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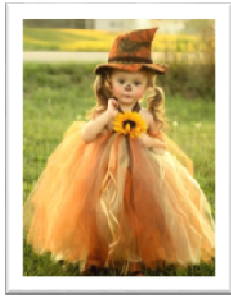
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HOW BAD CAN *White* WITCHCRAFT BE?

Galatians 5:16: (NASB) *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*



In just a few days the costumes will come out, the candy will be distributed, the parties will roar on! The ghosts, the goblins, the skeletons - the superheroes, the princesses, the ballerinas - all will engage in a happy celebration of Halloween - ironically the night where pagan tradition says the veil between the spirit world and our world is thinnest and therefore can be crossed by evil spirits...great! Halloween is based on paganism. Wicca - white witchcraft is an outgrowth of paganism. So, is Wicca something that we should be afraid of?

(Source: <http://www.religioustolerance.org/witchcra.htm>) When one defines oneself as Pagan, it means she or he follows an earth or nature religion, one that sees the divine manifest in all creation. The cycles of nature are our holy days, the earth is our temple, its plants and creatures our partners and teachers. We worship a deity that is both male and female, a mother goddess and father god, who together created all that is, was, or will be. We respect life, cherish the free will of sentient beings, and accept the sacredness of all creation.

What is paganism - Irish pagan culture, *Witchcraft, Wicca and Druidry*

- *What is neo-paganism? It can be defined as a nature religion or an earth-based spirituality because characteristically pagans have a very deep spiritual connection to the natural landscape. But there is a problem in strictly defining it as a religion because many followers or practitioners of paganism view it more as a philosophy or a way of life. So a lot of people have a problem with the term religion itself as they connect that more with institutionalized religion and spirituality as something different to that. So, paganism is an "umbrella term" or a catch-all term for a whole range of different magical and spiritual traditions.*

Dramatic instructions on how to deal with paganism were provided early on: Deuteronomy 12:2-3: These things were to be destroyed.

(Source: <http://www.witchipedia.com/neo-paganism>) Neo-paganism is either the modern practice and adaptation of an ancient religion, or a new religion based on either ancient or new religious concepts; but usually based on a combination of these. Neo-paganism means simply modern, or contemporary paganism and there are many varieties, although they do tend to share some characteristics.

Polytheistic all divine - Irish pagan culture, *Witchcraft, Wicca and Druidry*

- *Paganism can be said to be polytheistic as opposed to monotheistic, which is belief in one god. Poly is many. It is the "old religion" as described, going back further than Christianity. It has also been described as pantheistic. That is the belief that the sacred is inherent in nature; that the landscape itself is divine. A similar concept is animatism, or the belief that everything, even inanimate objects, have its own soul or spirit and we are all connected on a spiritual plane, connected by energy.*

Romans 1:20-23: Paganism has infiltrated Christianity. For example, Easter Sunday originates from a goddess of fertility. Jesus was not born at the end of December. Based on the math, he had to have been born around early October. His birth was celebrated in December to coincide with a pagan holiday. We live in a society that has been swept through paganism over generations.

The first biblical mention of witches: Exodus 7:8-11 The use of witchcraft based on the worship of multiple gods (paganism) was rampant in Egypt. They had a god for everything. In fact, the Ten Plagues were a direct confrontation against various Egyptian gods.

Magic is drawing energy from different sources, combined with your own personal energy to create some kind of change. You decide what that change will be. Is there anything wrong with earth, air, fire and water? No, they are the basic building blocks of our world...God made it that way! Here we have something good and observable but making them into something they are not meant to be. Every great lie has a lot of truth behind it to make it appealing. Satan appears as an angel of light so he can be a deceiver. Those who practice white witchcraft probably are trying to do something good. The problem is the tools and methods they have chosen are inherently dark. The greatest intention inevitably will not end up where they want it to be.

2 Chronicles 33:1-3,6: The king of Israel was completely caught up in paganism, including killing his own children by fire. These things are tempting to the flesh.



Allure and danger (former witch), *The Danger and Deception of Wicca*

- *I thought that I could have anything I wanted - money and people who wouldn't hurt me.*
- *The concept of "drawing down the moon" is drawing the energy that is symbolized through the moon as the goddess of the divine into the circle.*
- *The whole point of the New Age, eastern mediation, Wiccan thought is to take control of what they believe are powers within ourselves or powers outside in nature and be able to use them, manipulate them for our own purposes. We need to put signs, we need to put warnings on occult paraphernalia or where children are concerned if they are going to get involved in these things, to say there are very, very severe dangers potentially available to happen.*
- *The whole concept of being a god is pretty powerful. That's a big draw for people.*

Observation: The Bible does not ever distinguish between black and white magic.

(Source: religioustolerance.org) Wiccan Ethics: Wiccans have ethics which are different in nature than most "one-god" religions, which hand out a list of "do's and don'ts." We have a single, extremely powerful ethical principal, which Initiates are responsible for applying in specific situations according to their best judgment. That principle is called the Wiccan Rede (Old-English for rule) and reads: "An (if) it harm none, do as ye Will." Based on the earlier mention of "True Will", you will understand that the Rede is far more complex than it sounds, and is quite different than saying "Do whatever you want as long as nobody is hurt." Finding out your Will is difficult sometimes, and figuring out what is harmful, rather than just painful or unpleasant is not much easier.

Here is where all of paganism originated: [Isaiah 14:12-14](#): This is prophetically speaking of Satan's desires and then fall from heaven. The focus was on his desire to be God. What damage did Satan do by doing "as ye Will?" [In his mighty spiritual mind](#), would this exercising of his will hurt anyone? NO! Was he out to destroy everything or instead to inappropriately elevate his power and glory? We think most likely the latter. It would simply give him authority as God.

We could not find any evidence that this "Rede" (as a whole) pre-dates the 1950's. Here is the best history we found: (Source: religioustolerance.org) Origin of the Wiccan Rede: "An (if) it harm none, do as ye Will:" The original source for at least part of the Wiccan Rede appears to be by a 16th century novelist, François Rabelais. "DO AS THOU WILT because men that are free, of gentle birth, well-bred and at home in civilized company possess a natural instinct that inclines them to virtue and saves them from vice. This instinct they name their honor." This concept appears to have been adopted by Aleister Crowley (1875-1947) in his Law of Thelema, which is, contained in his 1904 book Liber AL vel Legis (The Book of the Law). Many believe that Crowley received the text of the Law from an angelic entity named Aiwass: "Who calls us Thelemites will do no wrong, if he look but close into the word. For there are therein Three Grades, the Hermit, and the Lover, and the man of earth. Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law."

Observation: Because Wicca is truly a modern day religion with ancient roots, we can easily see how the focus on the difference between white and black magic is modern day as well.

[Proverbs 16:18-19](#): (NASB) ¹⁸Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. ¹⁹It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud. [Psalms 29:2](#): (NASB) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in holy array. Our worship belongs to the Lord God Almighty through Jesus.

[Matthew 26:39-42](#): (NASB) ³⁹And he went a little beyond them, and fell on his face and prayed, saying, my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not as I will, but as You will. ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, so, you men could not keep watch with me for one hour? ⁴¹Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. ⁴²He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, my Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.

- Casting spells presses *your* will forward - Jesus pressed *God's* will forward.
- Casting spells presumes *you* know - Christian prayer knows that *God* knows.
- Casting spells *tells* the universe what to do - Christian prayer *asks* *God* what to do.

[Matthew 7:11-12](#): (NASB) ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! ¹²In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Wiccans sometimes differentiate between spelling "magic," meaning just an illusion and "magick" as something that is real.



))) About rituals (former witch), *The Danger and Deception of Wicca*

- *A ritual puts you in a frame of mind that is specifically geared towards spirituality.*
- *...There are a nearly a half million practicing witches in North America. Their practice is called "witchcraft," "the craft," or as many modern worshippers prefer, "Wicca."*
- *Wicca has become a philosophy of life for me. I perceive challenges that happen throughout my life in a more positive light. I feel more focused, more in tune with my life.*
- *The problem with witchcraft and paganism and eastern mysticism is that it looks towards yourself. You have to better yourself, enable your power, become more forceful in what you feel you're weak in, in order to overcome a difficulty you have.*

Galatians 6:7-10: We are supposed to demonstrate our faith by doing good to others.

(Source: <http://wicca.com/celtic/akasha/holindex.htm>) Samhain, (pronounced SOW-in,) means "End of Summer", and is the third and final Harvest. The dark winter half of the year commences on this Sabbat. It is generally celebrated on October 31st, but some traditions prefer November 1st. It is one of the two "spirit-nights" each year, the other being Beltane. It is a magical interval when the mundane laws of time and space are temporarily suspended, and the Thin Veil between the worlds is lifted. Communicating with ancestors and departed loved ones is easy at this time...The major pagan celebrations had to do with the changing of the seasons and therefore revolved around the earth as an object of worship.

Psalms 104:19-24: (NASB) ¹⁹He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting. ²⁰You appoint darkness and it becomes night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl about. ²¹The young lions roar after their prey and seek their food from God. ²²When the sun rises they withdraw and lie down in their dens. ²³Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until evening. ²⁴O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

Our worship should be where it belongs...above the "created" to the Creator!

))) Ritual Year - Irish Pagan Culture, Witchcraft, Wicca and Druidry

- *The ritual year of pagans is conceptualized as a wheel with the spokes passing through the seasonal transition. So each spoke is one festival. You have Samhain, which is Halloween in our calendar; winter solstice; Imbolc, which means the start of spring; spring equinox; the start of summer; summer solstice; Lughnasadh, which is the harvest ritual and autumn equinox.*

It is good to recognize nature's cycles, but we are not to worship them or attribute powers to them that do not belong. Do not worship the things God created - Him only shall we serve!

Deuteronomy 4:19

What about looking into the future and those things, which we cannot see?

))) Deity within and without, *The Danger and Deception of Wicca*

- *What is appealing to Wiccans is the ability to be goddesses or god-like.*
- *Deity is within each of us and therefore in our own right, each of us are a god/goddess deity. That whole concept of being a god is pretty powerful.*
- *One of the tenets of our religion is that we believe in both the transcendence and eminence of the deity. It is both within and without us. It is called Panentheism - being connected with the Creator, in turn we are also creators.*

(Source: Copyright ©1997-99 The Celtic Connection, wicca.com) Divination and Scrying: If you are unfamiliar with the term, Divination is simply the use of an object or objects to ascertain answers to questions or to see an event or events, which are not perceptible to the average person. ...Witches and Pagans have always been credited with having special powers, with being able to see the unseen. This is merely a result of our ability to work with our "Spirit Guides" or "Spirit Twins" to obtain answers to the questions we seek.

What do the Scriptures say about "seeing" the future? **Luke 10:23-24:** The only scriptural evidence of "seeing" the future is when a prophecy was given of God or a message was delivered from God. Even if we desire to "see" things, it may not be appropriate. Sometimes our internal will is not in harmony with the will of God. We cannot step outside that harmony to do whatever we want to do. If we run ahead of Him, we will stumble. Wicca is living far outside the protection of God, as it does not recognize Him.



 **The danger of magick, *The Danger and Deception of Wicca***

- *If you talk to a Wiccan and say, "Do you pray?" they will say, "Yes," they communicate with powers, principalities and spirits in order to have what they want. They do magick rituals in order to empower themselves.*
- *Prayer is when you ask God for something. You make a request. Magick is more like a demand.*
- *A former Wiccan says that when witches practice magick or spells, they cross the line from innocent play to serious trouble.*
- *I think the powers of magick are real. I really think that there was something going on, something that is carrying out what you want done. I'm not sure that I am able to put a name on that force.*

As Christians, we are willing to accept a "no" answer from God because we want things done in accordance with His will. A pagan ritualistic approach to Christianity is the phrase in some Christian circles, "I declare and decree..." that this and this will happen. You are controlling and forcing the issue, which is not what we are to be doing.

What about this idea of "Spirit Guides" and "Spirit Twins?" Here are Satan's followers' present condition: 2 Corinthians 11:14-15: When Satan looks like he is a bearer of light, the deception is that much greater. You can have the greatest intentions to want to do good and say the only spells you will cast will be those to help the people around you, but this is a dangerous thought. **All in all, we are sufficiently warned against pagan practice and belief:** Deuteronomy 18:9-12

 **Magick's shiny package, *The Danger and Deception of Wicca***

- *Hollywood has picked up on Wicca's allure and has geared it towards an influential teen audience.*
- *It is very seductive and it is wrapped up in a really shiny package. If you turn on the television, or walk into the bookstore or go to the movies, the occult is everywhere.*
- *It is a control and power that is attractive to seekers that are becoming younger and younger. Through movies, literature and games, children are charmed by spells and the lure of magic.*
- *Usually what is happening today is that children are being introduced or people are being introduced because they want to just have power. We are living in a corrupt world with pain and hurt and we are trying to control ourselves and just get through day by day.*

The shiny package is a very dangerous thing and notice how it is focused on the immature. A Harry Potter wand, for example, is a real implement of magic. "Well, it's just a toy." What are we doing? Do we not warn our families about the potential dangers of what they are playing with? Magic can hurt you. It is not the "air power," "fire power," etc. - it is satanic power made to look like something innocent. Satan is a master at disguising himself.

How do we cope with all of this? Know the sources of your belief! 1 John 1:5-8: We have to walk in THE light. **We have to seek holiness in our lives:** 1 Peter 1:14-16: Holiness is setting oneself apart for a godly purpose. Our sole objective on this program has been to help us understand that magic is real and it does work but to look at some of the underlying principles of the belief system so we can be aware that it is not a toy. We especially want to protect our children. This is not something to be trifled with. The energy and powers they are calling upon have to be satanic. Call upon the power of the Almighty God for His protection, care and mercy and stay far away from the practices of things like Wicca.

Romans 8:31: (NASB) *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*

***So, how bad can white witchcraft be?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!***