

*The True Story Behind***JEANNE DIXON, RUTH MONTGOMERY,
EDGAR CAYCE, NOSTRADAMUS, AND
OTHER MODERN MYSTICS****The Plain Truth about
DEMONS, PSYCHICS and
“Christian” Occultists!**

Many people today are intrigued by the prophecies of such people as Jeane Dixon, Edgar Cayce, Ruth Montgomery, Nostradamus and other noted "sleeping prophets," astrologers, crystal ball gazers, and mediums. Even Nancy Reagan had a favorite astrologer plan the daily activities and meetings of President Reagan! What is the TRUTH about these modern psychics and mystics? Is there such a thing as a "Christian clairvoyant" or "Christian medium" who consorts with and consults "spiritual guides" and "channelers"?

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Many people today are looking to "Eastern Mysticism" to advance their knowledge beyond the "kindergarten" stage of spiritual growth which they think is taught in the Bible. To them, the Bible is merely one of many "holy books" which have been written and inspired for the nations. It is a Western book, whereas the Orientals have their own divine revelations which we can learn from.

In addition to this, many today believe that Jeane Dixon, Edgar Cayce, and Ruth Montgomery, to name but a few, are actually "Christian clairvoyants" with a mysterious gift from God.

What is the truth?

One wrote to me saying, "God has not told us everything in the Bible. It is a Western book with only an elementary school level PART of the story." The writer went on, "Jesus was absent from the West for 18 years. Maybe he was in the East getting instruction in the other PART."

This same person writes, "If Ruth Montgomery and Edgar Cayce are giving us information that we in a larger level of maturity (and circa 2000 years after Christ) need NOW, then they are with us and not against us."

What about this line of reasoning? Is it correct? Is Ruth Montgomery a person we should follow and listen to?

The Only True Standard for Judgment

The Bible is our standard for "judging" all these other things. It is the Word of God. It is the "Alpha and the Omega." Those modern soothsayers and channelers and so-called "Christian" clairvoyants must be judged by their fruits, as Jesus Christ said. In Matthew 7, Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (MatL7:15-16).

What are the "fruits" of Jeanne Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, Edgar Cayce, and others? Are they sources of divine truth? Or are they deceived sources of error and deception?

Anyone who has followed Jeanne Dixon's prophecies in the *National Inquirer*, or her books, knows that many of her prophecies have been grievously in error. But God is not the author of confusion and error (I Cor.14:33).

In the book *Edgar Cayce on Prophecy*, we read that Jeanne Dixon called Cayce "the expert" Many of Edgar Cayce's teachings and prophecies were based, at least in some degree, on the teachings of the Bible and Scripture. His messages dealt with God's law of love, giving, serving, as well as predictions of tribulation to come, and the coming of a New Age in 1998, after a period of troubles from 1936 to 1998. He was certainly wrong in his prediction!

Cayce also spoke of the moving of the earth's axis, and the "changing of the poles," which prophecy also alludes to (see my book *Beyond Star Wars*). Cayce also spoke of Atlantis arising once again, which Bible prophecy also indicates will occur (Acts 3:19-31). The continent of Atlantis is also discussed in my book *Beyond Star Wars*.

Cayce's "knowledge" of this ancient continent and earth history, however, can only be from angelic beings who were alive at that time. Since the Scriptures give not even a hint of God's righteous angels communicating with men in such a fashion, through sleep, dreams, or clairvoyant speaking, the true source of such "knowledge" must be from an altogether different group of beings.

Where did Cayce get his "knowledge" and his "prophecies"?

The Rebellious Angels

In the Word of God, we read, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (11 Pet.2:4). Jude continues this thought: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

There is a "spirit world" on this earth. These fallen angels have become "demons," or "disembodied spirits," which wander through the earth, seeking rest but finding none. They like to enter into people, and possess their minds, and give them "psychic ability," a counterfeit of the gifts of the Spirit of God (see I Cor.12:1-6; 14:1-2).

Jesus Christ cast these unclean spirits out of people throughout His ministry. "When the even was come, they brought unto him MANY that were possessed of demons: and he CAST OUT THE SPIRITS WITH HIS WORD, and healed all that were sick" (MatL8:16). Later, two men possessed with demons met Jesus on the hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The demons besought him, saying, "If thou cast us out suffer us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go," and they "went into the heard of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters" (MatL8:28-34).

Jesus later instructed His disciples, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and finding none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be to this wicked generation" (MatL12:43-45).

Witchcraft in the Bible -- the Witch of Endor

In the first book of Samuel the most amazing story is told. It has baffled the minds of millions. Those who believe that the dead are simply dead, and buried, and cannot come back to life or have any consciousness before the final day of judgment, have a difficult time grappling with this passage. Let's take a look.

Samuel the prophet had died and all Israel lamented for him (I Samuel 28:3). During this time, king Saul had banished all the witches, mediums, and spiritualists from the land of Israel. "And Saul had put the mediums and spiritists out of the land" (v.3). Unlike modern America, where witchcraft is making a phenomenal comeback, and tarot-card reading, divining, occultism, and fortune-tellers can be found everywhere, one thing Saul did right was to get rid of all the witchcraft from the land of Israel. His motives may have been impure – to gain the favor of the people and their allegiance in fighting the Philistines – but nevertheless, he did drive out those who practiced witchcraft.

At that time, however, the Philistines gathered their army to fight against Saul and Israel at a place called Shunem, so Saul gathered all Israel to repel their invasion. But when he saw the

huge army of the Philistines, he was terrified, “and his heart trembled greatly” (I Sam.28:4-5). Dismayed, Saul went to the high priest and inquired of the Lord, what fate lay in store for him, but the Lord did not answer. “And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim or by the prophets” (v.6). God had already forsaken Saul, and the time had come for his punishment.

The Unthinkable

Desperate, and anxious, Saul did the unthinkable – “Then Saul said to his servants, ‘Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.’ And his servants said to him, ‘In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at Endor’” (verse 7). Isn’t it interesting that although all the mediums had putatively been driven from the land, when one was called for they knew right where to look!

“So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, ‘Please conduct a séance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you.’ Then the woman said to him, ‘Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?’ And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, ‘As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing’” (vs.8-10).

A séance was about to take place, where a medium contacts the spirits of the dead, and brings them back from Hades, the “abode of the dead.” Continuing the account, “Then the woman said, ‘Whom shall I bring up for you?’ And he said, ‘Bring up Samuel for me’” (v.11).

Samuel and the Seance

What happened? Notice the very next verse – *exactly what it says!* We read: “When the woman *SAW SAMUEL*, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, ‘Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!’

“And the king said to her, ‘Do not be afraid. What did you see?’ And the woman said to Saul, ‘I *saw a spirit ascending out of the earth.*’ So he said to her, ‘What is his form?’ And she said, ‘An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle.’ And *Saul perceived that it was Samuel*, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down” (I Sam.28:12-14).

Now notice that the text plainly says, in verse 12, “the woman *saw Samuel.*” For years this puzzled me, because the church I belonged to absolutely taught that the dead are *dead and buried – UNTIL the resurrection from the dead, at the end of the age!* Therefore, they made a great “to do” about the fact that Saul, who did not *see* the spirit, “perceived” that it was Samuel. But according to their teaching, it simply could not be Samuel for he was dead and would not be able to appear again until the resurrection! So they interpreted this passage as referring to a *demon* disguised as the prophet Samuel!

But notice the passage again. The text, which is the inspired word of God, says plainly: “The woman *SAW SAMUEL*” – not a demon, or some wicked spirit disguised AS Samuel – she

literally SAW Samuel – the prophet himself! *That is EXACTLY what the text says!* Will we be honest with the word of God, and BELIEVE GOD?

But is this possible? Can the dead be brought back to life? Can human beings, at times, through séances or witchcraft, communicate with the dead?

Now notice verse 15. Here we read further evidence that it was indeed Samuel who appeared to the witch. “Now *SAMUEL* said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?’ And Saul answered, ‘I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do.’ Then *SAMUEL* said: ‘So why do you ask me, seeing the LORD has departed from you and has become your enemy? And the LORD has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.’”

Twice in this verse the one who appeared, and spoke to Saul, is identified as *SAMUEL HIMSELF!* The text reads, “And *Samuel* said.” “Then *Samuel* said.” What could be plainer than that? This individual was indeed Samuel the prophet – not an apparition, not a ghost, not a demon, not a figment of the imagination, not an evil spirit!

Remember, “the Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35). Yeshua said, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). Paul wrote, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (II Tim.3:16). The Amplified Bible has this: “Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction . . .”

It would appear, then, that indeed the witch, by her séance, and occult practice, was able to bring up Samuel, or at least his “spirit,” to speak to king Saul! But how could this be? Let’s go on.

Samuel then said to king Saul: “Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines” (verses 15-19).

Then, in verse 20, we read: “Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, and was dreadfully afraid because of the *words of Samuel*. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day or all night.”

And so ends the encounter of king Saul with the witch at Endor. Saul subsequently died on the battlefield, attempting to commit suicide (I Samuel 31:1-6).

Who Was It Really?

According to verse 20 of I Samuel 28, Saul was afraid “because of the words of Samuel,” who had given him this terrifying message. These were *Samuel’s* words – not the words of some

other being, creature, whether it be angelic or demonic. Will we believe God's Word? Will we just accept it for what it says?

People who accept a false premise, then must often deny many facts which come to light later, in order to maintain their original false premise. The false premise in this case is the belief that human beings are dead and have no human spirit that lives on in a suspended state after the death of the body.

Yet the Scriptures plainly state, "There is a spirit in man" (Job 32:8), and that spirit "will return to God who gave it" at death (Eccl.12:7). The belief that when we die and the body turns to dust, and there is nothing left except the hope of the resurrection, is proven to be false. Such a belief completely contradicts what we read in II Samuel 28 regarding the spirit of Samuel, which appeared to the witch of Endor and which spoke to king Saul!

Interestingly, in I Samuel 28 we read *four times* that Samuel himself was seen (verse 12), spoke to Saul (verse 15), asked Saul why he bothered him since God had already departed from him (verse 16), and that Saul had heard "the words of Samuel" (verse 20). Some have said that the passage only says that "Saul *perceived* that it was Samuel" (verse 14), but that Saul was mistaken in his perception. He merely *thought* it was Samuel! However, Saul's perception was valid, because *four times* the Scriptures state that it WAS Samuel – referring to his spirit which continues on after death, until the day of judgment and resurrection, when it will be rejoined with a body.

Obviously, therefore, on this occasion God allowed the spirit of Samuel to return from its abode with the dead, and to visit Saul, when the witch at Endor sought to contact him. This act was in violation of the laws of God. The word of God says, "Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them" (Lev.19:31). God thundered, "And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people" (Lev.20:6). In fact, God commanded, "A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them" (verse 27).

Testimony of the Jews

In the Ruben edition of *The Prophets: I-II Samuel: The Early Prophets with a Commentary*, published as part of the ArtScroll Series, by Mesorah Publications, regarding the encounter of king Saul with the witch of Endor, we read: "According to *Radbaz (Responsa 3:642)*, the spiritual contamination of necromancy could have no effect on the sacred soul or physical remains of Samuel. *It was God who brought up Samuel's soul in order to convey a message to Saul*, and this is why the spirit emerged head first.

"According to *Abarbanel*, she was sure that the figure who had risen from the ground was Samuel, because he is the one she had summoned . . ." (p.183, emphasis mine).

How could this happen? No medium or necromancer – those who "speak" with the dead -- would have the power to bring Samuel up from the dead – that is, to have his spirit, which had

returned to God at death, come back to communicate with a living person (compare Eccl.12:7). However, on this occasion, God Himself *allowed* the spirit of Samuel to appear to the witch, to do His own purpose, as a warning and testimony against king Saul.

So what really took place here?

Some maintain that necromancy is a hoax, and its practitioners carry out an elaborate deception. They suggest that the witch knew all along that her client was Saul, and she went along with the ruse, merely pretending to be shocked. According to this view, the witch knew that God had condemned Saul to lose his throne and that he would soon be going into battle. Playing upon these fears, she surmised that he was going to die, and she hid an accomplice who spoke in a quiet voice, pretending to be Samuel's spirit to deceive the gullible Saul. This view makes the witch's whole action a deliberate hoax.

Others declare that by and large mediums have no power, but in this case God – not the necromancer – raised Samuel's spirit to convey His final message to Saul.

The majority of commentators, however, based upon the narrative itself, and the Talmud, believe that necromancers in ancient times sometimes possessed occult powers, and this fact should not be denied just because such phenomena are not within the realm of our own modern experience. As evidence of this, Pharaoh's two magicians were able to turn their own rods into serpents, as Moses had done, although Moses' serpent swallowed up those of Pharaoh's magicians (Exo.7:10-12). They were also able to turn water to blood, copying Moses' miracles. We read: "Then the magicians of Pharaoh did so with their enchantments ["secret arts," margin]; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard" (Exo.7:19-22).

Even though the vast majority of mediums and witches practice the art of deception, and prevaricate when they attempt to communicate with the dead, such powers may have existed long ago, or when very evil men gave themselves over to Satanic and demonic activity. Whether they communicated with demons, masquerading as deceased individuals, or with the spirits of certain dead figures, we don't know. However, in the case of Saul and the witch of Endor, it is clear from the Biblical narrative that the figure who was brought up and who talked with king Saul was non other than Samuel the prophet, himself!

A Warning for Today's Generation

Similar seemingly "miraculous" events will occur soon, in our generation. Jesus Christ warned, "For false Christs and false prophets will rise and *show great signs and wonders to deceive*, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand" (Matt.24:24). Paul also warned of the soon-coming time when the "lawless one" will come, whose coming "is according to the working of Satan, with *all power, signs, and lying wonders*" (II Thess.2:9).

The apostle John, in the book of Revelation, warns that a great false prophet will rise up, who will "perform great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast" (Rev.13:13-14).

A Message for God's People

Why is this passage about Saul and the witch of Endor included in the Scriptures? Does it contain a message for us, today?

Clearly, this passage reveals the existence of an occult world, something God forbids His people to meddle with. According to the Jewish sages, this final act of desperation is the primary reason God removed the royal throne from Saul. God would not answer Saul because he had slain all the priests at Nob. Although this passage states that Saul sought the Lord, "he is condemned as one *who did not seek out HASHEM* (*I Chronicles* 10:14), because his later recourse to necromancy (v.8) showed that to him all means of inquiry were of equal validity. . . Abarbanel notes that here Saul is said to have *inquired*, but in *Chronicles* he is faulted for not *seeking out* God. The difference in terminology indicates where he fell short. Saul *did* inquire, but if God does not answer, one must *seek Him out*, by repenting and attempting to make oneself deserving of His mercy. That Saul did not do" (*ibid.*, page 181).

There is a lesson in this passage for all of us! Saul's mistake should teach us all a vital lesson regarding repentance, prayer, and seeking God in our time of need! It is not enough to merely pray – and if there is no answer, resort to other means of deliverance. Rather, the lesson is that we must *repent of our sins*, and all those things wrong in our lives, if we intend to be heard!

What other reason did God have to place this episode in the life of Saul in His divine Word? I suspect, also, that this passage was included in the Scriptures to prove once and for all that when a man dies, his *spirit* does not die with him, but returns to God, and is in a condition of sleep, at rest, waiting for the resurrection! However, it can be awakened, if it be God's will, as in the case of Samuel. This passage gives us an amazing insight into the fact that there is a spiritual world, an occult world, where we as humans are not to intrude.

The world around us is engulfed in a craze of witchcraft. The Harry Potter books, and movies, the new Barbie Doll made up as a witch with magic wand, and all the witchcraft paraphernalia, and the various television series devoted to the occult, witchcraft, and similar themes, should be a warning to us all that Satan is still alive and well, and seeking to deceive, delude and destroy the entire world, as it plunges madly, spiraling and careening down a precipitous course headed straight for hell on earth! The fate of king Saul will be the fate of all those who experiment, fool around with, and consult mediums, witchcraft, sorcery, Ouiji boards, Tarot cards, and similar occult practices! Will you be one of those who is deceived?

End-Time Satmic Counterfeits

Having a degree of spiritual truth and understanding, clearly, does not validate the message or method of a medium or "witch." Nor does the ability to "know" the occult, or ancient history, or even the future. Such knowledge is clearly available to those who wish to consult lying spirits and the demonic world, which God condemns as an abomination.

God says: "Regard not them that have familiar spirits (eg., Jeane Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, Edgar Cayce, who mix truth with error, which is a poisonous brew), neither seek after wizards, to be DEFILED BY THEM: I am the Lord" (Lev.19:31).

"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (Exo.22:18). The word for "witch" in Hebrew is and means "to whisper a spell, ie., to enchant or practice magic," "sorcerer," "witch."

God commands, moreover, "There shall not be found among you ANY ONE that maketh his son or daughter to pass through the fire, OR THAT USETH DIVINATION, or an observer of times (astrological "signs"), or an enchanter, or a WITCH, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar, spirits, or a, wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an ABOMINATION unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth DRIVE THEM OUT from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect (upright, sincere) with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto OBSERVERS OF TIMES, and unto DIVINERS: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do" (Deut.18:10-14).

Isaiah adds, "And when they shall say unto you, SEEK UNTO THEM THAT HAVE FAMILIAR SPIRITS, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY: if they speak not according to THIS WORD, it is because there is NO LIGHT in them" (Isa.8:19-20).

Seeking knowledge and truth through the occult the crystal balls of even so-called "Christian psychics," and "Christian witches" -- I cannot think of a greater non sequitur -- is a deadly and lethal game only fools would play.

God says, "There is NO LIGHT in them"!

Although I have read some of the books about Edgar Cayce, and Nostradamus, and Jeane Dixon, it is clear to me that their basic premise is faulty and in error. They do not obey the laws of God. They do not adhere to the Biblical Sabbath. They do not obey the Holy Days of God. They are bound up in pagan symbolism and festival observance. Their source of spiritual knowledge is not the Word of God!

We should judge their writings by the standard, measuring rod of the Bible itself. I suspect strongly that Ruth Montgomery's "incorporeal guides" were nothing more than sweet-talking, whispering demons in angelic guise (II Cor.11:13-15). John commands us to put these "spirits" to the acid test (I John 4:1-2). He warns us, there are MANY ANTI-CHRISTS around -- seductive spirits or "guides" who seek to lead us astray.

Paul warns us seriously, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS, AND DOCTRINES OF DEMONS; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. . . ." (I Tim.4:1-2).

Beware of Satan's clever schemes to deceive!

Satanic, Clever and Ingenious Devices

Satan is always seeking to beguile the unwary and uncritical. Satan always makes his way look good on the surface, and sound good to the ears; but it is the same old malarkey, nonetheless (see Gen.3:1-6). The serpent beguiled Eve; she fell from grace. She disobeyed the command of God.

Beware lest that old serpent, the master of guile, use his infamous legerdemain and machinations on you, and thus beguile you into calamitous folly, to where you are unable to recover from his snares. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (II Cor.11:3).

Satan is capable of blinding the mind (II Cor.4:4). If we disobey God, and neglect His law, we become fodder for the devil. We must be obedient in all things, and FORGIVE THOSE who have wronged us -- "LEST SATAN should get an advantage over us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Cor.2:11).

Can a true Christian or believer in the Messiah consult witches, mediums, even those who profess to be Christian, and come away without being burned? Just which "spirits" inspire the likes of Jeane Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, Edgar Cayce, and others? Do they teach obedience to the laws of God?

God says, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if peradventure God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the SNARE OF THE DEVIL, who are taken captive by him at his will" (II Tim.2:24-26).

The Bible is NOT an "elementary book" for Western society, nor does the information from Montgomery or Cayce serve to lead us into "higher grades." Rather, 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, FOR REPROOF, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim.3:16-17).

The Word of God says, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with IDOLS? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell with them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

"Wherefore COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (11 Cor.6:14- 18).

God wants His children to have nothing whatsoever to do with the unfruitful works of darkness. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather REPROVE THEM" (Eph.5:11), "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (v.12).

Ruth Montgomery

Ruth Montgomery, a supposed "Christian psychic," in her book *A Search for the Truth* wrote that one of her "incorporeal guides" told her:

"The Christmas season is the most splendid times of the year, not only because it reminds us of the saintly Man in Bethlehem, but also because men's hearts are opened to others. It is the spirit of Christmas to put others' needs above one's own. That is why the spirit of Christmas must never be removed from the image of Christmas. Mold your thoughts to the true meaning of this holiday season -- the blessedness of giving rather than receiving" (pp.189-190).

What does the Almighty God in heaven say about the "spirit of Christmas"? Is it really so saintly and holy?

Even a minimum of serious research will show that the celebration of Christmas is a pagan-carryover which precedes the birth of Christ by thousands of years, in honor of the ancient "yule" or sun-god. The Christmas "wreath" is an emblem of the circular shape of the sun. The ancient pagans observed the 25th of December in honor of the waning sun, looking forward to its revival in the following days. Even the Christmas tree comes from ancient pagan Germany and Egypt, where it was a symbol of pagan adoration and worship.

Hislop's *Two Babylons*, and my own book *Overcoming Satan*, describe in detail the origins of this pagan, wicked holiday which appears so saintly and innocent on the surface.

Surely Satan the devil wants us to become beguiled into observing this pagan practice, and he would just love for us to call it "Christian." By this devious machination he has deceived the entire world (Rev.12:9). Thus he has finessed the entire "Christian" world with his sleight of hand, stratagems, and dissimulation. He has masked the real truth about Christmas -- its evil pagan heart beat -- and concealed its truly diabolical nature, which leads to the spirit of desperation, despair, depression, loneliness, and even suicide.

Thus the world embraces a fraud, a deceit, a contrivance, and fails to observe the truly glorious festival of Tabernacles, which the Scriptures enjoin upon true believers.

What does the Word of God say about our adopting and "baptising" pagan observances, and calling them "Christian"?

God says, "Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God. When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;

TAKE HEED TO THYSELF THAT THOU *NOT BE SNARED BY FOLLOWING THEM* . . . and that thou not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt NOT do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods . . . What thing soever I command you, OBSERVE TO DO IT: *THOU SHALT NOT ADD THERETO, NOR DIMINISH FROM IT*" (Deut.12:28-32).

God never commanded or established a festival on December 25! This was a pagan celebration in honor of pagan gods! God says His people are NOT TO WORSHIP HIM AFTER THE MANNER OF THE PAGANS! He says He hates their customs!

Rather, God commands His people to observe His annual holy days forever (Leviticus 23). He commands us NOT to ADD TO HIS FESTIVALS, such pagan observances as Christmas, Easter (named after the goddess Astarte, or "Easter"), or Halloween, nor to diminish from His Festivals!

But modern so-called "Christians" have done both -- they have embraced pagan customs, calling them "Christian," and they have ignored totally the Festivals commanded by God!

Further, God commands all His people, "Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

"YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH OUGHT FROM IT, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deut.4:1-2).

We are to diligently obey the commandments of God. We are not to add to them, or to subtract from them. We are not to add pagan celebrations such as Christmas or Easter, and subtract God's own holy festivals, such as Passover, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement or Tabernacles (Lev.23).

These pagan festivals were inaugurated and taught to the pagans by their gods -- their national demons -- ages ago. They are the worship of demons! No wonder, then, that "Christian" demons encourage their worship and observance, today!

The demon "guide" speaking to Ruth Montgomery was merely encouraging her to teach people to remain in their pagan ways of worship, yet calling it "Christian."

God calls this way of worship an abomination to Him! It is an affront to His holiness. It is pagan sacrilege!

God says of such "clairvoyants," who claim to receive messages from Him, "A man also or a woman that hath a FAMILIAR SPIRIT, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them" (Lev.20:27).

Beware of Deceiving Psychic Messengers

God says, further, in dealing with such people, "If there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods (their customs and practices), which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; THOU SHALT NOT HEARKEN unto the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord thy God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

"And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, shall be *PUT TO DEATH* because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God . . . to take you out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee" (Deut.13:1-5).

God looks upon such activities as heinous wickedness and despicable abomination, worthy of the death penalty. There was to be sudden judgment – no mercy. The crime was of enormous implications to the welfare of the state of the nation.

Today, in the United States, we witness the folly of the Armed Forces actually not only allowing traditional Christian and Jewish ministers to serve as clergymen to the men under arms in the military, but now the Pentagon has issued guidelines for Buddhist chaplains and even witches and wizards in the military, to conduct their religious services and practices for their followers!

No wonder God has removed His blessing from our land! No wonder God is fed up with modern Israel, including the United States and British Commonwealth, the descendants of ancient Joseph, Rachel's firstborn son!

God hates paganism -- and witchcraft! In His holy eyes, the two go hand in hand; they go together like hand in glove!

Modern Babylon the Great -- a Haunt of Demons

This modern Babylonish world is filled with witchcraft and demonism in the highest places. It is not all underground Satan worship by weird fanatics and wild teenagers, fascinated by the occult. It is not all the worshippers of Charles Manson, or the Hillside Strangler, with his preoccupation with pentagrams and mystical symbols.

God says of modern Babylon the Great, the "daughter of the Chaldeans," the "lady of kingdoms" (Isa.47:5), "But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the MULTITUDE OF THY SORCERIES, and for the GREAT ABUNDANCE OF THINE ENCHANTMENTS" (verse 9).

God tells this great World Empire arising now all around us, which will have tentacles around the world, "Stand now with thine ENCHANTMENTS, and with the multitude of thy SORCEREES, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth . . . Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. LET NOW THE ASTROLOGERS, THE STAR GAZERS, THE MONTHLY PROGNOSTICATORS, STAND UP, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the FIRE SHALL BURN THEM; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame . . . none shall save thee" (verses 12-15).

This great society toppling to destruction is also described in Revelation 18. The apostle John writes, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power. . . And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of DEMONS, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev.18:1-2). "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her. . ." (v.3).

God commands His people, of this foul, witchcraft-laden, sorcery filled system of worship, "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her PLAGUES. For her -sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Rev.18:4-5). "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double" (v.6).

All the Jeane Dixons, Ruth Montgomerys, Edgar Cayces, and sorcerers, witches, wizards, and psychic "channelers," and occultic practioners, will not be able to deliver this modern Babylonish system from the judgment of Almighty God!

Witchcraft in the New Testament

The likes of Dixon, Montgomery, and Edgar Cayce are mentioned in the New Testament. The apostles had a run-in with their antecedents. In Acts we read, "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel POSSESSED WITH A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION met us, which brought her masters much gain by SOOTHSAYING: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this she did many days. But Paul, being grieved, tamed and said to the spirit I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour" (Acts 16:16-18).

Notice! This woman could "prophesy," and give "occult" information, much like Jeanne Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, and Edgar Cayce. She spoke some truth, as well. The demon in her confessed that Paul and his group were messengers sent from God, bring the way of salvation. Sometimes these artful demons even preach the truth! Nevertheless, the spirit of divination is wrong -- an ABOMINATION! And Paul finally felt moved to cast it out of the young woman.

Books on the occult, magic, and witchcraft ought to be burned and destroyed. When certain vagabond Jewish exorcists attempted to cast out demons by quoting the name of Jesus, whom Paul preached, the spirit retorted, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

"And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

"And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and BURNED THEM BEFORE ALL MEN: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

"So mightily grew the word of God, and prevailed" (Acts 19:13-20).

The Source of Spiritual Power

Those who are seeking spiritual power by studying the books of Edgar Cayce, Ruth Montgomery, Jeanne Dixon, and other practitioners of the occult, even if it be the so-called "Christian" occult, are in great danger! Any spiritual power which comes from any other source than the Spirit of God is demoniacal and deadly in its final revelation.

The person who wrote to me on this subject stated, "Power is power, and one can learn HOW to use it by observing many practitioners." To that I say, balderdash and hogwash! There is evil power, as well as good power. Power itself is not "neutral."

You cannot use the power of God for evil purposes. Nor can the power of demons be truly used for good purposes, except as a ruse to deceive the naive and unwise.

To dabble, delve, and play around with the occult and witchcraft, may seem like a pathway to power to some, but it is the roadway to death and destruction forever and ever. Witchcraft is spiritual fornication with the demons of this world. It is the "depths of Satan" which God warns about (Revelation 2:20-25). Many women get involved in this terrible deception, and lose their salvation like Jezebel, who considered herself a prophetess and seduced the servants of God into spiritual fornication, eating at idolatrous festivals such as Christmas and Easter, and sinning against God.

Letss come completely out of these things!