

HOW BAD CAN WINDE WITCHCRAFT BE?

<u>Galatians 5:16</u>: (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?

First of all, what is paganism and what is neo-paganism?

(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.

(i)) 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: <u>Deuteronomy 12:2-3</u>: (NASB) ²You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³You shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their **Asherim** with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods and obliterate their name from that place.

These things were to be destroyed. What is "Asherim?"

(Source: From Outside the Camp, Volume 1, No. 4) ... The Old Testament mentions a pagan goddess from which the festival of Easter is derived. This goddess was the goddess of fertility and sexual lust, known as Ashtaroth or Ashtoreth. ... Each spring, the pagans would set up phallic poles called Asherahs under trees on high hills and celebrate their fertility festival with unbridled sexual perversion. This is how the "May pole" originated.



(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.



(1) 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.

<u>Romans 1:20-23</u>: (NASB) ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

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.

What is witchcraft and is "Wicca" synonymous with witchcraft?

(Source: Wikipedia) Witchcraft (also called witchery or spell craft) broadly means the practice of, and belief in, magical skills and abilities that are able to be exercised individually, by designated social groups, or by persons with the necessary esoteric secret knowledge.



One point from a pagan pledge: May I always be mindful that the goddess and god in all their forms dwell within me and that this divinity is reflected through my own Inner Self, my Pagan Spirit.

The first biblical mention of witches:

Exodus 7:8-11: (NRSV) ⁸The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹when Pharaoh says to you, perform a wonder, then you shall say to Aaron, take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake. ¹⁰So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the LORD had commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers <3784>; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts.

Sorcerers: Strongs #3784 kashaph (kaw-shaf'); to whisper a spell, i.e. to inchant or practice magic

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.

 (\neg, η) Four elements as building blocks, Calling the Elements in Ritual

• The elements are: earth, air, fire, and water. They really originate from the four phases of matter: you have solid, liquid, gas, and plasma. Solid is earth, gas is air, plasma is fire and liquid is water. These four elements make up everything both spiritual and physical. If you think of the elements, think of them like basic building blocks to creating what it is you want to manifest in your spell or your ritual.



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.

(Source: http://www.awakethewitch.com/black-and-white-witchcraft.html)

White witchcraft:

Practiced to provide good intentions to the people around you.

The practitioners are often said to have a Wiccan faith. This is a religion, which is guided by modern pagan beliefs. It allows one to look in the earth and aspire for its development.

- Practitioners believe in the "threefold return." This belief says that for every good action you make, the return of this is three times in magnitude. This also applies in the bad side. However Wiccan practice does not encourage bad practices in life.
- Practitioners normally utilize prayers and rituals. They use spells to provide luck to the people around them.
- Practitioners also use objects which are highly useful for witchcraft. Some witches utilize talismans and crystals. They are said to benefit a lot from such objects.

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.

<u>2 Chronicles 33:1-3,6</u>: (NASB) ¹Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. ²He did evil in the sight of the LORD according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel. ³For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he also erected altars for the Baals and made Asherim, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them... ⁶He made his sons pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; and he practiced witchcraft, used divination, practiced sorcery and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger.

The king of Israel was completely caught up in paganism, including killing his own children by fire. These things are tempting to the flesh.

(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.

Black witchcraft:



- Practitioners perform acts, which are spiteful and provide harm to others.
- They utilize unnatural acts, which inflict danger to a number of people. With this, their enemies can be washed away or banished in a certain place.
- They conduct negative acts in order to punish spiteful enemies for their selfish gain.
- Practitioners use black magic. Nonetheless, black magic is not solely used for negative sense. It can also provide best hopes to those people who are hurt and need to regain strength through fighting back.
- People do not take black magic lightly. They tend to fear the practitioners of black witchcraft.
- The magic used in this kind of witchcraft is a common source of misconception.
- Practitioners sometimes fear the negative consequences of black magic.

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

Are there rules that Wiccans follow?

(W)Earth - feminine and materialistic, Calling the Elements in Ritual

• When you think of the element of earth, it represents the physical, we know that. It is the element closest to parenthood or motherhood. It is feminine energy, it is receptive energy. Femininity is receptive energy whereas masculine is projective energy. The element of earth is all about stability and structure. Everything has some sort of organization and structure, because everything contains the four elements. The element of earth represents discipline, grounding, the material. It reminds us that materialism is okay. It is the element of abundance.

(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:

<u>Isaiah 14:12-14</u>: (KJV) ¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.



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?" <u>In his mighty spiritual mind</u>, 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.

(i))Wiccan Rede (former witch), The danger and deception of Wicca

- She says her practice is harmless. She adheres to the witch's code of ethics, or their Rede: If you harm none, do what thou will.
- The way it is written, it's not dictating to you exactly what you need to do. You need to really think about the consequences of your behavior and what implications those have, be it good or bad.
- Matriciana says Wicca's ultimate purpose is to bring on change not for the good of others but for the benefit of self.
- If I am self-centered and I want to do magic or a spell that will benefit me, I immediately am becoming self-centered enough and egotistical enough to think that it is not going to harm someone else.

<u>Proverbs 16:18-19</u>: (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.

))Air - first thought beginnings words, Calling the Elements in Ritual

• The element of air is all about thought. The element of air is the first thought that comes into your mind when you say, Hey, I need some abundance in my life so I can buy a new car or so I can buy a house or I can get a new pair of shoes. Whatever it is that you feel you need abundance for. The element of air creates that first thought. The element of air symbolizes beginnings. It is associated with the early morning or the dawn time of day. And that is because it represents beginnings, and that is the beginning of the day. This is a great element to work with if you are trying to make a fresh start in life, start a new project or you need to increase your ability to communicate. The element of air empowers word magic.



(I))Water - emotions, harmony and healing, Calling the Elements in Ritual

• The element of water is linked to emotions like as tears. The element of water is all about the flow of life and harmony. It brings the other elements in alignment with each other. It is the element of sympathy, compassion, purity. It is a wonderful element to help detoxify the mind, body and spirit. If you are looking to tear down the walls you have put up if your heart broke, water helps you heal. It is very, very healing. It is great also for intuition. It heightens your ability to sense things, sense other people and connect with other people from the heart.

<u>Psalms 29:2</u>: (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.

What about magick? Is it real? How does it work?

(Source: http://wicca.com/celtic/wicca/defense.htm) Magick works. This is the first thing you have to learn. If you don't believe that magick gives you the power to reshape the universe, you're wasting your time. Because if you believe a spell or ritual won't work, it won't. Period. And if you do believe in the power of magick, then you need to realize that when you use it you are putting your hands on the same forces that move the tides and spawn tornadoes. And that by doing so, you have the potential to harm yourself or others. I have often compared working magic to rock climbing. It takes years of study and practice before you're ready to try it. It is fairly safe, if you know what you're doing and take appropriate safety precautions. At the same time, a mistake can ruin your whole day or worse.

That kind of power has no business in the hands of humanity!

<u>Matthew 26:39-42</u>: (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.

 (η) Wands and crystals, Calling the Elements in Ritual

• Tools in physical form are basically an extension of your own energy. When you take a wand and you draw a circle with it, what that wand is doing is directing your own energy. It is guiding your own energy into a specific place and then moving it around in a circle. You don't have to have it; it is just there to help refine your work. Crystals don't do the magic for you. If you are trying to lose weight, crystals aren't going to suck the fat from your body. Only you can do that. But what the crystal does is it acts as a tool to align you with the motivation and that which you need in order to start putting forth the effort in order to lose weight.

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



The Law of Threefold Return:

(Source: http://wicca.com/celtic/wicca/wicca.htm) Witches have a very strict belief in the Law of Three, which states that whatever we send out into our world shall return to us three fold either good or bane. With this in mind, a "True Witch" would hesitate in doing magick to harm or manipulate another because that boomerang we throw will eventually come back to us much larger and harder then when we threw it.

<u>Matthew 7:11-12</u>: (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.

 (η) 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.

Church and school of Wicca teaches vertical or horizontal spirituality. Wicca: Reaching toward Deity in spiritual growth is considered vertical. Craft: Magic and matters of this world are horizontal (pragmatic). Achieving growth in both matters is a way to find balance (harmony): Wicca-Craft

<u>Galatians 6:7-10</u>: (NASB) ⁷Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (vertical) ⁹Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. (horizontal)

We are supposed to demonstrate our faith by doing good to others.

How are Wiccans connected with the seasons?

(i))Fire - passion drive, Calling the Elements in Ritual

• Fire is the element that is the hardest to pin down. It is associated with the physical self. We have air, the mental aspect of the self or the universe; water, which is linked to emotions; but fire is linked to our sexuality and actions, the actual physical movement and energy we give to what we do. It is unpredictable and spontaneous. It is intense. Fire is "in your face." It's very bold and wants you to think it is the most powerful element. But water can put fire out. But fire is extremely bold and attention-seeking. So fire is the element you want to work with if you want to increase your leadership abilities, to overcome shyness, to attract attention, to heighten your sexual awareness, increase your vitality and lust for life.



(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.



<u>Psalms 104:19-24</u>: (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!

(η) 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.

<u>Yule</u>: The date varies from December 20 to December 23 depending on the year in the Gregorian calendar. Yule is also known as the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere and the summer solstice in the southern hemisphere. Yule is when the dark half of the year relinquishes to the light half. Known as Solstice Night, or the longest night of the year, the sun's "rebirth" was celebrated with much joy.

<u>Feb 1 or 2</u> - Imbolc - means in the belly of the Mother because that is where seeds are beginning to stir as it is spring.

<u>March 21</u> - Ostara - Spring or the Vernal Equinox: The next full moon (a time of increased births) is called the Ostara and is sacred to Eostre the Saxon Lunar Goddess of fertility (from whence we get the word estrogen, whose two symbols were the egg and the rabbit).

<u>April 30/May 1</u> - Beltane - The name means fire of Bel; Belinos being one name for the Sun God, whose coronation feast we now celebrate. As summer begins, weather becomes warmer, and the plant world blossoms, an exuberant mood prevails. In old Celtic traditions it was a time of unabashed sexuality and promiscuity.

<u>June 21 - Summer Solstice</u> - Litha - the opposite of Yule. On this longest day of the year, light and life are abundant. At mid-summer, the Sun God has reached the moment of his greatest strength. Seated on his greenwood throne, he is also lord of the forests.

<u>July 31 - August 1</u> - Lughnasadh/Lammas - At Lammas, sometimes called Lughnasadh, it's time to celebrate the first harvest of the year, and recognize that the hot summer days will soon come to an end. The plants of spring wither and drop seeds to ensure future crops. Grains are ready to be harvested and the fruits are ripe for picking.



<u>September 21</u> - Mabon - Autumn Equinox, 2nd Harvest - Mabon is the Autumn Equinox. The Autumn Equinox divides the day and night equally, and we all take a moment to pay our respects to the impending dark. We also give thanks to the waning sunlight, as we store our harvest of this year's crops.



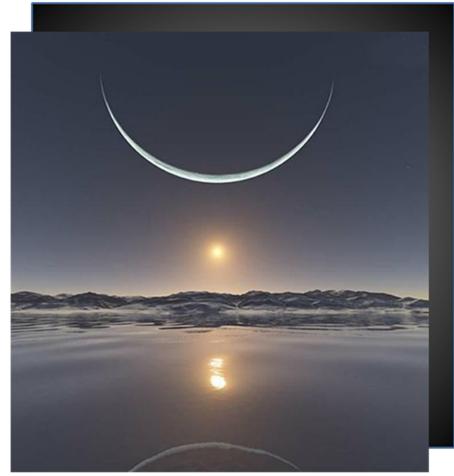
It is good to recognize nature's cycles, but we are not to worship them or attribute powers to them that do not belong. Do not worship the things God created - Him only shall we serve!



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<u>Deuteronomy 4:19</u>: (NASB) And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.



What about looking into the future and those things, which we cannot see? (1) 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: (NKJV) ²³Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; ²⁴for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.

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.

 (\neg, η) 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:

<u>2 Corinthians 11:14-15</u>: (KJV) ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

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:

<u>Deuteronomy 18:9-12</u>: (NASB) ⁹When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹²For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.



(I)) 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!

<u>1 John 1:5-8</u>: (NASB) ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

We have to walk in THE light.

We have to seek holiness in our lives:

<u>1 Peter 1:14-16</u>: (KJV) ¹⁴As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: ¹⁵But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation ¹⁶Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

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.

<u>Romans 8:31</u>: (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...!

And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

(Source: http://www.scryingmirror.com/whatis.html) What is Scrying? Scrying is the ancient act of divination for the purpose of clairvoyance. It is usually achieved by concentrating on or staring (gazing) at an object having a shiny surface until a vision appears. Scrying is one of the earliest forms of Divination in recorded history, appearing in China in 3000 BC, Egypt in 2500 BC, and Ancient Greece around 2000BC.

Scrying comes from the English word "descry" which means "to make out dimly" or "to reveal." There have been and are many purposes for the activity; to see into the future, to find lost objects or persons, and track criminals, among others.

Although the object used for scrying usually has a shiny surface, such as a pool of water, innumerable objects have been used for the practice over the centuries. Mirrors are often used. Nostradamus is said to have used a black obsidian mirror. Many such means have been employed to see visions, read mystical signs and divine the future.

Most scrying is done at night in order to receive better psychic vibrations. As a general rule most scryers work at night in order to avoid the excessive psychic vibrations that are generated in the day due to the confusion of everyday living.

The methods of scrying differ but after a period of concentration on the speculum visions, mental images, or impressions appear. Frequently the visions are symbolic and the scryer must meditate on their visions to interpret their meanings.

Another level of all this is Shamanism, and in many ways it seems to be embedded in the Wiccan culture:

(Source: Wikipedia) Shamanism is a practice that involves a practitioner reaching altered states of consciousness in order to encounter and interact with the spirit world and channel these transcendental energies into this world. A shaman is a person regarded as having access to, and influence in, the world of benevolent and malevolent spirits, who typically enters into a trance state during a ritual, and practices divination and healing.



You have been delivered from all of this - so live a delivered life!

<u>Colossians 1:12-14</u>: (KJV) ¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Build on people's desire for spirituality - NOT on their Pagan beliefs.

<u>Acts 17:22-25</u>: (NASB) ²²So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. ²³For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; ²⁵nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.

Final thought: the Wiccan Rede says: It is harm none, do what ye will. Our guiding principle must be: God's ultimate plan is to save - let us do what *He* wills!