
Ghosts, hauntings, and the para-normal have always been a fascinating subject to most and controversial to some. You have been given this little booklet because you are already involved with or seeking these forms of spiritual experiences. I find that most people attracted to the supernatural are people who are sensitive to and more aware of life that goes beyond the five senses. They are “seekers” looking for more in life than what they have and desire to be better people as a result of their quest. It is because of my heartfelt respect for your seeking that I put together this little booklet so that you might consider some very important points you may never have been aware of before. I put the blame for the necessity of this pamphlet to many “Christian” organizations that have so mis-represented the God of the Bible that it would leave anyone wanting more than what they had to offer.

Lately, within the “New Age” movement, Angels, Mediums and Psychics have become increasingly popular. In all of these practices what guidelines are used? What standard is applied to help an individual discern “crafty manipulation” from a real spiritual experience. And even the real experiences, How do you know where the supernatural sources you contact are coming from? What is the standard used for discernment and guidance? Is the popular book a “A course in Miracles” able to guide you? There is a refusal within most “New Age” thought to even believe in any negative or evil entities. It is believed that Satan does not even exist, that he is the personification of man’s own ignorance. In this thinking, evil is the result of mans ignorance, therefore the more we become educated in spiritual truths the less evil should exist? Our own History and that of other cultures certainly do not testify to this!

It is difficult to approach these subjects as a Christian without being attacked as being “Non inclusive”, “narrow minded” or “judgmental”.

I would like to share with you what the Bible in no uncertain terms gives us as a guideline for spiritual experiences.

“Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;” 1 Tim 4:1

I believe we are in these “last days” with a New Age that is to be brought in by the return of Christ. We are told here that just prior to this, many people shall depart from the God of the Bible by seducing spirits . Now these are real entities that do not have mankind’s best interest at hand. You cannot hedge around this scripture. There is no other way to interpret this text, there are evil entities that exist and you must have some standard to discern the difference. Without discernment, you could be seduced to a wrong belief system.

Even in the wording from the original Greek, the implications are that these are morally decent people who want to be more. In their search they are deceived by being seduced. This seduction is accomplished by appealing to emotions and needs that in themselves are not wrong. What is wrong is the offer of a counterfeit means of fulfilling these needs in ways contrary to and warned by God not to pursue.

A good example of this is the new popular show on the Sci-Fi channel where the announcer explains about this person who has a “gift” of speaking to the dead and re-uniting them with their living loved ones.

Every one would love to have a “second chance” to resolve or have closure on lost relationships or just the assurance that their loved ones have passed on to a better place. In this very emotional experience, people are amazed by the personal information made know to the “medium or channeler” with tears of joy they are comforted by the closure and or assurance that indeed their loved ones have passed on to a better place. Now if I or anyone else were to try to explain that there might be some serious dangers with this type of processes. The usual response is, “How dare anyone try to take that experience away from them by saying it is wrong.”

This is where the seduction comes into play. This is also where good is made to look bad and bad looks good. The end warm and fuzzy happy results would appear to speak for themselves. Why would anyone oppose something that created such positive results?

Please let me explain:

A seduction happens by creating illusions based upon what a person wants to hear. Illusions will not last or fulfill, they will eventually lead to disappointment and destruction either in this life or eternity.

Let me tell you what the Bible has to say about the dead speaking to the living. Then you decide for yourself!

In spite of many popular “Christian” beliefs, the Bible does not say that it is impossible for the dead to speak to the living. In 1Samual 28:7-12 the story is told of King Saul’s attempt to speak to the departed Samuel through a woman with a “familiar spirit”. She makes the connection and brings the two together. She is also shocked because Saul had hidden his appearance from her but supernaturally knows that he is the King!

The future is revealed to Saul by Samuel but so is a sentence for disobedience to God. **“So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; And inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned**

the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse. Chr 10:13-14 Just because this practice was real and produced real results does not mean that this is an approved method by God. Quite the contrary, this is a practice prohibited by God clearly in no uncertain terms. Isa 8:19-22 **“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?”**

This was such a serious offense to God (actually for our own protection from a superior power that our own power could not control) that the death penalty was given in the Old Testament. Lev 20:27 **“A man also or 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”.**

God has his own methods and ways to find answers. He desires us to seek him out not others. It is for our own protection. There are superior beings “out there” that are evil. They are part of a rebellion against God and his creation! From a heavenly perspective we get a glimpse of some activity: **“And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets,..”** I Kings 22:20-23 In context this is a rebel spirit declaring that he will lie in the mouths of false prophets which ultimately accomplishes the will of God. This is only able to be accomplished with Gods approval because of the unbelief and disobedience of the people willing to listen to alternate means of communication! Would God allow such a thing to happen? He did here and warns us that he will do it on a world scale in the future before he returns. It is not that he is playing a role of deceiver, He allows man to be left up to his own hardness of heart and their own devices because they will no longer believe in Him by HIS standard.

II Th 2:11-12 **“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”** Pleasure in unrighteousness is better rendered by the Greek as a hopeful expectation in a wrong way. In this understanding, these are morally decent people who are putting faith and trust into something wrong. They do this because they do not believe in the God of the Bible but rather some self made image or alternate source. There is a war going on against heavenly creatures.

Some of them are evil. They do not have mankind's best intentions. They can come sounding like angels of God but they are here to deceive and destroy. 2 Cor 11:14-15 "And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works". This is the seduction! Acting and Doing good things in deceitful wrong ways. So how do we discern? 1 Jn 4:1-3 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." We are to use some common sense and realize that not every entity is good. There really are evil ones as well. The Bible is very clear about that fact. The discernment centers around the person of Christ. He is our only mediator and advocate. (1 Tim 2:5, 1 John 2:1) A spirit will either speak in harmony to God's Word and claim HIM as Lord or it will tell you something of a different Jesus not one who is God in the flesh. They will also become irritated by your questions about Jesus being Lord. That is what is meant by "testing the spirits" If you do not believe me put it to the test. The next time you astral project, or invite a walk-in or have any contact with any kind of Angel or spirit ask if Jesus is Lord or declare that as a statement. You may be surprised at the response you get. Gal 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." God desires to hear from you personally not through the dead or lying spirits, ascended masters or even angels. He wants to hear from you alone! Ps 9:10 "And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You." Matt 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". What will be added to you? All things! Matt 21:22 "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive". In context God is saying he will meet your earthly needs through prayer. We are also promised that if we need wisdom concerning any decision in our life, or knowledge about God's ways concerning matters in our life he wants us

to ask! James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." In having a personal relationship with our creator...Jesus, we are guaranteed that he will direct our life. Wisdom knowledge and the assurance of our eternal salvation will be known! Rom 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." "Called according to his purpose" means to agree with God. To agree with him is to do things his way not "alternative ways."

John 14:13-20 "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you, I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you"..

You have to take the first step toward God by his ways. You need to acknowledge your wrong ways as sin. Rom 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

You must receive him into your heart by inviting him in. He is the only walk-in you need.

John 1:12-13 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God". Born of God is to be "Born Again" by his Spirit. The only Spirit you need in your life. In this manner you "receive him" and become one of his children. Then you will begin to hear a voice or sense a direction in your life like you never have experienced before. It is all a prayer away: Accept this invitation: Rev 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Just Pray: Jesus forgive me of my wrong ways and come into my heart and help me live for you. I thank you for saving me. Amen. Please contact us for more info or any help we might be:



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