A limited prediction of the future in fortune-telling. You find a lot of these fortunetellers mentioned in the Bible like in Acts 16, for instance, there's a fortuneteller girl there who can predict the future, was bringing great money in for her owners and then Paul got so distressed with her because she had been following them around for a few days, he finally cast the demons out of her and suddenly she couldn't predict the future anymore. Once he had cast the demons out, she had no power to predict the future like she did before here in the book of Acts. And what do you think the owners of the fortuneteller thought? Well, they weren't too happy.

("I have a question for you. You used the word 'mauling,' what does that mean?")  
Mauling, that just means like when you beat someone up or you get torn up or it's like if you're playing in a football game and you've got the ball and all 11 men on the defense hit you at the same time. You get pretty well mauled, get hit by a Mack truck, something like that. I guess that would be my definition of mauling. They can tear you up pretty good.

Like one demon, I can't remember, Mark, you may remember the reference in the book of Acts, the seven sons of Sceva, they tried to cast out a demon and they said, "We cast it out by this Jesus that Paul preaches." They weren't Christians themselves but they were trying to do an exorcism of a demon possessed man and there were seven of them because they saw Paul casting out demons and so they tried it but they weren't Christian, they didn't have the power of God in their lives, so really anyone that is not born again is in the power of Satan. Well anyway, when they tried to do it, what do you think the devil did? He mauled them. That's another way to tie it in with the word "mauling." That one

guy kicked the tar out of all seven guys and you find it in the book of Acts, and beat them up so badly they were bleeding and ripped all their clothes off. So you see that those seven guys could only get beat up. They were sent out in the street naked by this one guy because the demon possessed person has great power. But it's all there in the Bible so that's another tie in with your question, I guess.

But anyway, you've got anger, great strength, power, treacherous natures, scheming wickedly, attacking humans, supernatural revelation, animals can recognize them in some ways, instantaneous projection of a false reality, moral corruption, deception and murder, possession of humans, great wrath, ability to incite betrayal, physical ailments, deception, blinding minds, deceive the nations. That's why you have a lot of these weird governments and strange programs. Invisibility, an awareness of their presence, ability to terrorize, can assume human form, to a degree duplicating God's miracles. The devil can do miracles. Defilement through occult practices and human sacrifice. Then the ability over events and human actions, destroying the flesh, power of death, tempt with evil, objects of pagan worship, child sacrifice and murder. These are all things that the demons do and they attempt to incorporate in the occultic arts and practices we are going to be talking about so I want to get this up front so you know what kind of things we'll be dealing with when we get into the demonic realm which will include the UFOs, the witchcraft, the other things we'll be talking about, ghosts and so forth. Oppression, control humans for their own goals, influence states, send pestilence, power to destroy a city, that's in 2 Samuel 24:15-16, communicate by speech to humans, materialize and dematerialize at will, that's Luke 2:9, 13 and 15, vast in number, speak to man, control of vocal cords, paralysis and possession, different languages, and this is one of the worst here, preach a false Gospel and deception about God. There are innumerable verses on that, particularly 1 Timothy 4:1. I just wanted to mention that one because it kind of tells you, it says, "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." And it goes on to all these false doctrines that are happening with these false spirits, doctrines of demons. Okay, false visions, experiences and miracles.

Okay, with all that background into the demonic, we'll now take a look as my time flies on me here, on some of these topics that we have lined up for tonight. I have a little ghost story to tell you real quick. Let me tell you right now, ghosts are nothing more than demons impersonating the dead. That's all they are, if there is an actual occurrence. More often than not, it's fraud. Someone is making up a story or there is some other explanation, but there is that 1% that might be supernatural, if there is some kind of ghost entity or something of that nature, it's going to be a demon every time because Jesus already said in Luke 16, if someone is dead they can't communicate with you anymore in this life. That's it so what Jesus said, that's enough for me. So these demons are pretending to be Aunt Hattie or Uncle Bill or somebody that has died, don't believe it for a minute. You have the ghost stories all the time on TV but what you have here is demonic activity.



Let me show you a classic example. This is in someone's book, if I can find the reference here. Here we go, okay, this is by a theologian named Dr. Marcus Bach. He's a famous liberal theologian. He has written a lot of books and he decided to investigate séances and the occult and find out what's going on here for some of this research in his books, and this is an account. This is a direct quote from his work. I'll just read it to you and then I'll show you what's going on here with this dealing with spirits and demonic or in this case, it could be considered ghosts. Okay, this is according to Dr. Marcus Bach's book.

"I was making a mental notation of all that was happening – the hovering, swaying motion of the 'spirits,' the rhythm of life, like the rise and fall of a tide, as many as four speaking simultaneously in whispered voices, excited, hurried, persuasive. Suddenly the galaxy of spirits melted away. For a long still moment nothing happened. Then the swirling ectoplasmic effluvia [that's the stuff that makes up the spirits] glowed from the floor and quickly took the form and a girl. Before the figure was complete, it spoke.

"'Marc, dear – Marc, dear – Marc, dear.'

"Those who know me well call me Marc; those who knew me better call me Marc, dear, so I knew this must be a 'familiar spirit!' I got up and walked over until there was a space of less than 4 feet between us. 'Yes?' I said. 'Who are you?'

"The answer was fraught with disappointment. 'Don't you know me?'

"I did not. I had really been too absorbed to think very much about personal contact with the spirits...Nor did I propose to offer any hint of whom I thought she might represent. No leads, I determined.

"I do not know you. Who are you?'

"'Paula,' came the answer.

"The name and soft manner in which it was uttered brought the sudden unfolding of a forgotten drama. Twenty years ago my sister Paula had died at the age of 23. Her child Janet had died shortly before. These deaths had been among the deep sorrows of our family, but time and travel reduce the past into forgetfulness. No medium or spirit had plucked this name out of my mind because I wasn't thinking of Paula. I had not thought of her even once during the séance.

"I looked at the presence before me closely.

"'How do I look?' she asked.

"You look fine,' I replied.

"The right height?' she whispered. 'Do you think think I should be taller?'

"No, you're about the height I remember.'

"I want to do a good job,' she told me earnestly.

"Do I look alright?'

"Yes,' I assured her recalling that one theory of materialization is that the spirit takes the ectoplasm and fashions it according to memory of the human form on earth."

Well, he goes on in this long story in this account where he was in a séance, the spirit came up. Now, keep in mind, he is claiming this is a true story. How do we know he didn't just make this up for his book to make more sense? You know, it could be. You've got to keep that in mind.

We do know in the Scripture, I think it's in, I forgot the exact reference, it's in Samuel, it's where Saul goes to the witch of Endor and wants to talk to Samuel, the prophet. He goes to this medium to do a séance to bring up the spirit of Samuel and Samuel appears and claims that he and his sons will be killed in the battle the next day but in this case, he talks all about how the spirit appears and this goes on and I could keep reading and reading here, but what you find as he talks to the spirit about, "Well, what's it like? What's it like being on the other side?" You start to get all this other kind of Gospel, this other kind of, "Well, there's just a big light and we just move to the light." It's sort of like that movie "Poltergeist." Have you ever seen that movie from 20 years ago where there was a light and you had mediums and occultists involved in that movie. Well, here's a similar thing. It doesn't really matter what you believe about Jesus, the Gospel or Christian life, just when you die, everything's great. It doesn't matter how you lived and things are real good. This is what you get from this spirit talking to him. As you get all these other books and ideas that always give you teachings that are different than what we find Jesus preaching in the word of God and that's the danger here. It's the doctrines of demons. The spirit impersonates people if this is real or fake, whatever the case, it's giving a false Gospel here. As we go into the story, it talks about what death is like and these other things. It's giving you a different account, you don't need any repentance, you don't need to turn from your sins, you don't need to have personal faith in Christ, you just live and try to help others and when you die, you'll go to this light.

That is a different Gospel and what we saw Paul talk about in Galatians 1:6-9 last night is that if anyone preaches to you another Gospel, even me or an angel from heaven or a ghost at a séance or a guru from India, let him be accursed. And the warning is given twice in a row right there in that passage and throughout the Scripture. And what does Jesus say, I think in 2 Thessalonians 1, starting around verse 9, he says that when he comes back, he's going to destroy those who obey not the Gospel and keep not the

commands of God. He's going to come back and on that day and he's going to destroy those who don't follow what he has laid down for us here.

So that's the real danger. We looked at the consequences: eternal hell. That's really the underlying problem with the occult, it's going to lead you to someplace other than heaven which is where we want to get to. Hell is not a place where you would like to go there, it'll be great because I can be with all my friends. Hell is going to be a place where you will be in darkness. You'll be in torment forever. Conscious memory of all the terrible thoughts. And the worst thing about hell, I think Jonathan Edwards said it best, is that God is going to be there to cause you the most grief ever. If there is anyone who can cause you pain, it's God, and hell is a place we are trying to avoid and that's really the bottom line, of staying away from the occult. If you get into this stuff, it's going to lead you away.

Now, I don't have a whole lot of time to get into a whole lot of things but let me just run through some things here. Here's the encyclopedia, the psychic dictionary. This gives an example of what the psychics come up with their contact through mediums and spiritists and ghosts and things like that. This will give you an idea of what we're talking about when it comes to false doctrine. You see right here under "God" in the dictionary, you find out what they say. It says, "Activity and energy and intelligence, infinite soul and infinite spirit. God is neutral, both good and evil, because God is all there is or ever will be. God has an opposite in order to balance in polarity. God means good so both God and Satan are good." So here you have the psychics giving you, I mean they're telling you that Satan is good, okay? And all is God and you read along and you find out you're God, so that's kind of a nice thought but I've really never thought it had anything to do with the Christian in this universe.

Let's see, I don't have enough time to really get into witchcraft and stuff other than to say, to show you something just real quick. My mom was into black magic and so was my grandmother and I got the main book still at home, it's over 100 years old. I think it's from the 1860s. It is falling apart, that's the only reason I didn't bring it with me but I took some Xerox's from it. This is Alberta's manga, this is my mom's black magic book or a copy of it, "Egyptian Secrets or White and Black Art for Man and Beast: Forbidden Knowledge of Ancient Philosophers." Translated from the German and it goes on and it gives you all of this information about how to...spells to cast to solve, let's say, to alleviate pain, palsy, epilepsy, prevent persons from doing evil unto you, salve for itching hands, scars or pockmarks. It just has everything. Sore breasts, sore eyes. My dad used to say it was my dad's mother, my grandmother that was into this stuff and passed it down to my mother but he used to say my grandmother used to be, I guess the town witch and people would come over to her to get her acceptance. She would cast spells and get rid of sties in the eyes or whatever it was, using only spells.

But the real thing about this thing that I want you to notice when you get into this kind of stuff, if I can find a good example here, is these witchcraft spells are – here's an example, for influenza, toothache and headache. Okay, here's a spell you cast. Now listen to this, "I implore thee by the living God that thou may draw from the body of N.N.," I don't know

what that is, "and hurt him as little as it hurt the Lord Jesus to be crucified. This commands you in the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, three times spoken." In other words, as you go to these spells, it's constantly incorporating Christian terminology, using the name of Jesus, crucified Jesus, the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For all these different spells, my mom used to put spells in my wallet when I was a kid growing up that had all this Christian terminology on it but it was combined with this occultic stuff to protect me from bullies or whatever.

What we have in this case is another case of spiritism tying into the occult, witchcraft and so forth. This is an interesting example. The Jehovah's Witnesses and I've used this to get a lot of people out of Jehovah's Witnesses, have used this Bible right here to substantiate their own translation. You see, the Jehovah's Witnesses Bible is a perversion of the real Bible and they changed a lot of the verses up because it doesn't fit with what they want to believe and they use this Bible to substantiate their own Bible. But, you know, when you take one perversion and use it to substantiate another one, it doesn't really help a whole lot. But what happened is this guy here, I've got a picture of them here, Johannes Greber, his wife was into spiritism and some of these occult things we've been talking about tonight, and as he explains in this book here, "Communication with the Spirit World of God." You see how all this occultism always seems to tie in with God or Jesus? Well, it's trying to look like it's good. I'm trying to stress to you if nothing else that it's going to look like, witchcraft spells or whatever, they're trying to look like it's Christian or it has something to do with God and it must be okay, but that's the deception. It's not. It's a fake. They're trying to make you think it's got to do with something God when really it's not.

But now he explains here how he got this translation. What he did is, this is a translation of the New Testament and as he says in the preface right here, he says, he's talking about how this book came to be, this New Testament. He says, "At times he was given the correct answers in large illuminated letters and words passing before his eyes. Other times he was given the correct answers during prayer meetings. His wife, a medium of God's spirit world, was often instrumental in conveying the correct answers from God's messengers to Pastor Greber." Who do you think those "God's messengers" were when he was translating this Bible? But, you see, he thinks it's God. He thinks it's God's messengers but really it is demons.

Now he comes in here and this is...look how he translates the Lord's prayer. We talked about that a little last night. This whole Bible was translated by spirits through the medium and so if you've got this Bible from talking to the spirits out there, through the occult things we read about in Deuteronomy 18. It says, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy spirit world come to us. Thy will be done in the beyond and on earth. Give us this day our bread for tomorrow. Forgive us our offenses as we too forgive those who offend against us." And he goes on to talk about the spirit world, constantly incorporating the spirit world into his translation wherever he wants to do it. "All power has been given to me in heaven and beyond. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit world." He even perverts the Trinity there as he goes to other passages of Scripture, so he has totally re-translated it. In John 1:1, he translated it I believe, "In the beginning was

the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was a God," trying to take away that Jesus was God himself, and that's why the Jehovah's Witnesses in their own translation referenced this book to say, "Ah, that's why we can translate it this way, 'a God' instead of 'God,' because look, Johannes Greber has a translation," but they don't tell you how he got it, communication with the spirit world. So this just ties more in with the false doctrine.

In Acts 19, going to this reference that was mentioned last night, starting in verse 13, it says

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

So the devil inside this man knew about Paul and knew about Jesus, but when these seven guys who were not Christians came up to exorcise the demon out of the demon possessed person, he says, "Well, I know Jesus, I know Paul, but who are you guys? I don't know who you are."

Then as we found out here in verse 16, it says,

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

So he beat the tar out of the seven guys, ripped their clothes off and sent them out in the street beaten and bloodied and, of course, it's a pretty embarrassing situation too when you're running down the street naked.

But that's just one encounter of people who were not Christians trying to deal with a demon possessed person. If you're not a Christian, if you're not filled with the Holy Spirit of God, stay as far away from a demonically possessed person as you can. Many times in cases of exorcisms, let's say, the demon if he is forced out of a person will then immediately try to invade someone else that is nearby and there have been some cases of demon possession where people have been indwelt by the demon; once it was cast out of one person, it just goes right into someone else who is not Christian, and then the other person becomes possessed. So the best advice for someone who is not a Christian when they're dealing with the demonically possessed, is just get away from the whole area. You shouldn't even be around.

This is the same reason we are talking tonight about the occult and the tools of the occult. These things that we are going to be talking about are associated with the demonic realm that the Bible talks so clearly about throughout the entirety of the Bible. As I mentioned before, we're in a cosmic war. There is this war going on and we're stuck right in the

middle of it. There are demons out there, angels, the Gospel is being preached, there is opposition to it and you have to be aware that there are dangers associated with this situation.

As you read through the New Testament, Jesus was always casting out demons from people. Let me just give you a classic example briefly. Mark 5, Jesus says, walking along, and we start in verse 1,

1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

So Jesus gets out of the ship and here is this man that is demon possessed, who had his dwelling among the tombs. So this demon possessed man is hanging out in the cemetery. He's among the tombs just where the dead are buried and it says here,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

This is this demon possessed person.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

So there wasn't just one demon in this man, there was a whole bunch of demons which were possessing him.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

So what happens is the demons are crying unto Jesus, the Son of God, "Don't torment us!" There is a parallel passage in the New Testament, Matthew, I believe it's chapter 8 which gives you even a little more detail to this story, but they are beseeching Jesus to

not torment them before the day. They know there is a day coming when God is going to judge them and they will be cast into hell along with all the wicked, of course, as you find in Revelation 20. And they say basically what they're saying is, "Give us a break. Let us get out of here. We'll leave this man and we'll go into these pigs over here. Let us go into the pigs, the animals." And Jesus says, "Alright, y'all can get out and go into these pigs," and of course the pigs immediately go crazy, go stampeding and they just run headlong off a cliff into the sea and they all drowned, all the pigs die. And what you have there is a classic example of these herders there in Jerusalem. If you know anything about Jewish dietary laws, you're not supposed to be eating pork in the Old Testament and one reason Jesus let the devils go into these pigs is that was actually a violation for these people in Israel to be raising pigs because they're not supposed to be eating pork at that time, so the simple solution was let the demons go to the pigs and the pigs go to the sea and they are destroyed so the people won't sin against God at that time by eating pork. So that shows you how God can actually use the devils to accomplish his purpose for what he needs at that time.

But this also shows you the demons can possess animals. It shows you the demons had knowledge. They had great strength, as you know, they tried to tie this demon possessed person up with chains and he broke the chains. He was that strong. We saw how one demon possessed person beat up seven guys in the other passage. As you go through this Bible, you're finding this occurrence, you're finding occultic practices and arts as we mentioned and this is what we'll be talking about now as we get into it.

I entitled this "The Tools of the Occult." Ouija boards, tarot cards, crystal balls, astrology and so forth and we'll look into that realm. I just want to mention one last thing on the UFOs before we get into these other topics, if I can find my UFO book. Here it is. You've got this bigger book is put out by the people who really get into UFOs. Here is a certain picture here that is supposed to have UFO sightings right above the capitol building there in Washington, DC. In fact, there is a famous case in 1954 where a whole fleet, it looked like, apparently of UFO objects appeared on radar screens. Anyone who knows anything about our government security around Washington, DC and the airspace over the White House is heavily monitored by the military and if any alien aircraft or something comes into that airspace, their command immediately sends out fighter planes to go intercept anyone that violates that airspace to protect our government buildings and so forth, the seat of power. Well, in 1954, their radar screens picked up huge flights of these formations of unidentified flying objects so they sent the fighters up to intercept because they were getting no response signals and what happened is the pilots got up there, they reported seeing what looked to be blue lights all through the sky and they were closing in on them and as they got close to this thing, the fleet turned around and the UFOs turned around and just vaporized into the night and just disappeared on them and so they flew around, checked the radar. Nope, nothing on radar. They returned to base. Well, a short while later, the fleets of formations of UFO craft or whatever they were, appeared again on the radar. Once again, the fighters were sent up, intercept once again they noticed blue lights in the sky. These things were moving at incredibly high rates of speed. In fact, many UFO objects, some of them have been clocked going like Mach 2 and then doing a 90° turn at Mach 2 which no human aircraft that man possesses can do. If you do a 90°

turn going that fast, your machinery will just blow apart. It can't take the torque and the stress going that rate of speed and then doing a 90° turn. Even in the video we saw, there are just those few clips, there were some UFOs doing 90° turns. I don't know if you noticed it when you had that one opportunity there during that little clip.

But this gives all kinds of US stories of encounters and so forth. To finish the story on the encounters with the UFO activity over the White House, what happened is they once again disappeared and it was widely reported throughout all the newspapers around the United States. I mean, this was documented. Thousands upon thousands of people saw this. The military got involved because it was there and these things were violating physics, they were doing all kinds of strange things with hundreds of thousands of witnesses, people on the ground saw these things. So the conclusion is there really is something to this UFO activity. Like I said, this video here has just got tons of footage showing and a lot of them are normal camcorders and, sure, there's a possibility of fakery, in any case and a lot of things have been faked about alleged UFOs and things but there are just too many accounts and too many documented cases to say that, "Well, these aren't really there. It is weather balloons," or something. Sure, there are explanations like that but in some cases it's just impossible to say it's not there or it's a figment of 25,000 people's imagination. There is no such thing as a massive hallucination like that.

So we have to then look at what are these UFOs trying to do? One thing about UFOs is they never clocked them coming in from deep space. The UFO activity always appears suddenly in our atmosphere. If we send out a Voyager spacecraft to investigate other planets or as we have them sending these radio signals back from Saturn and other planets that it flies by, we can monitor that way out there but these UFO craft seem to just suddenly appear in our atmosphere, do whatever, do strange things. This book here that I have gives all kinds of encounters.

We did a radio show on UFOs and we started out with a lady saying that she was married to an alien from space and that they had all these vast cities underground near major metropolitan areas around the United States, and it was an amazing thing to listen to. We did it on Christian radio and all these people started calling in trying to help the lady get saved. "These are demons. You've been deceived." But there are people in this video too, there are people that allege they were married to UFOs or aliens from space or they are in contact and this is what we get a lot of these weird religions from.

("Did she act like she really believed she was married?") Oh, she definitely believed. She speaks at UFO conventions all over the country and I forgot her name. Do you remember her name, Mark? We got a lot of response off our radio show when we broadcast that and we had a little debate.

Yes, sir. ("I thought the devil wasn't supposed to tempt people that are non-Christians.") Oh, the devil tempts everybody. In fact, the non-Christians are in his kingdom, the Bible says. They are already under the devil's influence. In fact, let me show you a scripture that really ties this into it. 2 Thessalonians 2:24-26. In fact, this is a great witnessing



verse I like to use. I'm in Thessalonians, it would be helpful if I get to Timothy. 2 Timothy 2:24-26. It says,

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

You see, everyone who is not a Christian is in the snare of the devil right now and they are held captive by the devil to do his will and the only way they're ever going to get out of it is if God perhaps will grant them repentance. A person can't grant themselves repentance. You can't just turn from your sin and say, "Well, I'm not going to sin anymore and I'm just going to be a Christian and I'm going to do all these things." No, it takes God to grant that repentance to you. We come into this life, unless we're like John the Baptist who was born again from his mother's womb in Luke 1:15, most of us come into this life and we are not saved and then when we get saved at some point in our lives by God's act of mercy on our lives, until that happens we're in Satan's kingdom. The whole world is in the lap of the wicked one and whether we know it or not, if we're not Christians, we're serving the devil and we're held captive to do his will. So the devil will tempt his unbelievers to do what he wants them to do because he has them captive if they're not believers. Now, of course he does attempt the believers as well but he doesn't have the same kind of power with a Christian. He can tempt them to sin but with a nonbeliever, he can get them to do all kinds of wicked things because they don't believe in God anyway, they don't really care, they want to go and take drugs, they want to go and do this or get into all kinds of immoral lifestyles. The unbeliever, the non-Christian is going to do that anyway because he likes to do it. The Bible says a non-Christian enjoys his sin. He loves to sin. That's one reason he doesn't want to turn to God because if he believes in God or does what God wants, he says, "Oh, that's going to wreck my life. I'm having all this fun going out to porno movies and getting drunk and having all this stuff that I like to do and if I believe in God, I won't be able to do that anymore. So it will ruin everything I enjoy." So those kind of people are already in Satan's empire and they're going to continue to do what he wants so, sure he tempts them but at the same time as the Bible says, he actually controls the nonbelievers.

So that's a little background on what's going on there and these people that get into these occultic arts and practices that we'll talk about are basically, like the woman who thinks she's married to the space aliens that inhabit underground cities around the country, she's demonically deceived. She really believes that there are all these aliens in space and on the radio show when we asked her, "What do you think about Jesus?" Well, we were actually playing a clip of her previous radio show that she was on but on the clip, she would say, "Well, Jesus is just another man from outer space. He's an astronaut that came over here." And you start to get all these strange theologies and why does she know this? Well, she knows it because her husband, the alien, told her about Jesus and told her about God. And you've got to start wondering, why if these angels, these UFO beings are so good, why are they making up all these stories that contradict what Jesus said was the

word of God? If what the aliens are saying is true, then they are saying Jesus is a liar. So they both can't be true. Either Jesus is telling the truth here or the aliens are telling us the truth. But what's interesting about all these alien encounters, these UFO encounters, they all say different things. One alien will say, "Well, Jesus is an astronaut." And another alien will say, "Well, Jesus is a great philosopher but he was just a man and he studied in India."

I've got a book here, this book here called the Urantia book, was supposedly written by aliens from space and a whole religion has been started due to encounters with UFO entities. And in here, I'll just give you some quick references out of this thing, the Urantia book says that Paul's doctrine regarding atonement is unnecessary and it says, I'm trying to find some good references here, Jesus adopted the term "son of man" at the age of 15 after reading a passage in the so-called book of Enoch. It says that Jesus toured the Roman world accompanied by two natives from India. Jesus does not require his disciples to believe in him but rather to believe with him. It goes on to deny almost, it basically just says Jesus was a man, he studied in India, had some guru friends of his. And as you go through all this UFO material that was supposedly translated to us by some man who was in contact with UFO's, it gives you a completely different religion than what we have here.

That's the Urantia book and you can get it at any occult or New Age bookstore along with all these other books that were supposedly written by UFO entities but it comes right back to what we've already studied the last two days. In the Bible it tells you there are demons out there that are going to be giving you doctrines of demons and these people are getting in contact with all these alien creatures are getting all these religions, just like when people get in contact with spirits and ghosts and they get in contact like the ghost story we were reading last night where the guy starts talking to the ghost and, "What is death?" "Oh, there's this light. Oh, it doesn't matter what you believe." And as we get into some of the things I want to talk about tonight, we're going to do it right now, we're going to find out as we go through these different occultic tools that it's always the same pattern: a different religion, a different Gospel, people telling us different things that are not the same as what the Christian faith and according to the Bible says.

("There are lots of near-death experiences like people saying they died and had seen the light and it has documents that have changed their lives and stuff, what do you think about that?") Well, near death experiences, once again, when you study the world of the occult, a lot of it is mind altering type of stuff. When you read the accounts of some of these, let's say psychic channelers, people that are in the occult are in communication with spirits and the mediums, they tell you that these other entities or whatever is in contact with them, can cause images to appear in your mind. They feel like they can be astrally projected out of their bodies into another realm. All these types of things that we've already studied according to what the Bible says the demons can do, this is what's happening in all these occultic encounters and all this range of things that are going on.

So what you find out from a lot of these people with near-death experiences is that, let's say someone is clinically dead or you can have a brain wave but there are other functions

of your body that may appear that you're dead for a few minutes or something, and a lot of times these near-death experiences are when they are in that state and apparently their soul leaves their body for a while and they think, some people claim, "I went to hell or I went to heaven. I did this or I did that." But what you find when you study and really the only real guide to knowing what these people are saying is true is the word of God. Over and over again the Bible, God from the New Testament, Old Testament, is always saying, "Study to show thyself approved, a workman need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." That's through the word of God. You have to test everything. It says that in, I think it's 2 Thessalonians or 1 Thessalonians 1:15, if my memory serves me correct. "Test everything. Hold fast to that which is good." That which is good is the word of God so people have all these claims but they could be demonically inspired. People say, "Well, I died and I saw," just like in that ghost story, "I saw a beam of light." In other words, I've read a zillion of these things and they all have different accounts. They all say different things. This one did this, this one. "Oh, there was no hell. I didn't see any hell. You know, I'm not a Christian. It was just nice. I saw some of my kinfolk over there. We had a party." You can't trust any of that because it could be the demons projecting images or basically faking people out.

("There was one that I heard where she actually saw and it changed her life.") Well, no doubt in most of these near-death experiences, when people have this experience, some of it, a lot of it I think is fraudulent. There are people that make up stories and they get on TV and then suddenly they say something that contradicts what they even wrote in their book so it shows you that if it was really true, they wouldn't have made a mistake like that. But it will change some people's lives because if they are really experiencing maybe demonic activity and it scares them enough, they'll change whether it's actual truth.

Yes, sir? ("Both my grandfathers had heart attacks that were real serious and involved being clinically dead for I think three or four minutes and they both said the same exact thing. They saw a tunnel of light and there was nothing else but that. They describe the same exact thing two years apart.") Okay, let's say if there is a demonic realm out there as the Bible makes so clear, if, I'm not saying this is the case in your grandfathers but let's just say if this is deception, which it might be, do you think the devil could give the same story to two different people? Is it possible for him to give the same story? I mean, it doesn't have to be the same story but it's possible. Or, you know, who's to say, all I know is we just have to go with the Bible because everybody has their own experiences but experiences aren't something we can trust. And we don't know whether he was being deceived by something else or, I mean, I'm sure they are sincere. I'm not saying they're liars or anything, I'm just saying that I'd rather put my trust in what I know to be true rather than someone's experience over here or this Hindu swami over here that tells me something. This is all we really get in the word of God is that God has exalted his word even above his name. Now, if God is going to exalt his word that high, even above his own name, I think that's something we can put our trust in.

Did you have a question? ("In Britain, they said that people that had near-death experiences, that they went over and they saw people that were working on them and so what they did is they put little computer things at the very top, that way when they went

out they would see that and if it was really true.") Well, I don't know all about how you can really scientifically determine where a spirit inside a body has gone. You know, people in the physical world examining the supernatural, I'd have to look into that and find out for sure.

But you might've heard of this card game, Magic. I actually have some of the cards right here. This is apparently a new phenomenon that is hitting big. Basically about the game Magic and I see a lot of correlation between this card game and something I was into for years and years even before most people even knew about it which is Dungeons & Dragons. I've got all the player books. This is the player handbook. And of course, I was a dungeon master for years. I actually had 14 players in my dungeon and I used this because I was basically the referee, the dungeon master. You can build your own dungeons and create worlds and universes for all your players and I would sit around and I still have, I threw out most of my stuff. I had to go and buy some of these other books because I threw out most of my D&D stuff when I got saved. I kind of wish now I had saved it because I could have, I might have been able to write a book on this from a Christian perspective.

But here's just one of the old dungeons I had designed for Dungeons & Dragons full of monsters and demons and things, pitfalls and traps for the players. You could get their magic uses and their different characters that they select and go on through there. You know, I still have just a very few notes. I used to have plenty but it's a very complicated game. It's very intense. We used to play every Friday night back in the late 70s and 80s for up to 14 to 18 hours a session, and I'd have up to 14 players come over to play in my dungeon because it had a lot of action in it. There was a lot of monsters, a lot of killing, a lot of pillaging. Part of the Dungeons & Dragons as well as this Magic game, it's just a lot of conquest for power. Once you get basically in the game like Magic which is a conquest type of game, it doesn't take a whole long time to play each individual game but you have different creatures, like in Dungeons & Dragons, somewhere you have monsters that you can use to fight or be under your control.

When I was a player, I had a 19th level magic user. You go up in levels. You start out at the first level and as you kill and conquer, take money and do all these things, you get experience points and you move up to the next level which makes your character even stronger. Just like the Magic game, you try to conquer things and take over creatures that will be under your power so you can summon them to do other things you need them to do. Sorcerers and so forth. It's a lot of things that tie in on all this occultic type of stuff. The demons are fairly powerful and there are dragons and all kinds of mythological creatures that you find like in Greek mythology. And I guess the major thing here with these games as I open up on this, it's not so much as dangerous as some of these other things I'm going to talk about in the sense that when you're playing these games, you're really into fantasy role-playing and you're not really dabbling with actual spirits out there but what you're doing is you're wasting your time incredibly thinking on things that are basically impure. I think there's a scripture in Ephesians that says, "Think on the things that are pure and holy." Well, when you're playing D&D, if you're going to succeed and move up, you've got to be killing a lot of creatures. My games, a lot of the players liked

my games because I incorporated, I put a lot of women in there and they could go around raping all these women.

So you have a lot of impure things in the D&D because it's your imagination. As wicked as you want to be, you can make it in this game because it's all according to your imagination and some guys get so emotionally attached to their characters, I remember one guy, a character he carefully for weeks and weeks he built him up to like a 10<sup>th</sup> level warrior or something and then some other player cuts his throat during the night. He said, "Oh, we're going to camp out here for the night." As they settled down one of the players said, "Well, I want to sneak up on him during the night and slit his throat." And we rolled all the dice to see if he could pull that one off without the other guy waking up and the guy didn't have any luck that night. He had rolled some bad dice and it turned out his character didn't wake up and he was able to successfully slit his throat during the night and then gain all those experience points for killing such a high level creature. Well, the other guy held it against him for the rest of his life. He was mad as heck at that guy. He said, "I spent all those weeks building this guy up and you cut his throat during the middle of the night." And he held it against the guy personally in real life because of something in this fantasy game.

So this is the real danger of games like Magic and D&D and things is you're wasting your time killing and raping and murdering and stealing and trying to just get all you can, selfish desires, when you could be spending 10, 18 hours reading the Bible or doing something godly. So as far as these games are concerned, I think that's the real danger there. It's not so much being demon possessed because you're not really dealing straight up in trying to contact spirits, but you are being involved in something that is wasting your time and getting your mind on things that basically is not going to be helpful in your Christian walk and that's the real danger of those games, I would say.

Now, moving on, I want to get into, I'm just going to give a quick presentation. I have a stack of notes here on a bunch of occultic tools and I'll just try to get as much in as I can as quickly as I can. Divination is in an attempt to predict or control one's future or to gain access to hidden information by the access of various indicators such as the occult meaning of numbers or use of particular implements such as the Ouija board. Examples of these types of methods include interpreting positions of the heavenly bodies, that would be astrology; or the symbols on cards, that's the tarot cards; analyzing dreams, that is dream work; or the flight of birds or liver markings. Some people, like I said the other night, they cut open animals and look at their livers or cut out their entrails and they can somehow tell what's going on there by that. There are other things, hand markings, palmistry, dowsing, using idols and oracles, and so forth.

Now, what we have in this occult rundown of tools are some of these that I'll mention right now. We've got astrology, I'll get into that; tarot cards; runes which is dice, some people use dice to predict the future. I don't know if you've ever seen Moby Dick, that movie, but there's that guy that uses dice, no, bones actually but it's similar to dice, and he can foresee that he's going to die and he acts accordingly. You have numerology, Ouija boards, psychometry, the divining rod, pendulum, the black box, palmistry, crystal gazing

or crystal work, the crystal ball or rock. That's where you look into some gem or something and predict the future or see something that's supposed to happen. You have water dowsing, that's where you use the forked stick or other object, you go around and suddenly it turns down and there's supposed to be water underground there somewhere. Any a number of other things such as channeling which we'll get into here shortly.

Okay, the origin and source of power of these methods are historically tied to idolatry, spiritism and paganism which the Bible consistently prohibits as an affront to God and as a participation with demons. We mentioned that before, Deuteronomy 18:9-12, 1 Corinthians 10:20. And these practices are supernatural and they function apart from any known natural mechanism and yet provide access to information unavailable to the five senses. So you get information that on a normal physical plane you wouldn't have any idea how you got it. These techniques promote occultism in a variety of forms, remove trust in God and replace it with faith in pagan magic. These systems carry all the subtle traps and consequences of practices of these kinds of occultic practices in general. W. B. Crow warns in his book, "A History of Magic, Witchcraft and Occultism," that this type of divination is always nearly dangerous, it's nearly always dangerous, I should say. These practices develop a person psychically. They lead to direct spirit contact and many other problems but I guess the main problem with the occultic arts and tools we'll look at is the involvement with the spirit realm as we'll see here very quickly.

Just a quick rundown and one more validation that this stuff is actually, there is really something to this and it is true is the Bible makes so many references to it. God is constantly warning you to stay away from this stuff in the Bible and if it was just a joke and there wasn't anything to it, then why would God take the time to warn us about it? But as you look in different references like in Leviticus 19:26, it says, "Do not practice divination or sorcery." A direct command. It says, I've already read the Deuteronomy 18 passage from the other night so I'll save time there. It says in 1 Samuel 15:23, "For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry." 2 Kings 17:17, "They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, provoking him to anger." 2 Chronicles 33:6, "He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the valley of ben-Hinnon, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, provoking him to anger." Then we go down here to Jeremiah 14:14, it says, "Then the Lord said to me, the prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds." And you get a lot of this in the occult and psychics and things, they come up with all these stories and really it's nothing more than delusions of their own minds they want you to believe.

Okay, I mentioned this the other night. I'll go ahead and read from the account just because it's kind of interesting. Acts 16:16-18, this is an account where the Apostle Paul is traveling and preaching and this occultic girl that is into fortune-telling starts to follow him around.

16 Once we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit in which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 17 The girl followed Paul and the rest of us shouting, These men are servants of the most high God who are telling you the way to be saved. 18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, In the name of the Lord Jesus, I command you to come out of her. At that moment the spirit left her.

Paul cast out the demon and suddenly she couldn't fortune-telling anymore. She didn't have any power and her owners got real upset and that's when a lot of trouble started. But what's interesting here is here is this demon possessed person following Paul around saying, "These men are proclaiming the Gospel to you in the name of the most high God, giving you the way of salvation." That's the way it appears in our King James and a lot of our translations but if you check the Greek, the Greek says, "proclaiming a way of salvation," and this is why Paul got so upset because if he is telling you just "a way" of salvation, it's not "the way" and she was just trying to make them look like, "Well, there's just one more guy. I mean, all roads lead to heaven, right? So what he says is no more valid than what someone else says." Well, that's one reason he turned on her, I guess, after several days and just cast out the demon because the demon was actually perverting the Gospel by saying it was "a way" when really Jesus is "the way" of salvation. The way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father except by him, John 14:6.

Okay, I have a lot of material here. I'm just going to scan through some of this stuff. We have runes that are dice. You roll the dice, you look at it, you have some psychic person or some occultic person that will interpret what the numbers are on the dice and predict your future by determination. There are some roots or connections with astrology. A lot of times they find out when you were born and something about you personally and then they can tie in your personal characteristics with the numbers and things that they're rolling on these dice. This has its, it derives basically from an old Indo-European Teutonic and Norse alphabet images and signs that they did way back in those days with the Norseman around Norway hundreds of years ago, so this kind of comes down to us from these old pagan cultures that were into this kind of stuff and it's just a way of predicting the future.

There's nothing really outstanding about it. It's just people that like to predict the future using dice. Just like there are people that use entrails or livers. I remember watching "That's Incredible" back in the 70s when I was younger and they had a guy that was an occultist and he had all these jars of all these animal insides and each jar had different animals insides so basically what I'm saying is these occultic people can use anything they want to predict the future. And he would look at some jar and he'd say, "Well, I see in this jar," and it's all this messy yucky looking stuff and he'd say, "Well, I predict that there are going to be tornadoes in the Midwest part of the United States during the summer months." And what's funny about that if you have studied any kind of meteorology or anything, I took it at UT, but they always have tornadoes and things of that nature in the Midwest part of the United States during those months. So a lot of times

these occultists will just tell you usual things that are going to happen. So there is nothing there, but what happens to someone that is not discerning is they'll say, "Wow, it actually happened." But, you see, it happens all the time, they just didn't tell you that. Okay, so anyway that's dice, playing with dice, getting involved with that kind of divination.

Let's move onto another thing. Palm reading. You all see the signs along the roads, Mme. Blavatsky or whoever it could be, come in and pay \$20 and she'll read all these lines on your hand and stuff like that and tell you what's going to happen in the future, who to marry, what's immediately coming up. A little background on this. Palmistry is at least 3,000 years old and may have originated in India. The basic theory is that every detail of the hand, not just the palms, has information about the individual's present or future. Included are the hand shape, hand size, palm configurations, finger size, configurations and even features of your fingernails. There are at least 100 signs, marks or relationships through which supposed influences, events and qualities can be recognized by the palmist. So they look at all these details on your hand and supposedly can tell you all these things about yourself.

I'll give you an example of how this works. Here they're supposed to be able to tell you about your head, your heart, your health, your fortune, fate, intuition, spirituality, marriage and children. It says just below the fingers on the palms are the mounds, the flesh area where the fingers join the palm. They are correlated to astrological planets, i.e. Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, sun or Uranus, Mercury or the moon. They are tiny line configurations of the palm often found at the top. And as you tie this in with the planets, because you've got to remember one thing about the planets according to these ancient pagan religions where a lot of this all came from, they used to believe the stars and planets in the sky were gods. Uranus was a god. Jupiter was a god. Saturn was a god. And each of these gods had traits. You know, Saturn was wise and semi-mysterious. Mars was warlike and he was overbearing. And they assumed that if you were born...and this ties right into astrology, by the way, I might as well mention that as I'm going. Astrology, you get a lot of this in here. All of this really ties into is old pagan religions where they believed these planets in the sky were gods and each god had his own personality, and if you were born at a certain time of year when that particular planet was in the right juxtaposition in the sky, then you would be like that god. If that god was mean and ornery and you were born about that time that that star was at its highest zenith according to the astrological charts and some of these other practices tie in with it, then you would have the same traits as that god. So if you were born when Mars went at its zenith, then you would be warlike and things of this nature.

So basically astrology just goes back to old pagan religions. That's all it really is and it just ties these traits so they predict that Tuesday you'll be friendly and kind and all those traits just come from the traits of the gods, and that's why you have so many references in the Bible against astrology. In fact, it said of Daniel, I think it was chapter 2 and also chapter 4, it says Daniel was 10 times better than any astrologers or diviners that Nebuchadnezzar had in his whole realm. They are just totally worthless because they are into pagan religion worship.



But anyway, a little background here in this ties in with astrology too, when you're looking at the palm reader for example, if the little finger curves slightly inward toward the ring finger, one supposedly has a shrewd business brain. Okay, so they look at your finger and they say, "Oh, you've got a shrewd business brain." The larger the thumb, the stronger the self-control and moral influence. Small thumbs indicate a weak impressionable nature. So all they're doing is looking at certain things on your hand and they make these value judgments but, if someone hits me in the face, I can make a value judgment that he probably doesn't like me. I don't have to pay someone to find that out. Okay, so it's basically subjective.

Palm reading, you have numerology. This is where they use numbers, again, to predict your future, business acumen or whatever it is they want to tell you about who you might marry or what you should be interested in. I'm going to leave out a lot of these notes because my time is flying on me here. But another thing they do in numerology is they have certain numbers are assigned certain meanings but you'll find this interesting in numerology where they use numbers to predict your future like number one is equal to the sun, number two to the moon, number three to Mercury, number four earth, number five to Mars, six Venus. Are you starting to see a correlation here with the ancient pagan deities again and the traits of the gods and how they supposedly are tied to your own personal life? You start to see this correlation all through these occultic arts and tools. You're dealing nothing more than these old religions that people have brought back up and are using to this day.

Now, we have the Ouija board. I think all of you know what a Ouija board looks like. I think I have, this is what the original one looked like back in the late 1800s. It was in 1891 when it was first patented, and the planchette, it comes from an occultist.

How many of you have seen the movie "The Exorcist"? Two of you anyway. That was a big movie back when I was in high school, 1973. But in that movie, I'll never forget when I was a kid watching TV, I wasn't a Christian or anything back then but I was watching the Johnny Carson show one night and the guy that wrote that book, "The Exorcist," he said that he got his idea for this movie and the book from actual demon possession cases. He went to some churches and dug up a bunch of their records on actual demon possession cases and then he simply took the actual cases and combined them and then threw in a bunch of his own stuff to make this fictionalized story where at the end of the movie what you get is: demon score 2, and the priest scores none. You've got two dead priests and the demon is still running loose somewhere.

So it's kind of a bad ending if you ask me, but he said on the Johnny Carson show that he took these actual demon possession cases where people got demon possessed by using a Ouija board, and if you remember the movie, you've got Capt. Howdy. Remember the girl at first is talking to Capt. Howdy. She said, "Well, Capt. Howdy told me this. Capt. Howdy told me that." Well, it turned out that Capt. Howdy which always appeared to be some nice guy turned out to be the demonic influence that eventually possessed the girl in the movie. So what's interesting there is the guy that wrote the book and the movie that

was produced from it said he got this from actual cases and enhanced it, embellished it with his own thing.

But here's something interesting about Ouija boards and so forth from people that are actually into the spiritism and the occult, they say even seasoned occultists and psychic researchers warn against using a Ouija board. Medium Edgar Cayce himself called it dangerous. Edmund G. refers to, he warns in his book from another occultists named Donald Page who asserts that the majority of possession cases result from involvement with the Ouija board. Now, this is a guy who is into spiritism saying that from all of his experience and people that are dealing with spirits and things, the ones that get possessed by these spirits, the easiest way to get possessed is to start playing with a Ouija board.

I remember a guy I worked with, I had an old job back in the mid-80s who was just a secular guy, probably didn't care much about religion, maybe he's like a lot of you guys, but he didn't care at all but he said his brother got this Ouija board and all kinds of strange things started to happen. He told me some wild demonic stories. I won't bother to tell you right now, but coming from a secular Joe like that that could care less about religion, he thought I was a religious nut, but even he had weird stories about what was going on at his brother's house with this Ouija board. And I've seen it again and again with people, so there is really something going on out there, but if the occultists themselves say this is dangerous, then watch out for it.

Then of course, the Ouija board is the number two selling game by Parker Brothers. Monopoly is number one, the Ouija board is number two. They sell it at Toys "R" Us and they are making lots of money and it's going out there. Remember, keep in mind though there is a lot of fraud with that too. Some people can just move, you know, you put your hands on it and you can... I remember when I was a kid, we would play with it a little bit at my aunt's house and I had fun fooling them because I would actually move it around and make it say something, so there is that kind of stuff going on but there is, the serious people, the devil will jump in wherever he can but I just want you to know that not every time someone gets a message is it...there is not a demon under every bush, it could just be some clown like I was back then faking people out by giving these messages. Spell out some word or something.

Anyway, that takes care of that. Let me get into, let's see, my next notes are on crystals, crystal balls and things. I don't really need to spend much time on this. Once again, it comes from ancient works like shamanism, from these old pagan religions. They used to use stones and rocks and deities. They would ask their idols and get information through spirit communication, through whatever kind of crystals, and this ties in with those old religions. I don't have much time so I won't get into a whole lot of detail on that but as you get into the history of crystals and crystal balls, it basically ties back in. You'll just see that common thread throughout all these things.

Lastly, I've got channeling here. Channeling are all these people and you see them sometimes through psychic network or they have seminars all over the country, these New Age conventions that go on, all these people that are in contact supposedly with

these ascended masters, these people from a higher realm, these entities that are on a higher realm in another dimension that get into our dimension through someone who is called a channeler. Basically it's just another word for medium which we find again. They get in contact with these spirits and then they go around giving lectures and seminars, not as themselves, whoever they might be, some person, Joe Smith, but he'll get up in front of a podium or a crowd like we are here and he'll suddenly become, he'll change his countenance and say, "Okay, I call the spirit of Seth or Ramtha to come into me and he will now talk to you." And all these people pay \$400 to get in to hear this spirit talk to them. So he then, and I've seen it on video, I've seen some of this stuff. These people just become literally demon possessed right in front of you. The spirit comes into them, their whole countenance and everything changes and they start giving you all this information about what the spirit from this other realm, this other dimension has to say. And you can see the correlation, once again, with UFOs and aliens that claim the same kind of thing with these people that are married or whatever.

But in this situation, the channeling claims to work through a variety of means: through meditation, relaxation, visualization, hypnosis, altered states of consciousness and other methods. Channelers claim the spirits are able to enter, possess and control them much the same manner as a puppeteer controls a puppet. Channelers claim that by permitting spirits to possess and speak through them, mankind can obtain a wealth of spiritual and practical wisdom directly from spirits who have passed on and are highly evolved. The spirits claim they can assist people toward true individual social and spiritual enlightenment. So, you see, these spirits are always saying, "I'm going to help you out. I'm going to help you out here. You go out to the seminars, you pay your \$400 and I'll give you all this great wisdom and you'll be great."

Alright, so we have a major problem there, of course, once again, knowing God's word, we know there are lying spirits as the Bible makes that clear. In the last days, false prophets and spirits will come to deceive. And as we look into what's going on here with these channelers, I want to just give you as my time is almost up, some references straight from the spirits. There are several entities that are very popular in America today. One of these spirits, these ascended masters is called Ramtha and this woman who is possessed by this spirit, she makes a ton of money and I've seen her, you know, she gets on these talk shows. Yeah, J. Z. Knight. See, even you know who that person is that possesses that spirit.

Here are some of Ramtha's teachings, this ascended master. Here's what Ramtha says about God. "The Christian God is an idiotic deity. God, the principal, is all things." So Ramtha says, "Well, this God that the Christians believe in is an idiot. You've got to be an idiot to believe in a God like that. All is God. You are God. I am God. The chair is God. The TV is God. We are all God." So that's what Ramtha says and Ramtha's teaching on man, "You are God and God the Father is you. Everyone is what you call a psychic. Love yourself. Live in the moment to exalt all that you are. There is no such thing as evil," Ramtha says. "For 2,000 years we have been called sinful creatures but we are equal with God or Christ." So you start to see you're getting a completely different Gospel, like the apostle warned us about in the Scriptures and Jesus warns about.

Matthew 7, "False prophets will be coming to you to lead you astray." Ramtha's teaching on Satan and demons. Ramtha says, quote, "Devil? I looked far and wide for the creature and I found him nowhere. But I found him thriving in the hearts of frenzied entities in a fervor of madness to save the world from its sins." And Ramtha goes on to say, "There is no devil."

And as you look at all these other teachings of the other masters, there is another channeler, this Helen Schucman who wrote the book "A Course in Miracles" by automatic writing in spiritism, channels a spirit called Jesus. Now, here is an ascended master who claims to be Jesus and Jesus says on God, "The recognition of God is the recognition of yourself. There is no separation of God and his creation. There is nothing about Jesus that you cannot obtain yourself." And I'm just about out of time. Jesus said according to this spirit, "Sin does not exist," and on and on I could go with reference after reference for all these ascended masters.

I hope you see the deception that's involved here. You're getting into something that is completely different whether it's coming from crystal balls or UFOs or astrologers or channelers or Ouija boards or whatever it might be, you're getting a different story than what we are given in the Gospel and the Gospel message is as the Philippian jailer said in Acts 2:31 and following, he says, "What must I do to be saved?" And the Apostle Paul said, "Go to your nearest spirit medium and get in contact with the spirits and he'll tell you how to do it as long as you realize you're God yourself." No, he didn't say that. He said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, you and thy house."

And it's that simple, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ knowing that he is God in the flesh and that he is our only way of salvation. He lived a perfect and sinless life that we by having faith in him can obtain his righteousness that will be put to our account. That's the only way we are going to make it because only one sin is all it takes to send you to hell. Just one sin. Not being more good than bad, one sin and you're lost forever, and only Jesus lived a perfect and righteous life that we can attain his righteousness through faith in him, trust in him. And I adjure you today by the Jesus that Paul preaches and that's the only way to be safe and secure from the demonic entities that are all around us. Don't think like I did as I was growing up that the devil is always off somewhere else. His influence is all around us whether we watch TV or listen to the radio or have friends that are really weird, whatever it might be. The devil's influence is around us at all times and only Christ and the power of his Holy Spirit can protect us from what we're dealing with through the rest of our lives.

Well, I want to thank you all for being with me for this little seminar but, Lord willing, maybe you'll take something I said with you. If you have questions, come up here after. Thank you.

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