The Demonization of Inanimate Objects and Recognizing and Renouncing Occult Activities

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While it may seem unbelievable to some, evil spirits can actually inhabit particular objects and places that have somehow been given over to their domain. It is for this reason that God strictly prohibits certain abominable objects from being in the possession of believers, as evil influences can adversely affect a person's life through these means, whether the person is aware of it or not.

In the last few years there has been a resurgence of hex signs, and ancient geometric and mystical motifs, which are being incorporated into designs for clothing, jewelry, china and decorative objects. In antique shops there are often selections of rings, pendants, pins and various kinds of jewelry, which were originally designed to bring good luck and to act as a talisman to chase away evil. Some of the more popular ones that are current include:

The broken cross (an ancient witchcraft sign popularly known as the peace symbol); All kinds of Polynesian tikkis (often carved to represent various gods); African jujus (shaped like snakes, hands, figures, and other things); a hand with the index and little finger pointed up (a satanic witchcraft sign); and a great variety of crosses, clovers, stars, wishbones, lucky coins, mystic medals, horseshoes, Mexican sun symbols (they worshipped the sun as their god); Idols, incense, Buddhas, and hand carved objects from Africa or the Orient.

The wiggly horn called the Italian horn is also a witchcraft device (leprechaun's staff or unicorn's horn) and means you trust the devil for your finances. The Egyptian Ankh (cross with a loop on top) is sex goddess symbol meaning you despise virginity, believe in fertility rites and worship and serve the Egyptian sun god RA (Egyptian name for Lucifer). All the signs of the Zodiac are occult symbols. The crescent moon and star are the sign of an initiate into witchcraft.

The five-pointed star has been used by witches for centuries and is called the pentacle or pentagram. With the two points up (as in Eastern Star) it is called the sign of the goat or Satan, one point up symbolizes witchcraft. When witches want to talk with demons they will often stand within a pentagram and the demon will appear within a six pointed star formed by two triangles (hexagram) commonly called the Star of David. The Mogen David, as it was called, was a Cabalistic magic symbol for white magic and the word hex comes from the word hexagram.

All Masonic symbols were ancient witchcraft signs long before Freemasonry was created. The initiation rituals for witchcraft and for Masons are identical (according to ex-witch John Todd), again demonstrating Masonic roots into witchcraft. The only difference is that the initiated witch disrobes completely at the close, and signs in his own blood.

In the Old Testament God gave cunning skills to hands of artisans who fashioned the furnishings and decorations for the tabernacle. In like manner, pagan workers often dedicate their hands and work to demons they worship and from whom they receive their skills. This makes hand carvings, and other handcraft suspect, especially if it depicts gods or goddesses (demons) worshipped in the pagan culture. It is scarcely worth the risk to tolerate such things in our homes.

The use of these signs and symbols and others, which are the property of Satan, can bring demons to your home and/or person. These bits of "harmless" garbage in the forms of books, decorations, jewelry, etc. give legal ground for demonic operations. Pictures, knickknacks, etc. of owls and frogs (called unclean creatures of the night in scripture) have also at times been responsible for drawing demonic power to focus on homes and people. God warns clearly against bringing any accursed thing into our homes.

"Neither shall you bring an abomination into your house lest you be a cursed thing like it; but you shalt utterly abhor it, for it is a cursed thing." (Deuteronomy 7:26).

Other areas that are not so obviously "Occultic" can also bring in demonic influences into the home:

- Popular "fashion" magazines that pander humanistic philosophies, sensual romantic advice for the lovelorn and subtle (and not so subtle) pornography.
- Escape type books and paperbacks that appeal to the emotions (romantic novels) or the intellect (science fiction and fantasy type books).
- Music, albums and tapes that are sensual and worldly. Many of the album covers of current rock music are filled w/occult symbols and signs. A lot of the music of the world can bring oppressive spirits of loneliness, regret, lust, fear, rebellion, etc.

The irony of all this is for one to scrupulously scour the house for any offending book, picture, design or jewelry and yet still allow the *television* to sit prominently in the center of the home living area. If there is any more efficient vehicle of the influences of the world, the flesh and the demonic, it's the television. The following are some of the consequences of allowing the unrestricted television viewing in your home (particularly in reference to how it effects children):

- It establishes the practice in you and your children of tolerating evil to enjoy some good. (The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.. Prov 8:13)
- It's amusement format lowers you and your children's resistance to evil. (Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it spring the issues of life...Prov 4:23)
- It provides constant access to the world's system and it's false and humanistic concepts. (Beware lest any man spoil you through vain philosophies....Col 2:8)
- It deadens you and your children's conscience by providing comparison with new lows of immorality.
 (And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.. Matt 24:12)
- It allows you and your children to relate to individuals whom you would never otherwise allow into your home.

 (A companion of fools shall be destroyed..Prov 13:20)
- It devours one of your most precious resources time, and robs you of valuable, intimate time with the Lord, your spouse and your children.

 (So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom....Psalm 90:12)
- It stifles creativity in you and your children by deadening your responses to your conscience and Scripture.

 (Quench not the Spirit...1 Thess 5:19)
- It will ultimately make you and your children God's enemy. (Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. James 4:4)

According to the Scriptures, the sins of the fathers are visited upon the third and fourth generations of those who disobey God. This is carefully pointed out in Exodus 20:5 when the law was given, and is specifically connected with the commandment prohibiting the construction and worship of graven images which constitute the worship of demons. For those who disregard this stark warning and contact with occult spirits, there will be terrible and certain repercussions in the form of sickness, misery, insanity, and sometimes an early death.

There are many, many ways in which the presence of occult spirits can cause relational and marital upheaval and other problems of other kinds. Unless the curse is broken it will continue to plague the family and its descendants to the third and fourth generations. It predisposes people to be psychically oriented and sensitive; and through psychic heredity, to pick up more curses and spirits, thus extending the hereditary blight to many generations.

Scriptures on the Occult

Witchcraft: Exo 22:18, Deut 18:10; I Sam 15:23; 2Kings 9:22; 2Chron 33:6; Micah 5:12; Nah 3:4; Gal 5:20

Astrology: Dan 1:20; 2:2, 10:27; 5:7, 11, 15; Isa 47:13; Deut 4:19.

Charming: Deut 18:11; Psalms 58:5; Isa 19:3; Jer 8: 17.

Divination: Num 22:7, 23:23; Deut 18:10; 14; Isa 15:23; 28:8; 2Kings 17:17; Jer 14:14; 27:9; 29:8; Eze 13:6-7, 18-23; 21:21-23; 29; Acts 16:16.

Enchantments: Deut 18:10; Exo 7:11, 22; 8:7; Num 23:23; 24:1; Lev 9:26; 2Kings 17:17; 21:6; 2Chron 33:6; Eccl 10:11; Isa 47:9, 12; Jer 27:9.

Magicians: Gen 41 :8, 24; Exo 7: 11; 22; 8:7, 19; 19: 11; Dan 1:20, 2:2, 10, 27; 4:7, 9; 5:11; Acts 19:19.

Necromancy: Deut 18: 11.

Observing Times: Lev 19:26; Deut 18:10,14; 2Kings 21:6; 2Chron 33:6.

Prognosticators: Isa 47:13.

Soothsaying: Dan 2:27; 4:7; 5:7,11; Isa 2:6; Mic 5:12; Josh 13:22

Sorcery (*pharmakeia* in N.T.): Exo 7:11; Isa 47:9, 12; 57:3; Jer 27:9; Dan 2:2; Mal 3:5; Acts 8:9, 11; 13:6, 8; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15.

Witch/Wizards: Lev 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut 18:11; I Sam 28:3, 9; 2Kings 21:6; 23:24; 2Chron 33:6; Isa 8:19; 19:3.

Renunciation Prayer

Father, I confess to you that in the past through ignorance, curiosity or willfulness I've come into contact with certain occult things. I recognize and confess this as sin, and receive your forgiveness. In the name of Jesus I renounce all contacts that I've had with the following occult things:

(Look at the following list and renounce each thing where there was occult involvement)

I RENOUNCE: ouija board, sorcery, dabbling in witchcraft, magic, voodoo, divination, fortune telling, automatic writing, handwriting analysis, crystal balls, astrology, horoscopes, palm reading, hypnosis, ESP, spiritualism, séances, necromancy (praying to the dead), levitation, table tipping, clairvoyance, TM, astral projection, soul travel, mind control, biorhythm, yoga, karate, martial arts, acupuncture, fetishes, spells, psychic readings, reincarnation, pyramid power, the new age, mental science, superstitions, amulets & talismans, Satanism, kinesiology, numerology...

I RENOUNCE ANY AND ALL INVOLVEMENT IN: eastern religions, Hinduism, I Ching, Hare Krishna, Zen, PSI, Edgar Cayce, Jeane Dixon, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Rosicrucians, Unity, metaphysics, Freemasonry, Eastern Star, Dungeons & Dragons, the immoral and ungodly influences of television, etc...

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