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## Evils of Salem: “Witch City”

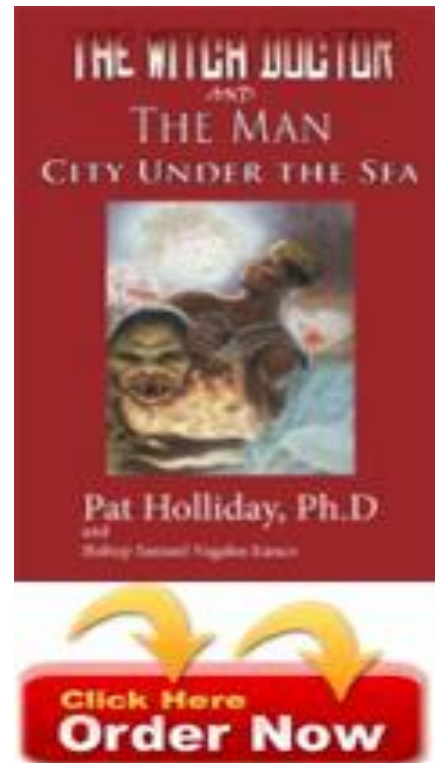
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### Binding the Strongman in Jesus Name



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**WAKE UP OR DIE!**

Las Vegas is not the only “sin city” in the United States. Salem worships the Devil. It is shameful that any city in America would honor witchcraft.

Shame on Salem's citizens who tolerate such evil; Witchcraft is a vile sin, which brings the judgment of God (Galatians 5:19-21). Every born-again Christian living in Salem, Massachusetts ought to continually expose this horrible wickedness. Witchcraft is far from being a mere novelty. In fact, Salem has its own infamous “official witch,” **Laurie Cabot...**

**"As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool."**—(Psalm 139:8).

**Laurie Cabot** is an American Witchcraft high priestess, and was one of the first people to popularize Witchcraft in the United States. She is the author of such books as *The Power of the Witch*, *The Witch in Every Woman*, *Celebrate the Earth*, while also founding the Cabot Tradition of the Science of Witchcraft and the Witches' League for Public Awareness to defend the civil rights of Witches everywhere.

In the 1970s, Cabot was declared the "official Witch of Salem, Massachusetts", by then-Governor Michael Dukakis, to honor her work with special needs children. She continues to reside in Salem, where she owns a shop called **The Cat, the Crow, and the Crown**. Cabot claims to be related to the prominent Boston Brahmin Cabot family. She is perhaps one the most high-profile Witches in the world. She is a part of Salem lore, and a bona-fide local celebrity in that city and throughout Massachusetts's North Shore. <sup>1</sup>

The Word of God has something to say about “The official witch of Salem”...

**“They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contends with them.”** —(Proverb 28:4).

Only God-hating, Christ-rejecting, Bible-denying heathens would praise a witch. The Bible teaches that only a fool honors the wicked. Witchcraft is of the Devil.

It's sad that the average professed Christian nowadays sees little harm in the evils of Harry Potter, Sabrina the Teenage Witch or Walt Disney's Satanic W.I.T.C.H. series. Woe unto America!

## Witchcraft and Politics: An "Official" State Witch?



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During the 1988 presidential campaign, Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis was accused by Christians in the Republican Party of having appointed an “official state witch” while he was governor of Massachusetts. The Dukakis camp categorically denied these charges.<sup>2</sup>

Did Michael Dukakis appoint an **“official witch” of Massachusetts?** One spokesperson for the Salem Chamber of Commerce confirmed the allegations, agreeing that Cabot was the official, state-designated witch of Salem. The city of Salem capitalizes on the “officiality” of Cabot because it draws tourism to the area. Each October, for example, the Chamber of Commerce sponsors a month of so-called “Haunted Happenings,” that last until Halloween. In the past, that celebration has included a public séance. Another spokesperson at the Salem Chamber of Commerce defended Cabot: “She’s very popular and a very nice person.” Cabot is reported to be a noteworthy citizen because of all the beneficial things she has done for the community such as her work with dyslexic children.

However, an employee of Cabot’s store in Salem commented:

“If we do that [help dyslexic children] you can find out about it by writing the Witches’ League for Public Awareness.” Apparently any “community service” that Laurie Cabot is offering has been in obvious connection to her witchcraft. She also stated Cabot’s organization, the Witches’ League for Public Awareness, is attempting to link witches together from all over the nation. Rev. Russel Ely, pastor of the Salem Christian Assembly, has had numerous confrontations with Cabot and other witches in Salem. “Laurie Cabot is serious about her witchcraft. She’s also a serious businesswoman. In fact, she tells people that she is ‘the American dream’ because of her financial success.”

A Salem city official, who wished to remain anonymous, set the record straight by researching the records of City Council meetings. According to those notes, Laurie Cabot came to the mayor of Salem and requested that she be made the official city witch and “greeter.” The Council discussed the issue, and in April of 1977 released a statement maintaining that they did not want “any person or spirit” to be the official witch of Salem. A letter was even sent to the office of Governor Michael Dukakis in Boston to express the decision of the City Council.

Cabot then bypassed the council decision and, with the help of a state representative, Elaine Noble, went directly to the governor. The Salem Evening News, on April 28, 1977, ran an article with the headline, “Governor Dukakis Unwittingly Gives ‘Witch’ Her Wish.” The story stated: “This week Ms. Cabot apparently worked her magic on Governor Dukakis, and he unwittingly did for Ms. Cabot what Salem mayors and councils have refused repeatedly.”

Yankee magazine [October 1986] ran a story entitled “Why Salem Is in Love with Witches.” The article, in describing the meeting between Dukakis and Cabot, seemed to suggest that an appointment had been made. “The petition [to make Cabot official] found its way to Governor Dukakis, who, against the wishes of Salem’s mayor at the time, appointed Cabot Salem’s official witch and gave her a citation to boot.”<sup>3</sup>

Sadly, Salem's town council has done much to encourage the evil practice of witchcraft in their city...

### **Letting Witches Be Witches in Salem**

Should you find your way up to Salem, Mass., this Halloween season, your chances of encountering a psychic are up — and the odds that that he or she has a felony record are down. That, for those of you who were too drowned in multimedia Harry Potter to notice, is the news from the real town where some estimate every tenth person is a witch. <sup>4</sup>



In June, the Salem town council eased its rules on fortune tellers — or, to be more specific, those locals who are engaged in "the telling of fortunes, forecasting of futures, or reading the past, by means of any occult, psychic power, faculty, force, clairvoyance, psychometric, phrenology, spirits, tea leaves, tarot cards, scrying, coins, sticks, dice, coffee grounds, crystal gazing or other such reading, or through mediumship, seership, prophecy, augury, astrology, palmistry, necromancy, mind-reading, telepathy or other craft, art, science, talisman, charm, potion, magnetism, magnetized article or substance, or by any such similar thing or act."

Salem may have been where witches were once tried and executed by puritans, but — thanks to the magic of branding — it has since become a mecca for witches and others involved in the occult arts, as well as for tourists. Around a hundred thousand tourists descend on the town every Halloween season.<sup>5</sup>

The Bible, God's inspired Word, condemns all of the aforementioned forms of witchcraft. Witchcraft by Biblical definition is seeking spiritual guidance, power, or knowledge from any source other than God and His holy Word. A witch is one who seeks or derives powers from the Devil. God hates witchcraft in every form... "*There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire [abortion], or that useth divination [psychics], or an observer of times [astrologers], or an enchanter [magicians], or a witch*" (Deuteronomy 18:10). It is a serious matter to God. There's no such thing as "white witchcraft." All witchcraft is rooted in rejection of Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God. Instead, witches worship hundreds of pagan deities, including the sex-perversed god of rape, Pan. Witches all adhere to New Age doctrines. Whether it be Freemasons, witches, New Agers, spiritists, or ecumenists—they all share the same common false idea that there are many paths to the light. In sharp contrast, the Bible proclaims that salvation can ONLY be obtained through Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:10-12). All other faiths, religions and paths lead to Hell.



## Contemporary Witchcraft

Wicca is a modern chapter of witchcraft actually founded by an occult Freemason, Gerald Gardner (1884-1964). In fact, many false religions have been founded by Freemason occultists, including Mormon founder, Joseph Smith who was a 33rd degree Freemason; and Jehovah's Witness founder, Charles Taze Russell, who was also a 33rd degree Freemason. See: Religions: The Occult Connection.

Modern witchcraft isn't a survival; but a contemporary invention based on the books of a strange Oxford scholar, Margaret Murray, or more recently on Gerald Gardner's 'Witchcraft Today' published in 1954 after the repeal of the witchcraft law in 1951.

David Burnett in his book *Dawning of the Pagan Moon* (ISBN-10: 0840796447) has identified four streams in contemporary neo-paganism: *Wicca*, or practitioners of the craft of witchcraft; *Pagans*, who follow the pre-Christian European traditions; and *Magicians*. The fourth stream is *Satanism*, which stands separate from the others because of its explicitly anti-Christian position. The Bible groups these all together as heathendom. Jeremiah 10:2, "*Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...*" 1st John 2:22 states, "*Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*" Wiccans are liars, because they deny that Jesus is the only Savior!

I plead with you young person (and not to be unkind in any way), run as fast as you can from witchcraft, because it will damn your soul to Hellfire! Witchcraft is a horrible sin. In 1st Samuel 15:23, God equates witchcraft to the sin of rebellion: "**For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...**" Again in Galatians 5:19, 20 we read that "witchcraft" is listed as one of "*the works of the flesh*" which bring the judgment of God.

According to John Allan of *YOUTHWORK* magazine:

"Wiccans believe in two basic deities — a mother goddess and a male horned god — although the goddess tends to be much more emphasized. Witchcraft is a matter of celebrating the powers in nature, joining in with them and perhaps using them to produce supernatural effects. Although you can practice alone, power and balance is gained by working with others. There are 4 main festivals-Candlemas, Beltane, Lammas and Halloween-but generally covens meet once a month at the full moon."

In sharp contrast, the Word of God does NOT teach a feminine side of the Godhead. The God of the Bible is portrayed in the Scriptures as a masculine God.

## The 1692 Witch Trials

Much propaganda has been circulated in recent decades to gain sympathy for witches in America, by focusing upon unjust executions and rigged juries. Certainly, this is unjust and evil. In particular, the infamous "witch trials" of 1692 are commemorated. There is no argument that innocent people sometimes suffer because of the ignorance and insanity of society. It is never right to punish someone based upon a rumor or the testimony of an angry mob. This is why the

Bill of Rights was created, which ensures a right to conviction by fair trial, by an unbiased jury, and without cruel and unusual punishment being inflicted.

Whether one realizes it or not, our entire legal system was established upon the Bible. In the good ole days of America, adultery was against the law, as was homosexuality, witchcraft and stealing. The Ten Commandments used to be the basis upon which our laws were based. Sadly, today's laws are increasingly being changed in accordance with the wickedness of an immoral and reckless apostate society. Please read, *The U.S. Constitution and Faith in God*.

We ought to obey the Laws set forth in the Word of God. Exodus 22:18 plainly states, *“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”* The Bible mandates the death penalty upon all genuine witches, just as the Bible pronounces death for all abortionists, adulterers, murders and homosexuals. Get mad at God if you don't like it, because He said it. Salem, Massachusetts is in serious trouble with God for legalizing, encouraging, sponsoring and honoring witchcraft.

Witchcraft should be punishable by law. No one has the freedom to undermine the very basis upon which freedom is established—FAITH IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE. The entire philosophy of witchcraft and Satanism is that a person can do anything they want, just so long as no one gets hurt; but that's the big lie, because fornication, homosexuality and abortion DOES hurt others, very much so; the evils of divorce, venereal disease, fatherless children, A.I.D.S. and millions of brutally aborted babies is evidence of this.

Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins so we could be delivered from the power of Satan... *“And I [Saul] said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose... To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me”* (Acts 26:15,16,18).

There is hope in Jesus Christ.

*“No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.”*

## REBELLION

Some Christians open themselves to demonic attack by backsliding. If a Christian backslides, grows cold in his allegiance to Christ, Satan will first tempt to sin and the door opens for an evil spirit to enter and take control of his life.

An evil spirit will not come in immediately, for God is merciful, but if the sin is continually indulged in after professed conversion, and not repented, then such a person is wide open to demonic oppression in its many forms.

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*Ye Must Be Born Again! / You Need HIS Righteousness!*



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<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Laurie Cabot

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<sup>3</sup> SOURCE: "An 'Official' Witch? Recognition of Laurie Cabot Poses Problems for Dukakis," *The Forerunner*, October 1988, p.22; Witchcraft and Politics: An "Official" State Witch? — The Champion

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