

The Bible's View on Spiritual Activities

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People who go to the 'Gypsy Lea' at Fun fairs, private sessions with the presidents, TV stars, religious leaders, poor and rich alike all have one thing in common - they all like to know what the future holds for them. They like to go to these spiritualists to find out what their wealth, health and relationships hold out in the near or distant future. There are many forms of spiritualism, witches, Voodoo, Ouija boards, palmistry, Tarot cards, New Age Crystals, tealeaves, and many forms of worldly Religion. They all suggest that part of the body goes away at the person's death and so enabling it to be contacted later by surviving humans.

We see over recent years an enormous rise in the occult; people are flocking to find an alternative to science to satisfy their spiritual needs. This is not only prevalent in the more direct and obvious forms of spiritualism but more 'socially acceptable' practises for example; Papers and now books on horoscopes, TV programs and chat shows promoting 'the stars', people performing actions to aid 'good luck' and prevent 'bad luck'. Lotteries culminating with The National Lottery are forms gambling with expectations of the future base upon 'luck'. We have seen many peoples' lives ruined with either the large wins or lack of wins leading to several cases of suicide.

What is The Bible's view on all these forms spiritual activities?

Where did spiritual activities first start?

We are able to look in The Bible and see when it first occurred!

But in what form did it take?

Gen. 3v8-13 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called the man, and said to him: 'Where are you?' And he said: 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' God asked: 'Who told you that you were naked?' Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said: 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman: 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said: 'The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.'

We see here that there was spiritual communication with The Almighty God. But this form of interaction was a loving form where God had the human's best interest at the forefront of His 'mind'. It was this loving interest to assist the prospects for this first human pair.

Gen. 2v15-17 The Lord God took man and put him in the garden of Eden to farm it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying: 'You may freely eat of every tree in the garden; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall die.'

The Creator God is lovingly directing communication to help edify this human pair.

We see later that The Almighty God gives careful plans to provide the seed via Noah for our future salvation by Jesus Christ many years later.

Gen. 6v21-22 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Gen. 12v1-4 Now the Lord said to Abram: 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him that curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.'

Abraham was given a blessing that a race of people would follow in his seed, again through which a saviour for us all would be born.

We can clearly see here in these examples that there is an invisible spiritual realm which is not a new phenomena. There was The Almighty God to provide guidance, blessings, and warnings against pitfalls that may come our way. Unfortunately not all of the spiritual entities that have an influence on this planet are in accord with the Heavenly realm. The Almighty God is for Goodness and Order resulting in the edification of His subjects, however there is now an evil spirit that demands his own self gratification, a worship of which directs humans from The Almighty God to himself. This evil spirit is known about in The Bible and is given the name of Satan, Lucifer or Beelzebub. This evil spirit is a renegade from The Almighty God and wishes to direct our devotion from The Almighty God to himself. This as The Bible shows, and we can see from many thousands of examples in the world today, will lead us to destruction either now or strung out in its effects (difficulties and increased problems in life) for later!

Gen. 6v5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was evil continually.

We see how before The Flood, society was not much different from what it is now! There was enormous power within human society, the spiritual realm had interlaced itself with human life - both forms had been corrupted from The Almighty God's viewpoint (this later became the basis for Hinduism the first worldly religion from the folklore of these real events). There was immorality, occult, spiritualism and humans became gods in their own eyes!

Many people suffered a bad end through their evil ways!

We can see this around us today in many countries how spiritualism can take over peoples' lives and drag them into a new 'world' mental torment, then immorality and possibly then to murder.

There are numerous testimonies, which tell us of the deprivation of sleep, family breakdowns, sexual practices, insanity, that may (and have) lead to murder and suicide.

We know that our True Creator would not make a creation and then take pleasure in harming it! Clearly the True Creator wishes to provide protection for His creation; a usurper (Satan), however does not care someone else's creation.

Rev. 12v9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Satan is called the deceiver of the world; he is trying to usurp God's position by deception. This was started by praying upon Eve in the Garden of Eden in the beginning.

Acts 16v16-18 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying: 'These men are servants of the Most High God who proclaim to you the way of salvation.' And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit: 'I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

There is certainly power here! But as we see later, there is a far greater power in ultimate control who will and does act when required.

The 'Gypsy Rose Leas' put themselves in the position of being Satan's mouthpiece by promoting his initial lie: - 'You will surely not die!'

They do this by suggesting that they can communicate with 'dead' people and obtain information from these spirits (which is falsely assumed by the world as being the part of the body that does not die)!

Whether they all can or cannot is a mute point but for those who are more 'genuine':-

Almighty God said:-

'You Will surely die from the day you sin'.

So then who is really telling the truth, and who is lying?

Bible writers who were inspired by God condemned the practice of spiritualism:-

Deut. 18v10-12 There shall not be found among you any one who burns his son or daughter as an offering, any one who practices divination, a soothsayer, or an auger, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord; and because of these abominable practices the Lord your God is driving them out before you.

Detestable before God, drive these people out from you!

Rev. 21v8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Going to The 2nd death - from which there is no resurrection.

Gal. 5v19-21 Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Thus the warnings to stay and keep away from such people and practices.

Why is the Bible so adamant in keeping away from such things?

The Bible tells us very clearly that these people involved in the occult use the powers and forces emanating from Satan and his demons. These spiritual entities are against The Almighty God and thus we as True Christians must not partake in these practices or the people involved with them.

Heb. 6v18. so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false,

Thus = The Almighty God only tells the truth - He cannot lie!

Ecc. 9v5 for a living dog is better than dead lion. For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward; but the memory of them is lost.

Dead people are 'unconscious' and do not know anything.

Clearly from a Christian viewpoint, if anyone says that they can contact the dead, then they lie.

Now that we have been shown that all forms of spiritualism is wrong then:

How do we keep away from this?

James 4v7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

We are able to have the power from The Almighty God to protect ourselves from these lesser entities.

We must however subject ourselves to The Almighty God to receive and hence benefit from God's help.

We can then learn how to behave and hence do God's will.

Based upon James.1v5-8 where he speaks of two-minded humans being like a wave tossed around by the 'air' which we are told is 'the spirit of the air' being Satan. Then Yahweh will not work with them. These ones I term as 'worldly Christians' because with one mind they think they are 'Christian' but with the 'other mind' they are following worldly sourced ideas upon which to base their lifestyle – rather than imitating Jesus' lifestyle as we are instructed. Therefore if we are like a ship tossed about on the sea and are not prepared to use the rudder of our brain to direct our thoughts correctly then we do not become useful vessels for God to work within.

Eph. 6v11-13 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, ...

This suit of armour will protect us. It will also give us the strength and confidence to rely on God for further protection. We must put away evil practices and thus lean on The Almighty God for support and the protection of His armour.

In doing this, then silly customs such as:-

Spilt salt, touch wood, umbrellas unfolded in rooms, walking under ladders, breaking mirrors, etc.

Become as nothing and release us from such worries.

Prov. 18v10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

The name of Almighty God is as a strong tower.

We are all able to cast our minds back to when we were children. Our strong fortress and tower would be our mother. If something frightened us then we would quickly run to our mothers arms and feel secure. Peace came to your mind - you rested.

This is exactly the same with The Almighty God. When you have been caught and you feel that you have nowhere to go then just call out with all sincerity to The Almighty God, Yahweh, and He will provide a way out. However it then becomes incumbent upon us to change our personality and ways to be more Christ-like every day!

We must not be like a wave tossed about on the sea just blown about by worldly ideas/principals/concepts sourced by Satan!

We must not treat The Almighty God like a 'Lucky Charm', and call upon Him when it suits us!

This ruse will easily been seen through by The Almighty God and the only one fooled will be ourselves because we will think that we are safe (confident in our own thoughts and assumed attachment to God) when really we are not!

We then become easy prey because our lives become built on sand.

We are told that if we ignore Yahweh (during the 1st part of our Life), then quite simply He will close His ear to us and await to the 2nd part of our lives during The Millennium upon our resurrection before He will assist.

Our complete trust must be rely upon The Almighty God.

1Pt. 3v12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those that do evil.

God recognises our need and will help us. God's eyes are on us and when we rely upon God (by following His Word) then His power will be upon us to protect us from these demons.

God's power is so very much greater than Satan or his demons. Hence we will be on the safe and correct side If and only If we follow His Word in all aspects.

James 4v7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

Oppose the devil, for his power is nothing to that of Almighty God.

1Cor. 10v13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide a way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Oppose temptations that Satan may present, turn to God because you know that through patience you are being refined like gold, and should you be almost at breaking point then God will provide a route to safety.

Keep away from spiritualism by turning to God, for his support. One action that you must do if you turn to The Almighty God, is to completely destroy anything that pertains to spiritualism so that you or others around you cannot be contaminated in the future.

Acts 19v19 And a number of those who practised magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Everything to do with spiritualism was taken out and burnt so that these items could no longer defile them.

The message here is that we should not put our trust in chance or horoscope books, or lucky charms, or lucky suit, etc.

Do not even partake in these things 'just for a laugh', because you will be drawn into it. Once drawn into the fruits of spiritualism you may never escape the resulting pain and suffering brought along with it - to your end.

If you are a person who determine their actions on signs, omens or the such like; then do **not** expect communication from God if you rely on earthly based portents whose origin is very likely to be from Satan.

God has placed His Word (= The Bible) on this earth for rational and sensible humans to follow, He has sacrificed His beloved Son, Jesus and then awakened/roused/rose him on the third day to sit now at His right hand, to come soon and rule this earth.

God will provide mental strength to persevere, and manipulate things around to enable you to spread The Word more effectively if you 'grasp the nettle' and put full effort into this work of imitating Jesus.

2Tim. 3v16-17 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

God will equip those who wish to carry out God's Word.

It must be remembered that if we have dabbled with the occult and broken with it, then the Satan or his demons will come back to tempt you. This is true for all humans and even Jesus had to face Satan after the three tests in the wilderness. Because The Bible tells us: “Satan left him for a little while!”

We may face serious temptations but do not attribute these things to God (God does nothing that is evil) but it is Satan that enjoys persecuting those who endeavour to turn to God for salvation. It is Satan who also persecutes those practicing within the Occult to keep their subjection to him.

These demons are very powerful and we must keep away from practices that involve them.

Satan's aim is to drag as many humans from Almighty God as possible.

Seek The Truth as spoken in The Bible and do as it says to keep us away from the evil power emanating from Satan.

If we do that and turn to Yahweh by trying to imitate Jesus' lifestyle, then Yahweh will remain faithful and assist by giving a solution to the problems that you may be under.

The truth from the Bible tells us that:-

John 8v32 If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free!