

Witchcraft



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Was Sybil Leak Really Saved?

is recognized by the heathen, it is generally looking upon the missionary as "superstition" and ignorance; whereas the ignorance is often on the part of the missionary, who is blinded by the prince of the power of the air to the revelation given in the Scriptures, concerning the satanic powers."

Sybil Leak, a popular witch, exploded on the scene in the sixties and eighties. She was a front line person spreading the powers of witchcraft across the country, universities and world wide.

Rise of Witchcraft

wrote in Witchcraft, "It is cold, it is hungry, it is violent, it is illusory. The warm blood and intercourse at the Sabbat do not satisfy it. It wants something more . . . It wants souls."

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THE DEATH OF THE WITCH SYBIL LEEK,

You may remember that Mrs. Leek, popularized the hunger for witchcraft in America visiting the talk shows and being interviewed for featured articles in leading magazines. Her books are still being taught in many universities and colleges courses. She became so successful that many said that she had forgotten how to cast a spell.

Did Ms. Leek become a Christian? The author has personally talked too many Christians from Melbourne, Florida area who all testify that they have first-hand knowledge of America's most famous witch of the seventies, Sybil Leek's profession of repentance and confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Arlene Coulter, Founder Resurrection Ranch, told me that while Sybil Leek was on her death bed at a local hospital, about fifty Christians linked arms outside and prayed for her soul. She said two women went in and Ms. Leek allowed them to pray for her. She prayed for Jesus Christ to save her. Another friend of mine, Rev. Irene Park, author of *The Witch That Switched* related to me how women from Melbourne had called her out of a meeting in Texas to ask her what to do. It is true, Jesus Christ translated both these witches, Sybil Leek and Irene Park, out of the kingdom of darkness into His wonderful light.

Another former witch of the seventies, Roberta Blankenship related in her book, *Escape From Witchcraft*, "Why did this happen to me. . . me of all people. . . with powers like mine? If that man knew what I could do, he would have been afraid to abuse me, afraid to touch me. He will pay!

"He will pay," she said to herself. I called Josie and told her that I was going to put a hex on him. I returned to him the pack of cigarettes and the brick with which he had tried to hit me."

Witches and wizards work their dark powers through objects. They are taught to get something in the house or the grounds of their victims. They plant the demons to attach themselves to these powers.

Blankenship goes on to say, "Then I went back home to look for anything which might belong to him. I found a carton to prepare and perform the incantation. I dressed myself in black, swearing like a mad woman, He will die for that. I'll destroy him. He'll suck the wrath of hell." I ran around my house chanting, "Give me powers, Draw it up out of my soul from the very roots of hell."

"Suddenly I fell on my knees," she wrote. Blankenship tells an amazing story about her discovery of the realization poured over her. The powers that she had just called, though, what she thought were her own gifts, were really the devious tricks of the devil. These tricks

were used to entrap her. She said, "My powers were produced by and rooted in evil. For almost three years, I had blindly claimed these powers as my own, never realizing whose puppet I had become." Then she heard a sound of thunder echoed within the walls of her mind and a force crackled, a demonic voice spoke, "You stupid fool. Where did you think, you got your power from?" Then the evil thing laughed again shrieking, "I am not through with you."

Ms. Blankenship was shocked and wanted to end her life after discovering that her wicked powers were coming from Satan. She writes with pointed horror, "I screamed aloud, hoping I could hear my own voice above the other. "I'm crazy. I'm crazy. Kill me. I'm crazy. I ran to the Kitchen and grabbed a butcher knife, ready to slash my wrists."

Sudden she froze as the diabolical voice continued, "I'm not through with you. You've just begun. So do as I say." It commanded her to bow down and worship Satan. Blankenship writes, "I, Roberta Blankenship, bowed down on my knees, raised my arms into the air and said, "Satan, you are my master and prince. I know you are my source of power. Use me as you will I am yours." With that statement, she fell flat on the floor and cried, "The devil is real!"

SPIRIT WHITE WITCHCRAFT

Many modern witches, claim to be heirs to an unbroken religious tradition stretching back into primeval history. They worship the Great Mother, Gaia, the earth mother, the symbol of fertility and the oldest and most elemental of the ancient gods. White witchcraft insists that it is a religion and not an evil cult.

White witches believe there is a distinction between white magick and black magick. But the source of power for white witchcraft, white magick is the same as that of black witchcraft and black magick. It is all from the same Devil. Remember any supernatural power that is not association with Jesus Christ and His Word is of Satan.

Vice President Gore wrote a book in the eighties, called, *Earth in Balance*, which challenges Christians "to worship mother earth." He says that they are ignorant if they keep their minds closed to other forms of religions. He claims to be a Southern Baptist. What a shame. What a deception!

Wicca is a cult of neo paganism, or white witchcraft that has been flourishing in the west since the 1960s. The group maintain that their "old religion" is not connected to Satan worship The gods of Wicca are Mother Goddess who ruled the Harvest god who ruled fishing and hunting.

William Schnoebelen, a former high priest in Wicca, explains that there are many differences between Wicca groups. In his book *Wicca: Satan's Little White Lie*, he describes some of the variations he found. Some groups perform their ceremonies nude, while others

wear robes. In some groups members are scourged with a whip during a ceremony, but most groups do not use whips. Some groups practice ritual sex and sexual orgies; others abstain from sexual ceremonies. There are, however, a few common elements in all Wicca and neo-pagan practices.

During the witches' high days, October 18, 31, Halloween, 1989, a strange middle-aged couple moved into a rented house in a Jacksonville neighborhood. A friend noticed different dogs in the yard every day. The people were more than fifty years old, yet, they had a young child that called them "mother, and daddy." A huge rental truck sat in front the home for many days, and a Harley motorcycle was also parked in the front lawn.

Candles flickered at night and each passing day, the neighborhood buzzed over their fences about the strange happenings with the unconventional couple. Sometimes, they saw other cars visit the couple. Then, they noticed the young child was no longer in view. Suspiciously, they called the landlord with their curious views.

The landlord arrived on the scene and opened the garage doors. Stacked in the garage, were about fifteen cages with dogs and another fifteen with cats. The stench was more than the Landlord was able to stand. She approached the couple and told them they simply could not rent her property under such conditions. Unless they were willing to get rid of all the animals but one or two of them, they would have to leave.

Suddenly the couple decided to leave. The neighbors watched them pack the cages onto a big semi truck.

This writer called the local police and reported the situation. When the police arrived they had all the dogs and cats in a with the door shut. When the police arrived, they were getting ready to drive away. The police questioned them for about five minutes and left. There was still no sign of the small child that was originally seen in the beginning. The police drove away. They never asked to see what was in the back of the truck.

The strange lady came over to borrow a hose to wash the garage down before leaving. The neighbor that called me said that these strange people said, "we were told by the policeman, you just have some nosey neighbors who called the police station, that's all." They laughed and the policeman took off on his motorcycle not even bothering checking what was in the back of the rental truck. The policeman did not even ask about where the child was that had been calling them "Mother and Daddy!

This is a true story.

SPIRIT OF SPIRITISM

God does address the issue of spirit contact. What does God say about it? God forbids divination, sorcery, spirit contact, consulting mediums, consulting those who contact the dead, casting spells, and heeding omens, (Deut. 18: 10-12).

SPIRITS OF OCCULT INVASION

We are living in a time of great apostasy in the church. There are very Christian apologists writing concerning some of the ramped heresies that are exploding daily. The need to see the truth is greatly needed. For instance, Former First Lady, Senator Hillary Clinton talks to Eleanor Roosevelt, while the late Jeanne Dixon counseled many Presidents in America. Prince Charles of Buckingham Palace, has become to be interested in spiritism. He claims to speak to his uncle Count Mountbatten. Although the Prince of Wales was married in a Christian ceremony, he dabbles with the occult. He does not believe this to be satanic and thinks the public should be more "open-minded." Both Jeanne Dixon and the Prince claim to be "Christians." If he becomes King of England, he will actually become head of the Anglican Church and at the coronation of an English monarch, he is given a sword. Elizabeth II took it last, and as she held it before the altar, she heard these words.

"Receive this kingly Sword, brought now from the altar of God and delivered to you by us, the Bishops and servants of God, through unworthy. With this Sword do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order; that doing these things you may be glorious in all virtue; and so faithfully serve our Lord."⁴⁰

The Lord detests all who dabble with witchcraft. We cannot seek false gods - idols. (1 Jn.. 5:21. 1 Cor. 10:14 Ps. 78:58). Test the spirits to see if they are of God. (1 Jn.. 4:1). The demons replying to contacts are not dead people or wise spiritual beings, but evil spirits. The messages from these spirits may mention God, but they never urge Bible study, worship of God, or the need for Christ as Savior. These evil spirits deny Christ as the Savior or distort His message.

Christians are forbidden to acquire information from God through evil spirit contact. They, at no time, must seek out a medium, channeler, or psychic that will contact evil spirits who play to finish their minds and prey on their grief to steal souls. Instead, God gave us His only son, and He gave us His word in scripture. Through trusting in the work of Christ on the cross as the atonement for our sins, we are reconciled to God. Jesus, who has power over all the spiritual realms, has this to say: "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades," (Rev. 1:17b-18).

We are seeing more and more of an integration of the occult into and through supposedly Christian personalities but the Bible reveals that God and the devil cannot rule the same life! If, instead of “forsaking all” one seeks after Satan using his devilish devices, the cost may be eternity in the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8 22:15). Isaiah wrote: “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: Shall not a people see unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them!”

SPIRITS OF SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCES

Lincoln's wife was haunted by so-called ghosts (impersonating demons). Abraham Lincoln's widow, Mary Todd Lincoln turned to spiritualism for comfort and began attending séances to contact her beloved child. Her husband was distressed and attended several séances with her in attempt to expose the mediums as frauds. Lincoln ordered the head of the Smithsonian Institution to investigate one of his wife's favorite mediums, but Mary continued her contacts with the dead despite her husband's disapproval. After having lost another son, Tad, as well as her husband, she claimed to be visited constantly by the ghosts (impersonating demons) of portraying themselves as family members. She heard voices and had numerous hallucinations.

A typical complaint was that she had been seized by an Indian (demon) who was pulling wires out of her head. There is a strange photograph of Mrs. Lincoln where the ghostly hands of supposedly her husband or one of her dead sons can be seen clearly on her shoulders. At the end of her life, she died in an asylum.

WESTERN EXPERIENCES

The Messages from the Spirits: John Edward's show, "*Crossing Over*," was so popular on the Sci-Fi channel, that it “crossed over” from cable to regular network. Edward approaches a section of the audience and starts giving his “impressions” of what he is getting, whether it be a name, numbers, or a date, until someone responds with information that matches. He also asks the person questions as he tosses out “clues” he says he is receiving. Sometimes it seems that he is throwing out very general information and that the person in the audience is filling in the blanks for Edward. Other times, Edward seems to be uncannily accurate. Is he really receiving messages from dead people?

Interestingly, it seems the dead have a hard time being very clear. For example, they may show Edward pink roses to say that everything is alright, according to Edward, or they may show Edward a flag to indicate their past patriotism in this life. It is sort of like a game of spiritual charades. One wonders about this. Why can't the dead just speak words to Edward,

or write them out on a "spirit chalkboard" so to speak? James Van Praagh, in explaining the difficulty he has in interpreting the symbols shown to him by spirits, said that the recently deceased spirits were just learning to communicate, and so one could not expect all messages to be clear. This raises other questions: Why do recently dead people have trouble communicating? Where do they get these objects that they show Edward and Van Praagh? Why can't they just project their thoughts into Edward's mind? Why are their messages so prosaic and, well, boring? The picture one gets of these creatures certainly does not present a very interesting company of people to pass the time with. Why would these spirits have any special wisdom just because they are dead?

Though the spirits always claim to be happy and to be doing well (is Hitler also there with them, doing okay?), we do not know why they are happy and doing well. What do they do, exactly? And if they told us, how do we know it's true? How can we test these spirits to see if they are lying about anything or everything they tell the mediums? The answer is that we can't test them based on our own experiences since we haven't been to the other side. Only God really knows if these spirits are telling the truth, and who these spirits are.

Note that the messages from the "dead," from the spirits, and from channeled entities never encourage people to believe the Bible, never urge people to trust Christ for salvation, and often openly contradict God's word or even speak derisively of Christ as Savior. For example, the "God" in Walsch's books attacks very early on the credibility of the Bible, which he mentions specifically, saying that words cannot contain truth (of course, that should apply to Walsch's books as well since they are nothing but words!). This "God" also attacks the idea that there is right and wrong, and urges Walsch to abandon previous beliefs. At one point, "God" even tells Walsch that he (Walsch) is God's equal, and that Adam's fall was actually his "upliftment," and that it was not sin, but was a "first blessing,"⁴¹ This is directly opposite of God's Word.

SPIRITS OF THE SIXTH SENSE

Some movies that have popularized spirit contact are "The Sixth Sense," "What Lies Beneath," and "The Others." "The Sixth Sense" gave the message that receiving communications from the dead is a special gift. The young boy in the movie finally accepts this as his gift, and he is able to help someone who is grieving over a death.

In addition to the mediums and the movies, there is the angel phenomenon. Angel books abound. Angels are popularized in movies and on TV shows like "Touched By an Angel." Workshops are offered to teach one how to contact one's Guardian Angel. Angels are promoted as guides. In fact, angels are the new spirit guides, and it seems so much safer to contact an angel than just any old spirit.²⁴

Departed spirits are only demons in disguise. Mediums are demon possessed and are used by evil spirits to deceive others into the occult. A demon (evil spirit) can imitate people and work with a medium and deceive their loved ones into believing that their loved ones actually are speaking to them. The deceived one has been opened up to demon activity, himself, and is in bondage until Jesus delivers him.

The only guide we want is the Holy Spirit, not evil spirits.

Witchcraft, Divination and Sorcery

Witchcraft is the use of a person employing Satanic power. It is Satan's way of imposing his will on your will and enforcing emotions, behaviors, or circumstances on people they would not otherwise want. Witchcraft cause to be endured, its power primarily through curses and spells.

SATANIC POWER

Divination is fortune telling, or forecasting the future under the power of a demon. People want to know about the time to come. Sometimes soothsaying can be found in the church masquerading as prophecy. Many Christians get caught up in some prophetess or prophet to tell them "what God is saying about them. Really, if you want to know what God is saying about you, study His Word.

Sorcery operates by Satan's supernatural power and is released through drugs, fetishes, potions, (conjured by wizards' and witches') drink or food that has been ritualistically fashioned to bind the person. It can be released in music, charms, and fetishes.

The Bible says that witchcraft is the root of all rebellion. "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," (1 Sam. 15:23).

Rebellion is the taproot of witchcraft. It is the root of all human troubles and its roots run the deepest. Notice two actions are connected to witchcraft, stubbornness is likened to idolatry and rebellion is witchcraft. Rebellion says, "I will do it my way—not God's way and stubbornness says, I won't change!"

There are three key words identifying witchcraft: manipulation, domination and intimidation. These words translate into "control." Anytime someone asserts authority not given by God. It is called witchcraft; it is rebellion against delegated authority. When one uses such illegitimate authority, one resorts to manipulating, dominating or intimidating in order to rule over other people!

SPIRITUAL REVELATIONS

If you are going to understand the Word of God, you must have a spiritual attitude toward it. The Lord said that “the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned,” (I Cor. 2:14).

God refuses to reveal Himself to just any casual passerby. The Lord indicated this when He said in the Sermon on the Mount. “Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn against you and rend you,” (Matt. 7:6). This same thought must have been in his mind when He prayed, saying, “I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in they sight,” (Matt. 11:25,26).

The fact that one must have a spiritual attitude that comes from spiritual life in order to understand the deep things of the Word of God is also the true meaning of the great verse which I quote in paraphrase: “For whosoever hath [new life in Christ] to him shall be given [knowledge of the divine plan and revelation], and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not [the new life in Christ], from him shall be taken away even that [common sense and deep learning that might make him one of the world’s leaders of the world’s thinking] he hath,” (Matt. 13:12). ¹

GOD IS ALL POWERFUL

Though Satan is powerful, God is all-powerful! The Lord Jesus pointed out that He could pray to the Father who would immediately give Him more than twelve legions of angels (Matt. 16:53). And if He so desired He would not have to confine Himself to angels who had been long in His service. Our God is the Creator. He could of stones raise up children to Abraham (Matt. 3:9) and could with a single word call into being fresh multitudes of yet uncreated hosts. ²

If we revert to the military illustration, it would appear that angels of every rank in both camps are constantly at war with each other in the invisible realm. There is no question of overcoming these spirit beings, the victory or the defeat is gained by the application of the power of Jesus and the withdrawal of the inferior demonic force. The importance of all this truth to believers in our day is that it can be demonstrated from the Word of God. The warfare in the invisible realm principally concerns individuals in the human realm. ³

These spirits are shown as varied ranks to the graduations of the army. In the seventeenth century, we find Wycliff using the word Hierarchies to describe angels. This is an allusion to the fourth century work attributed to Dionysius the Arepagite, who divided the heavenly beings into three hierarchies, each of which was supposed to contain three choirs or orders. The highest of these hierarchies was composed of the cherubim, (not Satanic nude baby angels), the seraphim, and the thrones, the second included dominions, virtues, and powers, and the third contained the others mentioned in Scripture, principalities, archangels and angels. ⁴

PRINCIPALITIES

Principalities (Greek. **arche**, "first," and so "rule, magistracy"). Used by Paul of angels and demons who were invested with power (Rom. 8:38), elsewhere rendered "**rulers**" (Eph. 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Col. 1:16; etc.). ⁵

A powerful ruler, or the rule of someone in authority. The word (often found in the plural) may refer to human rulers (Tit. 3:1, KJV), demonic spirits (Rom. 8:38; Eph. 6:12; Col. 2:15), angels and demons in general (Eph. 3:10; Col. 1:16), or (especially when used in the singular) any type of ruler other than God Himself (Eph. 1:21; Col. 2:10). While Christians must often wrestle against evil principalities (Eph. 6:12), they can be victorious because Christ defeated all wicked spirits (Col. 2:15). ⁶

In the New Testament "principality" occurs for arche, "rule," generally in the plural, referring (a) to men in authority (Tit. 3:1), "Put them in mind to be subject (the King James Version; "in subjection," the Revised Version (British and American)) to principalities (the King James Version; "rulers," the Revised Version (British and American)), and powers" (the King James Version; "to authorities," the Revised Version (British and American)); (b) to superhuman agencies, angelic or demonic (Rom. 8:38; Eph. 3:10; 6:12; Col. 1:16; 2:10,15).

The apostle Paul was keenly sensible of the dualism of mind and body and of the law in his members warring against the law of his mind (Rom. 7:23), and of the temporary victory of the evil, residing in the flesh, over the good of the spirit (verses 14 ff). This dualism was objected in Zoroastrianism, and among the Babylonians the several heavenly bodies were regarded as ruled by spirits, some good, some evil.

A WINNING BLOW FOR WITCHCRAFT

It's finally happened. On October 3, 2002, Joe Izzo, a student in the San Mateo High School, appeared on the Bill O'Reilly, The O'Reilly Factor, TV program, to defend Satan. "He is the president of the **Satan Thought Club** that meets on the school grounds." If a Christian wanted to have a prayer meeting on school grounds, the school officials, citing that the Constitution forbids religious meetings, would shut them down. However, the school officials said they could not do anything about the **Satan Thought Club** and refused to appear on the program. It was only a matter of time before Satan could inspire his religion to flourish after Americans removed prayer, God and the Ten Commandments from our school systems.

SUPERNATURAL POWER

Psychics, New Agers, mediums, Satanists, those who follow the occult and spiritualists are seeking power. They are looking for supernatural ways to improve conditions of possessing greater power over the minds of the average human being. They are bringing an onslaught of counterfeit faiths, including the pursuit of witchcraft and Satanism.

You probably know persons who place their faith somewhere else other than in God. Where are they placing their hopes? Do we as a nation look elsewhere for help? Do you personally look for security and satisfaction somewhere else? Where?

Will the Church respond to the supernatural move of Satan? Will we continue to ignore the plot and plans of the Devil to steal our children by keeping our faith locked inside the church walls? Can we teach our people to motivate by the **Great Commission** to carry the gospel to our cities and take territory for Jesus Christ? Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe . . ." (Mk. 16:15-17). Just imagine what would happen if every church became evangelistic in our nation? We could recapture our country for Christ! There is a great darkness covering the world, including our nation. What are you doing? What is your church doing?

IDOLATRY AND NATIONAL CURSE

Jeremiah says that idolatry makes us look foolish and causes us to become as worthless as the idols we worship. Do our contemporary idols make us act foolishly? If so, How? How can we grow worthless by placing our faith in something less than God? "Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit." (Jer. 2:11).

In Jeremiah chapter two, we see the people have raced after other gods and we can hear in Jeremiah's words the anger and disgust he feels at their faithlessness. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water," (Jer. 2:13).

We hear, too, a desperate word of warning: Turn back! You are bringing destruction upon yourselves by forsaking your God!

"Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. 37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them,"

Jeremiah's message could be given to our nation today! We are witnessing the problems of faithlessness and idolatry. We see the Word of God treated as being worthlessness and that is sometimes translated as "delusion."

Jeremiah uses the word in Hebrews that plays upon the name Baal, the Canaanite fertility god.

By using this particular word, he subtly underlines Baal's unreality and impotence. Next we find a series of metaphors describing the depravity and the ultimate foolishness of Israel's sin. He described the high hills and green trees of verse 20 refer to pagan religious practices. The fertility cults worshiped on hilltops and held trees as sacred objects.

"Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts. 20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou sadist, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. 21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? 22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD," (Jer. 2:19-22).

The Valley cited in verse 23 is probably the valley of Hinnom outside Jerusalem. "How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways," (Jer. 2:23). This valley is famous as the scene of orgies and child sacrifice in the name of Baal.

In verse 27 he mentions stones and trees. Large sacred stones and wooden pillars were used in Baal worship.

"Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. 28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. (Jer. 2:27-28).

Then in Chapter three he continues the denunciation of Israel's idolatry. Here, however, Jeremiah concentrates on a single image, that of Israel as a promiscuous woman.

"They say, if a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. 2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness," (Jer. 3:1-2).

The western part of the Church sees itself as immune to the powers of darkness and believes that demonology is just a concern for the idolatrous, heathen countries. However, we become more and more idolatrous as we seek after everything but Jesus in our homes, churches and government.

The author attended a church about fifteen years ago. An evangelist came to speak whose evangelistic field was in one of the dark nations. He said from the platform, “When we come to America to raise funds for our work, the pastors tell us not to speak about demonology or witchcraft. Our people just don’t want to know about these things.” This evangelist said that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that in the coming days, churches in America would have to hold all night prayer meetings just to be able to survive! Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to spiritual things. The Apostle Paul said that “He would not have us ignorant of spiritual things!

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, that we may see You, once again

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