

## Occult

Occult means hidden, secret and is associated with evil practices and evil associations. God's word warns us not to be involved with any occult practice or item.

Spirit	Soul	Body
New Birth	Mind	See
Communicates with God	Emotions	Smell
<b>Power of God comes through our Spirit</b>	Conscience	Taste
	Personality	Hear
	Will	Feel

Deuteronomy 7:28

Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

The moral of the lesson here is we must understand the spiritual significance of things we have in our house.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God. The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so.

God very specifically lists the detestable practices to reject. These practices are still in use in our society today. They are promoted as being harmless and fun, or are repackaged so that the spiritual significance is hidden.

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Leviticus 10:1-2

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

Luke 16: 14,15

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, **“You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.”**

Hebrews 9:27,28

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

1 Chronicles 10:13,14

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of the Lord. So the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

2 Kings 23:24

Furthermore, Josiah got rid of the mediums and spiritists, the household gods, the idols and all the other detestable things seen in Judah and Jerusalem. This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the Lord.

We have to control our thoughts and our actions so we don't give the devil an opening in our lives. We receive forgiveness for our sins at salvation, but we must repent and renounce our sinful acts to live the victorious life in Christ.