

Dear Friends,

We have been warning about the growth of psychism and spiritualism and its infiltration of the churches. Psychism may be defined as man's reaching out into the worlds of spirit to gain information and advantage. It includes clairvoyance (the ability to gain knowledge through other ways than the five senses), foretelling the future, telepathy, ESP, PSI, and other psychic phenomena. It includes spiritism, which is the attempt to contact the dead.

With frightening speed, the world is turning to these things. A large corporation is making a serious study of telepathy as a means of communications. Universities are approving the study of "parapsychology". The religion of spiritualism based on supposed contact with the departed (experience indicates the contact is with demons masquerading as the departed persons) is rampant, not only among non-Christians, but also among the officially Christian. In England an organisation called the "Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies" is pushing psychical investigations among Anglicans. Its official magazine abounds in book reviews and articles on "survival", seances, clairvoyance, astral projection, reincarnation etc. The Society numbers among its patrons twentyfive Bishops of the Church of England. In the U.S.A. we have the "Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship", a roughly corresponding organization which offers meetings under the leadership of such men as the Rev. Arthur Ford, a spiritualist who is billed as "America's leading message medium" and who is mentioned extensively in the P.I. Articles.

① These things are strictly forbidden in Holy Scriptures. Read these references:- Deut.18:9-14. "When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of these nations. There shall not be found among you any one who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, any one who practices divination, a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord; and because of these abominable practices the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. For these nations which you are about to dispossess, give heed to soothsayers and to diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you so to do."

② Acts 16: 16-18 : "As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.' And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, 'I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

③ Isaiah 47: 9-14: "These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments. You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, 'No one sees me'; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me.' But evil shall come upon you, for which you cannot atone; disaster shall fall upon you, which you will not be able to expiate; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing. Stand fast in your enchantments and your many sorceries, with which you have laboured from your youth; perhaps you may be able to succeed, perhaps you may inspire terror. You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new moons predict what shall befall you."

④ 11 Kings 17:17-18: "And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger. Therefore, the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight; none was left but the tribe of Judah only."

⑤ Lev.19: 31 : "Do not turn to mediums or wizards; do not seek them out, to be defiled by them; I am the Lord your God."

⑥ 11 Thess. 2: 7-12: "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of His mouth and destroy him by His appearing and His coming. The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.