

TODAY'S PSYCHIC FAYRE

In recent weeks, posters were displayed along a route that I quite often drive along. These posters were advertising an event to be held in a hotel located along that same route. This is a photo of one of the posters –



This link gives details of what those attending might have expected to see

<http://www.wherevent.com/detail/Eventbrite-MICHAEL-HENRY-PSYCHIC-MEDIUM-Balmoral-HotelBelfast>

It goes without saying that there is great interest in such matters and people in attendance often view it as 'fantastic' and 'unbelievable'. This is evidenced by the short video on this link –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPJm2R_QMkQ

Back in 1990 I published a little booklet called '**Today's Psychic Fayre**' and what I plan to do now is set out **the text of that booklet** with the prayer that it may be used of the Lord to counter this spiritually unhealthy interest in occultism.

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INTRODUCTION

We live in an age when the next popular bandwagon to roll into town may very well be a '**Psychic Fayre**'. In many towns in many countries practitioners of the 'hidden arts' are hiring premises and inviting the general public along to these events. I myself was handed just such an invitation whilst on holiday in August 1989 in Worthing on the south coast of England. I could choose to find out what the future held for me by consulting tarot card readers, clairvoyants or readers of crystals or colours. However, if I had a mind to try and contact someone who had 'passed over' there were **mediums** for me to consult.

Not long after I returned from England I was speaking by telephone to a friend in British Columbia and she told me that '**Psychic Fayres**' were 'all the rage' in that part of Canada. In the 'Personal Services' column of many newspapers you will find many of these experts in the occult are only a phone call away.

The fascination of trying to find out what the future holds or trying to make contact with the spirits of those who have died has reached unprecedented levels and we even have now what can only be described as the ludicrous situation where those who describe themselves as practitioners in these 'arts' are readily given time on television in programmes such as '**Wogan**', '**Kilroy**' and '**The Time and The Place**' to promote their beliefs and opinions at the very time that broadcasting legislation is going through which will mean that the viewing and listening public are unlikely to rarely, if ever, hear the gospel of God's saving grace declared on either television or radio.

This booklet is the result of prayer coupled with a study of what God's Word still tells us today when we come to consider the activities of **'Today's Psychic Fayre'** and the desire of my heart is that God will speak afresh to people through His Word and that many will take heed of the clear instructions which He has inspired and preserved for the good of people of all ages.

In the study of this subject I have examined the practices and the practitioners under four headings as follows: -

The practices are CONFIRMED according to the Scriptures.
The practices are CONDEMNED according to the Scriptures.
The practices have CONSEQUENCES according to the Scriptures.
The practitioners can be CLEANSED according to the Scriptures.

The practices are CONFIRMED according to the Scriptures.

In **verses 10 and 11 of the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy** you can find listed a number of practices which I would collectively entitle the **'Don'ts of Deuteronomy'** or the **'Prohibitions of the Promised Land'** – **“There shall not be found among you anyone who maketh his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or who useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter of familiar spirits (a medium) or a wizard or a necromancer”**.

The Children of Israel had been saved out of Egypt by God, delivered from the bondage of slavery and protected from divine judgmental death by the application of the shed blood of a lamb on the doorposts and lintels of their homes in Egypt. They had passed safely through the waters of the Red Sea and looked back to see the pursuing Egyptian army overwhelmed, swept away and buried beneath those same waters. They had a **NEW LIFE** and they were on their way to a **NEW LAND**.

Isn't that the experience of every true saved child of God? They can look back to the day when, knowing full well they were under the bondage of sin, they cried to God to save them and deliver them and graciously, without any merit on their part, God applied the all-sufficient merits of the shed blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, to the doorposts and lintels of their lives and brought them safely out from their own personal 'Egypt', even their old sinful life. He made them citizens of Heaven (Ephesians 2:6) and delivered them from the just penalty due to them because of their sins, (Romans 6:23) eternal separation (death) from the presence of God in a place of torment which the Word of God calls hell.

But, just as Pharaoh sent his armies after the Israelites, so the devil would seek to pursue the saved child of God with the army of all the sins they have committed in the past (and even in the present and future), but they too can look back with confidence and know that all their sins have been overwhelmed, swept away and buried beneath the sea of God's forgetfulness.

Those are the glorious terms of God's new covenant in His Son, Jesus Christ. In **Hebrews 10: 16-17** we read **"This is the new covenant I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts and into their minds will I write them. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more"**.

This was the covenant the Lord Jesus referred to on the night of the Last Supper when He said **"This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you"** (Luke 22:20).

So, the Christian, just like the Children of Israel, has a **NEW LIFE** and is on his/her way to a **NEW LAND**. For many, that new land, that promised land, speaks of heaven (and in a very real sense, that is true) but it also speaks of the Christian life here on earth. It speaks of the battles against sin (when unsaved there was no 'battle') that will be fought; of valiant victories (like Jericho – Joshua 6:20) and of devastating defeats (like Ai – Joshua 7:4).

In this 18th chapter of Deuteronomy, God, through Moses, was giving instructions to His people – instructions that would help them to avoid defeats, to experience victories, to enjoy unbroken fellowship with God and to stay His chastening hand.

And still today, God, through the writings of Moses continues to instruct His people – instructions, which if obeyed, will be to their benefit, not only in this life but in the eternal life to come. Let me quote once more verses 10-11 of this 18th chapter of Deuteronomy

"There shall not be found among you anyone who maketh his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or who useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter of familiar spirits (a medium) or a wizard or a necromancer".

Some of the people and practices listed in these verses are still known by the same names today such as witches, charmers or wizards. However, other terms in the verses would cover much of the activities at **'Today's Psychic Fayres'**.

DIVINATION: (predicting the future) would cover such activities as palmistry, fortune-telling, tarot card reading, clairvoyance, use of crystal ball, reading tea leaves or colours, astrology and horoscopes. Although you would be unlikely to encounter a 'Ouija board' at one of the fayres, this particular activity would also come under the category of **'divination'**.

A CONSULTER WITH FAMILIAR SPIRITS and a **NECROMANCER:** (one who tries to make contact with the spirits of the dead) would equate with today's mediums. In these verses, which contain clear, unambiguous instructions from God to His people concerning their future behaviour, **these practices are CONFIRMED according to the Scriptures.**

Before moving on to the next point I should like to confirm the reality of one of these **'Don'ts of Deuteronomy'** and it actually involves one of my relatives who possessed a **charm** for sprains and similar injuries. In his booklet, **'Out of the Devil's Parlour'** the late Mr. Jim McCormick defined **'charming'** in these terms – **'Healing diseases by occult means in the name of the Trinity: White Magic'**.

The father of this particular relative of mine was given the **charm** by an elderly lady shortly before her death in the early part of this (20th) century. As stated, it was a **charm** for sprains and he was told that if he disclosed the format of the **charm**, except to pass it on as she was doing, he would lose it. My relative over many years witnessed numerous people being helped by his father's use of the **charm** and he himself personally experienced relief from pain on a number of occasions by the application of the **charm**.

Less than a week before the death of my relative's father, my relative had one of his knees, which was causing him pain, **charmed**, and later in the presence of his mother he was confirming to his father that once again he had experienced relief when his mother said to him – **'It's a pity you couldn't get that charm'**. His father turned to him and said – **'You could. I'll show you what to do'** and he then privately showed my relative exactly what to do – how to stroke the troubled area slowly three times in a particular fashion and inwardly and silently to ask for healing in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Afterwards no thanks or money were to be given to the **charmer** otherwise the effects of the **charm** would be broken.

My relative confirmed to me the effectiveness of the **charm** over many years by citing various incidents to me concerning his **charming** of people's ankles, knees, wrists, backs and necks etc. I myself personally experienced help on a number of occasions through use of the **charm** – I can vividly remember getting a staved thumb **charmed** and experiencing relief from pain as a result.

On one occasion my relative's wife had hurt both her knees and so he **charmed** them, or at least so she thought. In actual fact, he had decided to put the **charm** to a little test and in relation to one knee, although outwardly he stroked the injured area three times as usual, inwardly he did not pray silently. His wife subsequently told him that one knee felt better but not the other – the one over which he had not prayed was still troubling her.

The **'Don'ts of Deuteronomy'** are still alive and well today and confirmed, not just according to the Scriptures, but by their continued use in every-day living. Scripture, as well as confirming these practices also has a number of other things to teach us about these practices and it's important we don't miss these points as well. Earlier in the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy in verse 9 we read –

**"When thou are come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee,
thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations"**

I want you to especially note the words – **“thou shalt not learn to do”**. In this passage the Word of God is teaching that all the practices listed in the verses that follow were not practiced at this time by God’s people – they were in a sense foreign to them in that they were not part of their culture or ‘make-up’. We find confirmation of this in verse 14 –

“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”.

The Children of Israel were of course subject to many other sinful habits which would have to be dealt with, but if they were to fall victim to these particular **‘Don’ts of Deuteronomy’** it would be as a result of them willingly going after these practices in defiance of the clear instructions of God.

So, as we prepare to look at our next point, we can conclude this section by stating that not only are **the practices confirmed according to the Scriptures** and sadly alive and well in today’s society, but they should be foreign to the child of God and can only be engaged in, by such a one, by the deliberate disregarding of the crystal-clear instructions from God concerning these practices.

The practices are CONDEMNED according to the Scriptures.

As we saw from verses 10-11 of the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy these practices were to be avoided and abstained from by the Children of Israel when they entered the Promised Land. However, in verses 9 and 12 we are shown how God Himself views, not only these practices, but also the people who indulge in them. In verse 9 we read

“When thou are come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations”

Here we have the clearly expressed verdict of God on all these practices – they are **“abominations”**. In verse 12 we go on to read

“For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord”

Verse 9 showed us that in God’s eyes **the practices are abominations** and here in verse 12 we learn that **the people who indulge in these practices, whether practitioner or paying customer, are also an abomination** in God’s sight.

An **“abomination”** – just what exactly is an **abomination**? Two dictionaries that I consulted gave these definitions – **‘Something detested’** and **‘an object loathed’**.

The full meaning of the word used is meant, not only to describe God's view of the practices and the practitioners, but also to convey how it affects God, the viewer. The word implies that these things cause God nausea and abhorrence.

Often in the Word of God an **abomination** is equated with **idolatry** and with serving other 'gods' and time after time we read of how the Children of Israel turned their backs on God and, in defiance of His Word, practised idolatry and went after other 'gods'.

In **Jeremiah 44:4** we hear God through His prophet saying "**Oh do not this abominable thing that I hate**". Again, we hear the anguish of God in **Isaiah 66:3** as He declares "**They have chosen their own ways and their soul delighteth in their abominations**".

In some instances, these abominable practices have worked their way into so-called Christian churches. In the book of **Revelation 17:4** we read of "**a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet colour and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls having a golden cup full of abominations**".

Today we have adverts on the Churches Page of Saturday night's Belfast telegraph for so-called Christian Spiritualist Churches. They are an **abomination** in the sight of God – not my own personally-arrived-at opinion but the clear message of the Word of God.

The Belfast News Letter of 29th December 1989 carried an article about a well-known clairvoyant in the Province and listed his predictions for 1990. The article also stated that both the clairvoyant and his wife claimed to be '**staunch believers in the Bible and its teachings**' and that he quoted frequently from the Scriptures as he lit another of the 40 cigarettes that he said he smoked each day.

Here we have churches and people claiming allegiance to Jesus Christ and to the Word of God but "**their cups are full of abominations**". They stand condemned by the very Word of God they claim to so staunchly believe in.

All of these practices, the '**Don't s of Deuteronomy**' are **confirmed** according to the Scriptures but both the practices and the people who indulge in them are **condemned according to the Scriptures**.

The practices HAVE CONSEQUENCES according to the Scriptures.

In Christian circles, today, a great deal of emphasis is laid upon **the love of God** and rightly so. It is a love that is worthy of exaltation and praise. It is a love which defies human thinking and reasoning. It is gloriously proclaimed in the opening words of perhaps the best known and loved verse of scripture

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16)

Paul expressed the human attitude to laying down one’s life from someone else in these terms when he wrote to the Christians in Rome and said

**“Scarcely for a righteous man will one die:
yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die” (Romans 5:7)**

At the beginning of 1970 I emigrated to Canada and just before I left, my dad slipped a New Testament into my hand. Inside it he had written these words – **‘To Cecil from mum and dad; January 1970; Romans 5 verse 8’**. Over 14 years later, on 19th August 1984, the night on which the grace of God brought salvation to me (Titus 2:11) I came to know, understand and experience the truth of that verse of scripture in a personal way – that beautiful verse that reads like this

**“But God commendeth (demonstrates) His love toward us,
in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”**

Please don’t miss the significance of that little word **“but”** at the beginning of the verse. It is there to highlight and emphasise the difference between the human view of laying down one’s life, as expressed in the preceding verse 7 (**“for a good man”**), and God’s view of sending His Son to lay down His life (**“for sinners”**). Verse 8 truly declares **divine love** and shows it to be a love worthy to be noised abroad.

But **the love of God** is only one of His many attributes and those who would major on this love, to the exclusion of any reference to God’s anger and wrath, do so at their own peril and to the peril of others. Don’t be under any false illusions: sin and sinners anger God.

From the 12th chapter of 1st Kings right through to the end of 2nd Kings we have a detailed history of the various kings who ruled the divided kingdom following the death of Solomon. Whilst some of them were faithful to God and His laws, sadly the majority were not. One of the most evil rulers of Judah was Manasseh, son of Hezekiah. Manasseh became king at the age of 12 and reigned for 55 years. How do we know he was evil? In 2nd Kings 21:9 we read

**“Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations
whom the Lord destroyed before the Children of Israel”**

The question I now want to consider is this – did this **“evil”** have any effect upon God? The answer is ‘yes’ for in verse 6 we read

“He wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger”

In fact, earlier in this verse we read details of some of Manasseh’s **“wickedness”**

“He made his son to pass through the fire and observed times and used enchantments and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards”

Manasseh was up to his neck in the **‘Don’ts of Deuteronomy’**. So, sinful practices (“evil”; “wickedness”) provoke God to anger, but they do more than that. They bring down the wrath of God in judgment. In Genesis 6:5 we read

“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth”

God did just that when He sent the flood and all but the people who found grace, Noah and his family, perished. The apostle Paul in the first chapter of Romans wrote in verse 18

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness”

Men today can hold the truth of God in their hands – they Have His inspired and preserved Word, the Bible. The Lord Jesus, whilst praying to God His Father, said

“Sanctify them through thy truth; Thy word is truth” (John 17:17)

Men and women are without excuse. They have access to God’s truth, the Bible, but they display total contempt for it and its author. In Genesis 2 verse 17 God said

“In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die”

In contradiction of what God had said, the devil later said

“Ye shall not surely die” (Genesis 3:4)

Men listened to the voice of the devil and have done ever since and in doing so they **“hold** (suppress) **the truth in unrighteousness”**. The devil was saying, ‘don’t listen to God; He really won’t punish you if you sin by doing what He has forbidden’. That **lie** of the devil has deceived countless generations but at Calvary God visibly exposed that **lie** of the devil for what it was. God did so in order to destroy the works of the devil (1st John 3:8) that he, the devil, might deceive people no more (Revelation 20:3).

God showed, in graphic detail, the fate that awaits unrepentant sinners, when He took His own beloved Son and **“made him to be sin for us”** (2nd Corinthians 5:21) and for three hours, from the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (3.00 pm) God put Him into the darkness of hell where **“there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth”** (Matthew 13:42). That place, **“where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched”** (Mark 9:44, 46, 48). That place of eternal separation from the presence of God. No wonder Jesus cried out in anguish **“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me”** (Matthew 27:46).

The wrath of God was truly revealed against ungodliness (**“Christ died for the ungodly” Romans 5:6**) when, at Calvary, He gave a visible foretaste of the stark reality of hell. And the wrath of God will be visibly revealed one more time at a future date for in 2nd Peter 3:7 we read

“But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”

The Word of God shows that the collective wickedness of men has in times past brought down, and will, once more in the future, bring down visibly God’s final judgment upon the earth.

But what of the individual and his or her sin, and in particular these **‘Don’ts of Deuteronomy’**? Well, they are the same as any other sins – they are **“transgressions of God’s law”** (1st John 3:4) and so debar the unsaved from entry into the kingdom of God.

But even saved people **“transgress God’s law”** and that can include being involved in these prohibited practices. Like any other sin, they will affect the Christian and his relationship with God. They will hinder fellowship with both God and other Christians (1st John 1:6-7). They will hinder prayer life and prevent blessing (John 9:31). Psalm 66 verse 18 tells us

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me”

They can bring chastening from God. When God said, **“As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent”** (Revelation 3:19) – those words were addressed to a church and not to unbelievers.

From the Word of God, we can see that all these abominable practices are sinful and serious matters in God’s eyes and **have consequences according to the Scriptures.**

The practitioners can be CLEANSED according to the Scriptures.

As we examine the fourth point in our study, apart from the challenge which it may present, I pray that it will also bring hope and encouragement to all who read it.

To date we have seen that the practices are **confirmed** and **condemned according to the Scriptures**. We have also seen that the **practices have consequences according to the Scriptures** for both unsaved and saved people. In dealing with this final point, that **practitioners can be cleansed according to the Scriptures**, I again want to look at it in relation to the only two categories of people that God recognises – the unsaved and the saved.

Lots of people don't like the term "**saved**" and yet it's a biblical term which fell from the lips of the apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21) and again when he and John had to appear before the High Priest, Caiaphas, and others on the day after they had healed the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of The Temple (Acts 4:5-12). It was the question Paul and Silas willingly responded to when the Philippian jailer cried out, after an earthquake had opened up the doors and chains in his prison, "**What must I do to be saved?**" (Acts 16:30).

It was the purpose declared by the angel when announcing to Joseph the forthcoming birth of Jesus

"He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21)

The Lord Jesus Himself proclaimed in the house of the despised tax collector, Zacchaeus, that He

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10)

There is good news for the unsaved sinner, whether or not he or she is engaged in the '**Don'ts of Deuteronomy**'; there is a Saviour who can save. What are His conditions? It always pays to read the small print. We read them right at the start of the Lord's ministry. His opening words were

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15)

What is the gospel? Many people today have a very confused idea and understanding of what it is. The apostle Paul summed it up very simply in these words

**"I declare unto you the gospel... that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, And that He was buried, And that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures"
(1st Corinthians 15:1-4)**

That is the gospel stated; but for salvation it must be believed and it must be evidently accompanied by true, lasting repentance - a complete turning away from and forsaking of all that is sinful in God's eyes. If there's no evident repentance there's no salvation for Jesus Himself said

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3-5)

To those who doubted what He claimed for Himself He said

"If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24)

But to the repentant believer He says

**“Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life”
(John 5:24)**

That is truly good news and genuine hope for the unsaved sinner who is fearful of God (Proverbs 1:7) and fearful for the fate of his eternal soul.

But what about the saved person, who for some reason, whether through ignorance or deliberate disobedience, has been or is engaged in some or all of the **‘Don’ts of Deuteronomy’** either as a practitioner or as a paying customer? Well, I hope by now I have established clearly from the Word of God that these practices are totally repugnant to God and are abominations to Him, particularly when indulged in by His own people in open defiance of His clear instructions concerning these matters. In another, but applicable context, listen to what God says

“Come out from among them and be ye separate... and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you” (2nd Corinthians 6:17)

Here God states that if the Christian truly forsakes these or any other sinful practices, God will receive that person back into close fellowship with Himself. Perhaps this would be an opportune moment to mention that this is exactly what my relative with the **‘charm’** did once he realised that **‘charming’** was a sinful abomination in the sight of God.

The grounds for this restoration of the ‘fallen’ Christian and the grounds for the salvation of the repentant sinner are the same – the all-sufficient merits of the shed blood of Jesus Christ – that once and for all-time sacrificial offering of Himself which, according to the writer of Hebrews **“purged our sins” (Hebrew 1:3)**. His was no ordinary sacrificial blood. It is **“precious blood”**, more precious than silver or gold (1st Peter 1:18-19). It is the very blood of God the Son, Himself, for in Acts 20 verse 8 we read of **“the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood”**.

Paul reminded the believers in Colossae that they had **“redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:14)** and writing to the Christians in Rome he said **“being now justified (fully pardoned from the consequences of sin and declared “not guilty” by God) by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Romans 5:9)**. The apostle John summed up the ‘wonder-working power’ in these words

**“The blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”
1st John 1:7-9)**

Does it really matter if individuals or people as a whole give heed to the Word of God in relation to the **'Don'ts of Deuteronomy'**? The king who asked God for wisdom, and received it, wrote

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34)

That same king's lands and people were rent asunder because of his and his people's sinful practices (1st Kings 11:31-33). Sadly, King Solomon and his people had forgotten what God had promised when the magnificent temple had been completed. God appeared to Solomon by night and said

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" (2nd Chronicles 7:14)

What a wonderful promise and the people of Nineveh experienced the reality of it when, from their king down, they repented of their sinful ways. Why did they repent? Because they believed the message from God that judgment was coming because of their wickedness (Jonah 3:4-6).

We live in a wicked, sinful world which is rushing headlong towards the **"day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men"** (2nd Peter 3:7) but the fay of God's grace has not yet ended, the door is not yet shut and the practitioners of the **'Don'ts of Deuteronomy'** and indeed all other sinful practices may still, if convicted of their sinfulness and unrighteousness, and with repentance in their hearts, call upon the Lord to save them. May the Word of God truly make many

"wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2nd Timothy 3:15)

That then was the text of my little booklet **'Today's Psychic Fayre'**. Over the many years I often set up a book-stall at meetings I was speaking at, one of the booklets I had available was called **'Christianity Versus The Occult'**. It was one of a series of helpful small booklets produced by **'Christian Equippers International'**.

This booklet had a very clear and helpful section entitled **'The Bible and Spiritism'** and this what that section said –

'Though the overwhelming majority of spiritualistic phenomena and practices are nothing but blatant fraud, there is an element of supernatural reality involved. This is because of its underlying involvement with the demonic spirit world which is only too willing to participate in deceiving the ignorant and in turning people away from the counsel and truth of God. For this reason, the Bible repeatedly denounces Spiritism (those claiming to have contact with 'familiar spirits')

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards to be defiled by them" (Leviticus 19:31)

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to play the harlot (spiritually-speaking) after them, I will even set my face against that soul and will cut him off from among his people” (Leviticus 20:6)

(Verses from Deuteronomy 18:10-12 which are quoted earlier in my article are now quoted)

“And when they shall say unto you, seek unto those who are mediums, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? Should they seek on behalf of the living unto the dead?”

Under the Old Testament economy, God was so jealously protective of His people that He gave the following instructions to guard them against the corruptive influences of spiritists

“A man also or woman who hath a familiar spirit, or who is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them” (Leviticus 20:27)

Thought spiritist or spiritualist cults often parade under the guise of Christianity and attempt to legitimise their practices by quoting scriptures, praying, singing hymns and conducting pseudo-Christian church services, they are still occult practitioners who are collaborating with and glorifying the satanic realm which endeavours to enslave mankind in spiritual darkness, deception and death. **Biblical Christianity is simply incompatible with Spiritism.’**

Returning to the poster on page 1 of this article, I understand that about 250 people attended this event. Apparently, whilst **Michael Henry** was correct in some of the things he said about some people, he was also very wrong in other things he said to the same people (such as their occupation and family ‘make-up’).

I have video of another self-proclaimed ‘**medium**’ called **Stephen O’Brien** and on the following link you can see what we might call a ‘**car-crash performance**’ on the ‘**Wogan**’ show many years ago. You will then see an interview with another lady who claims to be a ‘**clairvoyant**’ and uses what you might term as the ‘stage-name’ of **Scheherazade**. This lady has in times past plied her trade here in Northern Ireland and many years ago I sent her a copy of my little booklet ‘**Today’s Psychic Fayre**’ - not unsurprisingly I received no response. The link to the video is this –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPPVZUY_0e4

Rather unfairly this video was removed from our YouTube channel over ‘copyright’ issues - we felt it fell well within the ‘fair use’ category, so it and the article have been uploaded to another outlet on –

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/Wyu68jjnq8Ev/>

Apparently, the CIA have in times past engaged the services of ‘**Mediums**’ to help them in their investigations – see

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15056851.CIA_explored_use_of_psychic_in_Lockerbie_bombing_probe/#comments-anchor

but somehow, I don’t think **Stephen O’Brien** will be being headhunted by them!

In closing, my earnest prayer is that this article might be used by the Lord to alert to, and even rescue from, the diabolical dangers associated with involvement in these practices.

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