



AVENUES TO DEMONISM

1. Idolatry is spiritual adultery (Jer. 3:8-9, Ezek. 6:4-6). Idolatry is the foundation for demonism, the environment for contacting demons. Over every expression of idolatrous worship is a mental attitude of idolatry.

Idolatry is the worship of anyone or anything other than God. The tangible form of idolatry includes the worship of icons, ancestor, hero worship, personality worship, and other. The intangible form of idolatry are the worship of self, status, power, wisdom, money, and philosophy (Romans 1:22-25, 1 Cor. 10:14, 19-21, 2 Cor 6:16-17).

Believers who are involved in idolatry will suffer the sin unto death (Ex. 32:28).

2. Divination- is the attempt to foresee or foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge usually by means of interpreting omens, or by the aid of supernatural powers (Lev. 19:26, Deut. 18:10, and 1 Sam. 15:23a).

Some of the media of the diviner are; clairvoyance, palmistry, ESP, psychometry, tarot cards, horoscope, psychic hotline, ouija board, channeling, tea leaf reading, hydromancy (Lev. 19:31, 20:27).

God in his wisdom withheld certain information from mankind but He supplied all the knowledge we need to mature spiritually. The future is best left in the Lord's hands.

3. Necromancy- (from nekros-dead, manteia- meaning divination). Necromancy foretelling the future by alleged contact with the dead. The practitioners of necromancy are mediums through whom demons communicate; they are go- betweens who contact the spirit world for some one willing to pay a large sum of money.

Necromancy is popularized by the New Age movement under the term channeling. Channelers are sought by politicians- celebrities, by sports personalities, business leaders, investors, and others.

Are those who hold séances and channel spirits actually contacting the dead? Definitely not! The so called mediums are either frauds or they actually do contact demons but never the dead.

Communication with the dead is impossible- contact with the dead cannot be accomplished so demons often impersonate the dead. The commands not to participate in necromancy protect the believer from demon influence mediated by channeling (Lev. 19:31, 20:6, 27, Deut. 18:9-12, 2 Kings 23:24).

Communication contacted with mediums do not claim to be the dead man himself, some present themselves as extraterrestrials, angels, gods from old religions, or ascended masters or “saints.” These kind of demons are called impersonators or ventriloquists (Isaiah 8:19). The term “medium” is from Hebrew *ov*, the equivalent of the Greek *engastrimouthos* which means ventriloquist.

4. Witchcraft- A witch (Heb. *Kashaph*) or sorceress (Ex. 22:18) is a demon- possessed female medium, a wizard (Heb. *Yid’oni*) is the male counterpart (Lev. 19:31, 1 Sam. 28:3, 9). Those who practice witchcraft rely on demons for information and guidance; in turn demons use witches and wizards to communicate their message.

The term “witchcraft” of Galatians 5:20 is the Greek word *pharmakeia* literally, drug addiction- describes a dimension of witchcraft, the use of drugs in sorcery. Hallucinogenic drugs were used and vastly employed in many religious rituals to achieve ecstatic states in which spirits may be contacted.

5. Drug Addiction- the abuse of hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD, shabu, heroin, cocaine and narcotics and their derivatives, can permanently destroy the mentality of the soul, corrupting norms, and standards in the conscience. Volition is neutralized meaning to say, it will obey demonic doctrines.

Once influenced by the demons, then it is very easy for the unbelievers to surrender to demon-possession. Drug addiction is not just social sin but an overt sin of sorcery, a more accurate translation of *pharmakeia*. (Gal. 5:19-21)

6. Phallic Cult- was an ingenious satanic attempt to replace Israel’s worship of the True God with the licentious rites of polytheistic rituals (Judges 2:13-14).

Modern Phallic cults specialize in sexual perversion, promiscuity, autoeroticism, homosexuality, lesbianism, orgies, masochism, mystical rites, ritual prostitution, sadism and incest. (Judges 2:1- Lev. 26:30, Ezek. 16:36, 39-41, 1 Cor. 10:6-8)

7. Mysticism- is the false spirituality hinges on a subjective experience that can not be objectively verified. It promises a delusion of achieving a closer union or encounter with God. The emotions generated by that experience become the criteria to evaluate their spirituality.

Mysticism permeates Eastern religions, Hinduism, Taoism, Shintoism, Buddhism, Islam, and Mormonism which derive their authority from some form of apparitions of angels or gods. People who adhere to this empty form of religions are actually giving tribute to Satan (2 Tim 3:5).

8. Astrology- using the stars to predict future events and for planning or decision making is contrary to the perfect plan of God. It is one of the most lucrative enterprises today. Astrology is nothing but relativism which supplants the absolutes of divine establishment and the will of God. It is a false hope strictly forbidden by God. (Lev. 19:26, Deut. 18:10).

These are but few of devices of the devil for trapping unbeliever to demon-possession [see: Antichrist]. Our objectives are to teach the real dangers behind these avenues of demon-possession.