

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1236: Can Christianity and Paganism Work Together? (Part II)

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1. What is Wicca? How is it said to differ from witchcraft? What is the Wiccan Rede? What forbidden practices does Deuteronomy 18:9-14 list as part of the Jewish Law? How does God look at these practices?
2. The word “uses” in Deuteronomy 18:10 has the thought of “determining by lot” and is paired with “divination.” What practice of Wicca is similar to throwing lots? How is “divination” used in Wicca? Why should Christians be uncomfortable with these activities? How does the practice of “bibliomancy” dishonor God and weaken the understanding of His word? (See Jeremiah 14:14, 29:8, John 19:24, Ezekiel 21:21)
3. Why is trusting inner guidance, that “voice within,” a dangerous undertaking? (See Jeremiah 17:9)
4. If Jesus is considered optional in Wicca yet mandatory in Christianity, how would Christians fit in with Wiccans who do not see Jesus as the vital link to God and His plan? (Hebrews 12:2, Philippians 2:9-11)
5. How would you respond to someone saying the Old Testament warnings do not specifically address “white” or “good” witchcraft? What gives spells their power? Why could this power be dangerous? (See Isaiah 8:19, Acts 13:10, Ephesians 6:12)
6. Is God found anywhere in spellcasting? Whose will should we trust and why? (See Deuteronomy 18:10,11, 2 Kings 17:17, Exodus 7:11, Psalm 58:5)
7. What is “necromancy”? How do we know it is impossible to call up the actual dead? How could an evil spirit impersonate a dead person? (See Deuteronomy 18:11, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Genesis 2:7, Jeremiah 27:9, Ep. 1201: “Can the Dead Communicate With Us?”)
8. What is the difference between the healings of Jesus and someone casting a healing spell to make someone feel good? What was the purpose of Jesus’ healing? When we send our thoughts and prayers to others, are we essentially casting a protection or healing spell? Explain the danger here.
9. Do individual Christians have a direct line to God or must we go through Jesus? (See John 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-24, 16:26) Are humans all divine in that we have a “spark of divinity” within us? (See Ep. 1227: “Where Do the Human Soul and Spirit Go When We Die? (Part I)”)
10. Why is quoting from the Gospel of Thomas not a valid method for sanctioning any form of witchcraft?
11. Can we worship God however we want and still be acceptable to Him? (See Hebrews 12:28, Romans 12:1,2, Colossians 3:17)
12. How did Jesus treat his own will during the temptations from Satan in the wilderness? Why did Jesus quote from Deuteronomy? (See 1 John 3:1, 4:1, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:10-12, 1 Corinthians 10:20-21, Matthew 4:2-10, 26:39,42, Deuteronomy 6:13,16)