

DRUGS AND WITCHCRAFT

Jer. 27:9 says: *“Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve to king of Babylon.”*

There are two reasons why our society leans toward drugs - easy accessibility and much guilt. Whether the drug is alcohol, marijuana, heroine, cocaine, PCP, diet pills, Valium, LSD, etc., many people are using them to escape or cope with reality.

The word “sorcerer” in Jer. 27:9 comes from the word “pharmakos” where we get our word “pharmacy”. Drugs and witchcraft do go hand in hand.

The devil never gives the entire picture. There is a book out that describes the 486 things marijuana does to a person.

THE BIBLE CONDEMNS WITCHCRAFT!

Deut. 18:10 says: *“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,”*

Observer of times	-	one who is superstitious
Enchanter	-	one who whispers magic spells
Witch	-	one who practices magic
Charmer	-	one who fascinates by spells
Consulter	-	one who raises the dead
Necromancer	-	one who communicates with the dead

Dan. 2:2 says: *“Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.”*

An astrologer is one who forecasts the future by stars.

Dan. 5:11 says: *“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;”*

A soothsayer is a fortune teller.

Jer. 14:14 says: *“Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.”*

If someone tells the future and is not 100% correct, they are **not of God!**

There has been much revival in the interest of the occult. Everyone needs guidance. If people reject the concept of God and His Word, they will look for guidance elsewhere.

Courses are now taught in state universities in the occult, TM, and out of body experiences, etc. Television, movies, and books abound with the occult.

God says it is wicked:

Deut. 18:12 says: *“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.”*

Ex. 22:18 says: *“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”*

Ezek. 21:21 says: *“For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.”*

Whenever a person dabbles in drugs, seances, palmreading, etc., they are opening the door to their mind for demonic influences. It is as dangerous as leaving your car running unattended in a rough neighborhood with the door open. Someone is going to jump in and run off with your car.

Acts 16:16 says: *“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:”*

DRUGS AND WITCHCRAFT ARE ADDICTING

II Kings 17:17 says: *“And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.”*

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Never participate in astrology, horoscope, your astrology sign, seances, rabbits' feet, charms, voodoo dolls, palmreading, Dungeons & Dragons, idols, devil music (which is rock-n-roll with the theme of drugs, violence or sex), occult, or horror shows.
2. Repent of any past activities you have had in these areas. Ask God to forgive you and let you see it for the evil that it is!
3. Be suspicious of the devil's activities and devices. Be cautious!

4. Remove any rebellion out of your life. I Sam. 15:23 says: *“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”*

Samuel noticed the rebellion in Saul’s life. Soon Saul was seeking guidance from a witch in Endor. Rebellion opens the door to a person’s mind as much as drugs and witchcraft does!

REVIEW DRUGS AND WITCHCRAFT - STEP 32

1. List two reasons for the high drug problem: _____

2. Define the word "sorcerer": _____
3. What word comes from it? _____
Define the following:
4. Observer of times: _____

5. Enchanter: _____

6. Consulter: _____

7. Necromancer: _____

8. Astrologer: _____

9. Soothsayer: _____

10. Witch: _____

11. Charmer: _____

12. When someone dabbles in drugs or the occult, they are opening their;
_____ to the devil.