

The Dangers of Demonic Objects and Activities

We are told, “Neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:27). God’s Word clearly and specifically warns believers against having objects that attract demons. Demons can be attracted by sights, sounds, and even smells.

The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

—Deuteronomy 7:25-26

Many objects, even those accepted as “harmless” by many people today, are either cursed or can be an attraction to demonic activity because they have been historically used in idolatry. Idolatry is an abomination to God!

When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 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. 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 with the LORD thy God.

—Deuteronomy 18:9-13

Following is a partial list of objects and activities that can attract demonic activity and should be avoided. Following this list are several Bible passages for additional study.

Ancient artifacts, relics, and antiquities used in idol worship
Black arts
Black magic
Black mass
Books and videos about the occult

Carvings that are pagan in nature
Clairvoyance
Demon worship
Divination
Ethnic or native items dedicated to heathen gods or depicting them
Fertility symbols
Fetishes
Figurines of devils or demons
Fortune telling (anything that is used for fortune telling, such as tarot cards and crystal balls)
Games that glorify satan, demonic activity, or witchcraft
Goddess worship
Hoodoo (superstitions and practices, including gris-gris and other concoctions to keep evil spirits away and counteract spells on households or people)
Horoscopes
Horror books and films (including vampires, zombies, and werewolves)
Incantations
Music that glorifies satan, witchcraft, or the occult
Mythological gods
Necromancy (communicating with the dead, especially in order to predict the future)
Occult charms
Pagan artifacts
Palmistry (foretelling the future through the study of the palm and hand shapes, sometimes called chiromancy)
Photos or statues of demons or devils
Photos or statues of false gods and goddesses
Reincarnation (books, films)
Shrines to heathen, pagan, and demon gods
Sorcery (witchcraft, wizardry, enchantment, spells)
Souvenirs with representations of the occult or demonic symbols
Voodoo (cultural practices and superstitions rooted in spirit and ancestor worship, often related to incantations, animal sacrifices, zombies, and evil spirits)
Witchcraft
Wizards and wizardry

For additional study:

Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

—Isaiah 30:22

Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

—Joshua 7:11-13

And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

—Joshua 7:20-21

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 19:18-20

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for 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 in 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.

—2 Corinthians 6:14-18