



SHOULD WE BE WORRIED ABOUT WITCHCRAFT?

1 Peter 1:14: (NASB) *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance...*



So, if you are a little kid, it is time for the excitement of “trick or treat” - costumes and candy. If you are older, it is time for parties, horror movies that look and feel so real they make your skin crawl, the undead, dark spells and generally unfettered behavior. Yes, we are talking about Halloween and all of the trimmings that come with it. No matter what age you are, when Halloween comes it is also time for a strong and convincing dose of witchcraft. That is right - no matter what age you are, witchcraft is not only entirely mainstream, it is *enticingly* mainstream and very much within reach. Is this something to be worried about? Are we dealing with some big, dark and deceiving practice or is it all just harmless home-brewed storytelling?

Our position: WE BELIEVE THAT WITCHCRAFT, IN ALL FORMS AND IN ALL WAYS, HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE MOST BASIC FORMS OF IDOLATRY. WHILE WITCHES DO NOT WORSHIP SATAN, THEY DO REVERE THE EARTH AND THE ELEMENTS, ALL CREATED BY GOD RATHER THAN REVERENCING GOD HIMSELF.

We will discuss a sincere “Pledge to Pagan Spirituality” in light of the following text, in simple steps: **1 Peter 1:13-16:** Are Christianity and (specifically) Wicca similar in any way? Different in any way? What are the most important aspects of this comparison?

What is Wicca, All About Wicca, Harmony Nice

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Wiccan actions are focused from the inside out for their purposes of doing good and being in harmony with nature.

Not a belief system, What Do Wiccans Believe, Wicca Howcast

Christian actions are focused from the outside in for the purpose of being faithful to God’s plan.

Romans 12:1

Key Point of Concern: Placing the created over the Creator makes us god - that’s what Satan did!

Christians are looking to do God’s will, not our own.

Romans 1:20: When we place ourselves in the position of God, it is a mistake.

One of the most important things to do as we critically review the life philosophy of Wiccans is to avoid judging someone’s heart. It is fine to look at the “what” and the “how” of the Wiccan approach but we always want to leave their heart motivation out of our critical sight.

Origin and growth, Do Wiccans Practice Witchcraft, Howcast

As Christians, we believe the oldest religion is the account of Adam’s creation in Genesis when Adam had a direct relationship with God. But we do see Wicca growing significantly in the last decade or so.

1 Peter 1:13: (NASB) *Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit...*

One Lexicon definition of sober is “dispassionate.” We need to be focused based on our privilege of service and sacrifice to following Jesus, not based on any emotional feeling or experience.

Engage and challenge, What Do Wiccans Believe, Howcast

(See CQ Rewind Full Edition for the Wiccan “Pledge to Pagan Spirituality” excerpts from witchesofthecraft.com) Wiccan focus is based in reverence for nature and for all diversity as well as being based on the personal application of spiritual power for good.



But, what truly guides the spiritual powers that they apply? There is an assumption in white witchcraft that if you are trying to do good, good powers will come to you.

But the Dark cannot claim what Light does not surrender. — C.L. Wilson

Light has a power that rises above darkness. Even though Wicca is called “white” witchcraft, our belief is that its power is not from a light of goodness but of darkness.

Christian focus is based in reverence for the Creator of nature and only doing that which He in His righteous plan would permit and accept.

Christians go to the source, not what the source produced. 1 John 4:1-6: We are obligated to be on guard and this can be construed as being closed-minded and narrow. *The spirit of antichrist* is any influence that puts itself in the place of Christ. Christ IS the sole conduit of God’s eternal plan, so replacing Christ with other influences is yet another form of idolatry. That is what witchcraft does.

Key Point of Concern: When spiritual powers are tapped into by fallen humanity, we are toying with things well beyond our capacity. God gives His influence only to those whom He has called.

We know that access to spiritual power can not only be dangerous but deadly, for Satan himself has control of much of that power. Those who engage in witchcraft do have a sense of the volatility the higher realm can create, and witches do have guidelines. However, in our opinion, their guidelines leave far too much room for disaster.

"And (if) it harms none, do as ye Will" We have not found evidence that this “Rede” (as a whole) pre-dates the 1950’s. Here is some of the history we did find: (Source: religioustolerance.org) **Origin of the Wiccan Rede: 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."**



Transforming and more powerful, *Do Wiccans Practice Witchcraft, Howcast*

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.

1 Peter 1:13: Wicca is focused on self-discovery. As Christians, we are to be lights of the world and an influence for good. We know that the greatest grace of God will be revealed yet in the future to all of humanity. That is what we live and die for! It is something bigger than “me” and requires me not to fulfill myself but with a purpose to become more Christ-like.

(See *CQ Rewind Full Edition for the Wiccan “Pledge to Pagan Spirituality” excerpts from witchesofthecraft.com*) **Wiccan practice is based on awareness of the potential consequences of actions and seeks to learn to always do good as a result of those consequences.**

If we take it in a general sense, this is a great concept to say “be aware of consequences,” and “seek to do the good things.” But the individual here wields the power of choice as to what they decide is good or not, and that is where we differ.



Trust the magic of the universe, *How to Use Wiccan Magic, Howcast*

“Opening yourself up to the universe” is such a general statement, where you could be opening yourself up to darkness, evil, deception and corruption. The amount of light you can get is miniscule compared to the darkness you can get.

Christian practice is based on wanting to do only what Jesus would do - God’s will!

This is why 1 Peter 1:13 we quoted is so important. Be prepared to take a stand! Keep sober, keep focused, fix your hope, know where you are going. Have these things in place so your Christian practice can be on target with God’s will and not your own. This is the only way to get true spirituality with the end result of godliness.

James 4:13-17: Your primary responsibility is looking outside of yourself to find the will of God. You do not find the will of God by asking the universe something. You find that through the word of God and the principles He has given us in Scripture. That always give us a powerful answer for both goodness and true spirituality. *If the Lord wills* - this is not directing the



power of God in our lives, it is asking for the direction of the power of God in our lives. This is a big difference between the Wiccan approach and the Christian approach.

Key Point of Concern: Any practice that seeks to always do good is admirable BUT has the potential for disaster, especially if it is opening itself to unknown spiritual power and influence.

It is great to want to do good and to support other people. We know some very kind Wiccans, but opening yourself up to this kind of nebulous “spirituality” makes your life subject to so much darkness because it is not filtered out. Who do we think we are that we can access spiritual power for good just because we want to do good? Satan is much smarter than us.

Just as there are stark differences in Christianity, there are stark differences in witchcraft as well. There is an important and glaring point of differentiation: All of Christianity has its basis in its pure and easily-traceable form, *it comes from Jesus actually and personally teaching it*, whereas all of witchcraft has its origin in a combination of some “light” and a lot of dark and mystical history.

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

- 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.

These are dramatic differences from what we have seen of Wicca. Remember, much of this is mixed into the history from which Wicca came.



Allowed to heal and harm, *Are You a White Witch or a Black Witch, MrShadowbwoy*

He is saying that if you do not practice both sides, then you are not practicing what witchcraft really is. You are allowed to heal and to harm because it is wielding spiritual power for a specific purpose. If you are not practicing both sides, you are not accessing all of what witchcraft has to offer.

This gives us the sense of a justification for reaching into the dark spiritual realm to harm. You cannot harm someone if you do not know what is going to heal them - you have to study what is going to heal them to make sure you do not do that. Who is to say that the witchcraft this person practices only has what is good in mind?

For us, the “good” has to be godly, not just good, nice or exhilarating. Anything less than that is idolatry. [1 Peter 1:13-14](#)

(See *CQ Rewind Full Edition for the Wiccan “Pledge to Pagan Spirituality” excerpts from witchesofthecraft.com*) Wiccan conformity is based on solid principles of goodness, yet those principles are left for the practitioner to decide on and label as good.

Satan is the *prince of this world* ([John 14:30](#)) and has many fallen angels under his command to try to mess up God’s plan and His will.

Wiccan conformity puts the practitioner in the position of God. When you are the one who decides what is “good” and “not good,” and it is not based on godliness, YOU have become God, the decider. When you have become the decider, inevitably your decisions will turn dark.

Christian conformity is actual transformation based on a higher and well-defined image of not only goodness, but of sacrifice and loyalty to a cause which will bring all of humanity back into harmony with God. [Romans 12:2-3](#)

Key Point of Concern: Wanting to be a positive influence is great, BUT forming your own ideals of that influence, coupled with accessing and manipulating spiritual power is dangerous and harmful.

It is obvious by now that we see the use of spiritual power as a very dangerous but enticing



practice. Satan is all too willing to lull anyone into a sense of comfort as they seek to do good and as they call upon the spirit realm for guidance. Satan's guidance WILL answer - his power WILL prevail! Like it or not, know about it or not, care about it or not, that is what happens. This is why we have to be on our guard in this day and age with regards to witchcraft. This is why white witchcraft is so dangerous - it poses as something it is not, because you are accessing power beyond your control.

How the divine speaks, How to Use Wiccan Magic, Howcast

A lot of times people have experiences where they will be given an answer to a plaguing question in their lives through their personal experiences. If you pay attention, you probably will hear things that will help you - we agree. This is not the universe speaking to you; this is the experience of life unfolding before you, and you have the opportunity to make use of it. It does not matter if you are a witch, a Christian or an atheist. The voices in your life *can* give you guidance. As Christians, we believe in God's overruling providence in our lives if He gives us His spirit to work with. He is guiding our ability to think through things.

1 Peter 1:13-16: The conclusion of these small steps in dealing with the enticement of white witchcraft is to *be holy yourselves*. To be holy is to be set apart from the rest, for your purpose is a godly one. Being holy is not to give in to what I like or want; it is to be subjected to the will of God, putting my will aside. (Notice it does not say “be spiritual;” it says *be holy*.)

(See *CQ Rewind Full Edition for the Wiccan “Pledge to Pagan Spirituality” excerpts from witchesofthecraft.com*) Wiccan spirituality is based on being the god/goddess, on being the source of good with the help of the spirit world.

Witchcraft is founded in idolatry, proclaiming that I am the god/goddess. When God gave Israel the Ten Commandments, the first four were all about honoring Him. The next six Commandments - how we treat each other - fall apart without the first four.

Christian spirituality is based on following only the principles of righteousness as laid out in Scripture.

What do the Scriptures say about “seeing” the future? **Luke 10:23-24:** What were they seeing? The teachings of Jesus. How were they seeing? He was standing in front of them. What did they do as a result of what they saw? They wrote it down so we could understand it. We “see” through the written word of prophecy and education of the life and sacrifice of Jesus. The only scriptural evidence of seeing the future is when a prophecy was given of God or a message was delivered of God. Even if we desire to “see” things, it may not be appropriate. Daniel, for example, was given incredible prophecies of the future and was told to seal the book so it could not be read until the appointed time for understanding.

What about this idea of spirit guides and spirit twins? Satan's followers' present condition: **2 Corinthians 11:14-15:** Satan does not deliver true light. When we talk to our “spirit guides,” there are many spirit powers beyond our comprehension. They are not for the purpose of godliness; they are spirits of Satan. All in all, we are sufficiently warned against pagan practice and belief - Wicca or otherwise.

Key Point of Concern: Taking the Creator entirely out of the picture only leaves human imagination and dark spiritual influences to form your vision of light. That vision is not light, it is darkness!

When we take the Creator out of the picture, it is a simple equation. There is only one thing that is left - great spiritual power that is in support of Satan's usurpation of the authority of the earth. That spiritual power is that of darkness. As nice as Wicca and witchcraft sounds, it is all based in satanic thinking. Do not allow yourself to be fooled. Be careful! Be true to the word of God.

**So, should we be worried about witchcraft?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!**