CHAPTER 9

OCCULTISM, WITCHCRAFT, AND SATANISM.

Q 1. Have you ever made a pact with the devil?

Teenagers sometimes do this in bravado, and even adult believers who get frustrated, or angry with God may, as an act of revenge, offer themselves to Satan in exchange for power. Genuine repentance, open confession, and specific renunciation must be made before they can be released, and cleansed.

When counsellees who have been heavily involved in any form of occultism, witchcraft, or satanism come for deliverance, they may have difficulty in speaking the name of Jesus, renouncing Satan, and repeating the prayer. Their demons have a much stronger hold than many types of oppressors, and may make their victims stutter and be unable to speak the name of 'Jesus'. But, by patience and encouragement, counsellees will finally do so, and repeat the prayer. After pacts (specific or implied) have been broken, and dominating spirits cast out, counsellees need deep cleansing and renewal.

(Spirits of anti-christ, manipulation, control, and other related spirits such as fear, afflictions etc.)

More serious pacts.

 Oaths made during blood sacrifices, in either witchcraft or satan-worship, give demons a much greater hold. Children of coven members are frequently dedicated this way, and

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although they take no conscious part, become severely oppressed.

- Adults sometimes offer a future child, or grandchild, to Satan in return for satanic favours. Satan always collects his debts during the lifetime of the person so dedicated. This is a hereditary curse. I well remember a woman in this category struggling to come for deliverance, as her controlling demon tried to make her run away. Demons had done some bizarre things to her as a child, and argued loudly with me as she was being snatched from Satan's grasp.
- Satanists usually Oaths made by Satan worshippers. swear oaths of loyalty to Satan in blood, by sexual depravity, and sometimes voodoo ceremonies. Some witches become 'brides of Satan', dedicating their bodies to his sexual pleasure, and their minds and emotions as his servants. Their demonic oppression is usually very strong, and deliverance painful. The time taken to free them is much longer, and often times discouraging to W.P.D. counsellors who are praying for their freedom. Once free and victorious, their testimonies make chilling, but thrilling reading. Fasting, and supportive intercessory prayer may be needed for victory. Counsellees must personally renounce all oaths and pacts to Satan; express genuine repentance; make full confession; and ask for forgiveness openly. Counsellors may need to suggest suitable wording.

Q.2. To your knowledge, has any curse ever been put on you or your family?

Curses may be hereditary, if parents or grandparents have been active in occultism, witchcraft or satanism. They may also result from some clash with people involved in supernatural power. A descendant of ancestors who dispossessed European monks of their castle several centuries ago, told me of recurring

deformities and deaths in the family since that time. Family trees sometimes show a regular pattern of problems, which indicate a family curse, such as:

- the eldest son of every married descendant is born blind.
- the first daughter of every family dies in childhood.
- suicides take place in families at regular intervals...

Gypsies are well known for cursing families who antagonise them. We have found these continue from one generation to another.

Revenge is often behind a curse placed on an ex-husband, wife, business associate, or friend. Some form of voodoo practice is often used to reinforce these curses. Sicknesses, accidents and even death may follow.

Some descendants of high level Freemasons suffer the curse of financial disaster. Everything they touch financially eventually falls to pieces. Numbers of ex-Freemasons who have come for deliverance have given us family examples.

If family histories are unknown, but certain generational problems occur regularly, it would be wise to treat them as curses. Break their power, evict any oppressive demons, and pray for the healing of victims. All curses must be broken, and every oppressive demon that has entered because of the oaths or curses, cast out, before praying for cleaning and healing.

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Q. 3. To your knowledge, have either your parents or any grandparent ever been involved in occultism or witchcraft?

Who was it? To what extent?

Positive answers to the first three questions usually reveal what hereditary spirits must be evicted. They include:

(witch - wizard - family curse - familiar spirits - antichrist - astrology - spiritism - tea cup reading - fortune telling - astral travel - etc).

When the counsellee has no personal knowledge of the activities of their parents or grandparents, or has not been personally involved, a test should be made for an hereditary spirit of witchcraft. If there is a manifestation, deliverance and cleansing is needed. This will prevent future activity.

Q. 4. Have you ever had personal experience with: fortune tellers? tarot cards? ouija boards? seances? mediums? palmistry? astrology? star sign? colour therapy? levitation? astral travel? horoscope? lucky charms? pendulum diagnosis? occultic games? black magic? demon worship? clairvoyance? crystals? New Age Movement?

When involvement is limited to experimentation in childhood (usually with school friends), counsellees need only to be cleansed.

Experiences from teenage years to adulthood must be taken seriously, regardless of degree, and the demon dominating each activity, cast out. The deeper the involvement, the greater the degree of oppression. Because all demons are deceptive, they inhibit the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the believer until they are removed.

Q. 5. Have you ever read books on occultism or witchcraft?

Some writers are Dennis Wheatly - Edgar Cayce - Shirley Mclaine - Alister Crowley - Jean Dixon - Ram Dass - Jonathan Livingston Seagul - Eckart - Johann Greber.

Those involved need cleansing, and books should be destroyed.

Q. 6. Have you ever played demonic games? Watched demonic films?

Some demon dominated games have already been listed. Demonic films are more subtle, as sensitive people may become oppressed by simply watching them in theatres, or at home on TV or videos. "The Omen" has caused a number of women viewers to be sexually attacked, or raped by demons appearing as grey shapes, but able to cause physical stimulation. One young lady told us that a demon (whom she named) , had come into her as she watched TV. Numbers of counsellees have been freed from these filthy spirits.

Q. 7. Have you done transcendental meditation? Did you have a mantra? Name....

Suggested spirits to be dealt with include (Hinduism - Buddhism - idolatry - antichrist - deception - darkness - the demonic mantra).

Mantras are in fact names of demons. Chantings are acts of worship. The 'peace' which results is a demonic counterfeit to the real peace promised by Jesus Christ.

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Principles of Buddhist meditation must be rejected by all true believers, who should not meditate on Jesus Christ with blank minds. Demons are always ready to provide deceptive revelation.

Q. 8. Have you been involved in Eastern religions? Followed a guru?

The West is flooded with Eastern Gurus promising their followers mental and spiritual enlightenment. Believers who have been involved must be freed of appropriate spirits such as:

(named guru - swami - leader - religious deception - idolatry - spirits of anti-truth - anti-christ etc).

Because humanism has intellectually rejected Biblical revelation and truth, it has blended its own philosophies with the teachings of ancient religious systems. Followers become trapped in philosophical deception, and idolatry. Believers will never make spiritual progress unless they are released and cleansed.

Q. 9. Have you done any form of Yoga? Meditation? Exercises?

The results of involvement have been listed in the introductory chapter. When counsellees truly repent, spirits must be cast out, and cleansing ministered.

Q. 10. Have you ever learned, or used any form of mind communication? or control of others?

Without doubt, every form of mind control is a power-exercise. Whether it is used to demonstrate superiority over others, or purely for personal gain, it contravenes God's word. It

can also be downright evil. One man who came for deliverance, had the 'ability' to sense women's sexual desires up to a distance of 10 metres from himself, and mentally control them for his own pleasure.

Every form of mind manipulation impinges the personal liberties of others, and should never be compared with spiritual discernment.

The suggestions for ministry are: (spirits of ESP - Silva mind control - mind dynamics - mind mediumship - confusion - lust, where appropriate).

Q. 11. Have you ever used your mind to control your emotions?

As previously mentioned, university students sometimes do this in order to concentrate more on their academic studies. Unless they specifically release their emotions before marriage, they may be unable to spontaneously give or receive love. This may seriously hinder them from enjoying normal marital, emotional and sexual relationships.

Counsellees need to speak their emotional release aloud, and any controlling spirit of anti-love cast out. God's love should be ministered before the session concludes, and the counsellee given an opportunity to express this in return.

Q. 12. Were your parents or grandparents superstitious? Were; or are you?

Superstition is basically fear of the unknown, and is always associated with family, or personal involvement in occultism and/or witchcraft. When people are strongly superstitious, it

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usually indicates an hereditary problem. All spirits of superstition must go.

Q. 13. Have you ever worn lucky charms or signs of the zodiac?

Believers who have worn them around their necks sometimes have a burning sensation as they are released, and cleansed. Counsellees who have retained possession of charms and star signs must promise to destroy them after ministry.

Q. 14. Do you have any symbols of idols or spirit worship?

Many Christian tourists bring home spiritually contraband articles, such as Buddhas, spirit face masks, replicas of idols, shrunken heads, anti-spirit carvings, and unrecognised fertility charms such as the Maori Tiki. By bringing these articles into their own homes, and/or giving them to relatives and friends, houses become defiled and demonic activities often commence (Deuteronomy 7:25,26). We have heard of many homes and occupants coming under oppression. The results include sicknesses, accidents and poltergeists. They seriously dilute the home's spiritual atmosphere. When moving from New Zealand to Australia, we had to destroy all our Maori souvenirs because of the spirits associated with their carvings. Those who have these possessions must destroy them, after ministry.

Q. 15. Are you turned on by demonic art, abstract art, or surrealistic art?

Genuine art is a divine gift, but Satan has polluted it:

• Demonic art. This is always heavy and sinister, and satanic symbols are included somewhere, such as:

dragons, snakes, owls, frogs, witches (often on broomsticks), demons in grotesque disguises, flashing swords, blood and skeletons. A student in one class doodled as I lectured, and later showed it to me. It was a hooded 'Jesus', with a very harsh face and steely eyes. The face was also excessively hairy. The student later publicly repented, then burned it, after being freed.

- Abstract art. The C.O.D. describes this as being "free from representational qualities". Admirers of this artform often claim to be able to 'pick up' the artist's vibes, and explain what he, or she, was trying to express on canvas. Natural art lovers usually express disgust at the shapelessness and indiscriminate use of colour. The fact that abstract art can become a living link between the souls of artists and viewers, is evidence of spirit activity.
- Surrealistic art. The C.O.D. describes this as "a 20th Century movement in art and literature purporting to express the subconscious mind, by phenomena of dreams etc". To natural art lovers, these works are grotesque, and as highly unrealistic as dreams often are. Salvidor Dali created sculptures and paintings so unrealistic, that their subject matter is difficult to define, and for the majority, impossible to appreciate. This art is a demonic distortion of a gift which reaches its pinnacle in glorifying God, and his creation.
- Demonic floral art forms. The Japanese floral arrangements known as Ikebana, and Rikka, honour ancestral spirits. One counsellee who had been president of a local florists association, and a demonstrator of this artform, suffered a number of eating disorders and food allergies until the Lord set her free.

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Relevant spirits need to be cast out, and counsellees cleansed from all demonic influences.

(Spirits of idolatry to demonic art - abstract art - surrealistic art - Ikebana - Rikki - sicknesses - allergies, etc).

Q. 16. Do you get a buzz out of certain music?
Classical? Rock and Roll? Punk rock? Breakdancing music?
Country & Western? Hip? Pop? Rap? Heavy metal?
Gothic? New age?

Some people get 'turned on', and experience emotional and/or sexual highs through music, even classical, and country-and-western.

The personal lives of composers are often reflected in their compositions. Some are known to have been mentally disturbed, depressed, sexually obsessed, or deeply into witchcraft and satanism. Listeners with problems similar to composers, often feel drawn to listen to their kind of music, or are affected when they hear it.

Rock and Roll music is known to stimulate emotional energy. Violent crimes have been committed against people and property after listeners have been stimulated by sessions of listening to the lyrics and the high decibel sound of some recordings. Some passionate R.& R. listeners have had strong physical reactions while being freed. Not only must there be repentance, but CD's and cassettes must be destroyed. Some have burnt thousands of dollars worth. Cleansing is essential. As with visual art, music is at its finest, when it glorifies God.

(Spirits of idolatry to each dominating musical art form).

Q. 17. Have you ever learned the martial arts?

There are too many to mention. Those best known are Kung-fu, Tae Kwon Do, Karati, Tai Chi, and Kenji. The martial arts were 'created' by a buddhist monk leading a group of novitiates from India to the Far East. Because they were constantly attacked and robbed, the supervising monk developed a system of self-defence, by studying the methods of attack and defence used by birds and animals. When the group eventually disbanded, the graduate monks individually developed their own distinctive defence styles in the countries which they settled. Consequently, Tae Kwon Do is associated with Korea, and Karati, with Okinawa. Tai Chi is traditionally Chinese.

Since then, people of all nations have learned martial arts (including meditation) for self-defence. Users always claim to have peaceful objectives, but those who come for deliverance often manifest anger, violence, and even murderous tendencies. One man, during ministry, shouted his art's sound of attack, and punched the carpet so vehemently with his clenched fist, that red protrusions, the size of small strawberries immediately came up between the fingers on the back of his hand.

The spirits of each martial art form must be cast out, together with:

(spirits of meditation - anger - violence - murder - idolatry - antichrist - aggression).

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- Q. 18. Have you ever had premonitions? Deja vu? Psychic sight?
 - Premonitions. These come from a spirit of witchcraft, and differ from Holy Spirit discernment, or God's warning voice in a dream. Christians should use the appropriate word 'intuition' rather than 'premonition', which has a secular supernatural concept.
 - Deja vu. Psychologists explain this as an imperceptible break in transmission from eye to brain, producing a false perception of the event having happened before. From our perspective, it is caused by a demonic spirit. It is closely associated with pre-life experiences of the Hindu philosophy of re-incarnation. Because demons are not subject to death, they know the precise details of those who are "on the other side", as Doris Stokes constantly said. Some victims are so demon-dominated, that they eloquently describe who they were, and what they did in supposed states of re-incarnation. God's word clearly states that death occurs only once in a lifetime (Hebrews 9:27).
 - Psychic sight. Some people claim to be able to see what is beyond normal vision, ranging from the colour of people's auras, to dead persons sitting in an unoccupied chair or car seat, or lying somewhere in a room. Enquiries usually confirm that a death did occur in the place or position described, but that burial had long since taken place. Psychic spirits can bring confusion into a church by masquerading as spiritual 'discernment', 'words of knowledge', etc. The spirits which need to be cast out, include:

(psychic - false spiritual gifts - deception - familiar spirits).

- Q. 19. Have you ever been involved in firewalking? voodoo? Corroborees? (Australian Aboriginal spirit ceremonies).
 - Firewalking. This used to be a Fijian indigenous tourist attraction, but super-confidence builders are now using it to delude insecure people into becoming self-confident. Their confidence building 'ra ra' sessions are as demonic as Fijian preparations to walk over glowing coals, but it is their bank balances which are left glowing.
 - Voodoo. Haitians, and various African countries have practiced this satanic art for generations. It is now used more generally in witchcraft practices. One counsellee claimed to have made a policeman sick, by sticking pins into a doll dressed as a policeman, while he uttered appropriate curses. The Lord set him free. I did not know at the time that he had a flick knife in his pocket!
 - Aboriginal corroborees (an Australian term for indigenous spirit ceremonies). Similar ceremonies take place amongst indigenous people worldwide. By decorating their bodies with ochre, leaves, feathers etc., dancing takes place around a fire, accompanied by chants, foot stomping, beating drums (or resonant sticks), and singing to the spirits. These demonic worship ceremonies can even cause non-indigenous viewers to come under oppression. Believers who have participated in any way in these ceremonies need release from the spirits involved, and a thorough cleansing. Even those who have watched indigenous spirit ceremonies may need cleansing.

(Spirits of the rain dance - rainbow serpent - fire - etc, etc).

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NOTE. In all sections of this questionnaire, counsellors must feel free to add their own categories of spirits which need to be cast out, if those listed do not adequately cover counsellees' involvement. Some indigenous adaptations may also need to be made.