

OVERVIEW OF THE SPIRITS OF OCCULTISM AND ADDICTIONS – Part 2

We are going to do an overview on addictions because they are a major problem in our world today. First let us define an addiction or addictions. Some people have one addiction, and some have several, which is referred to as cross addiction. An addiction is anything we use i.e., drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, gambling, etc., to medicate pain we are having in our spirit, soul, and/or body. Addictions are considered idolatry by God and are therefore sin. Addictions are demonic and most of the time a person cannot stop the use of what they are using to self-medicate by their own willpower.

We are going to list demonic spirits which are often a part of the bondage an addicted person is in.

The first is:

Witchcraft – we have defined witchcraft as any person, place or thing a person is reaching out to, for the ungodly acquisition and use of power. Again a short list would be drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, and gambling. The addict is obsessed with the use of one or more what we will call drugs of choice and requires more and more of what they are using to medicate themselves as time goes on. It is believed that any addictive person, place or thing manipulates the pleasure centers of the brain. We are not going to say a lot about the consequences from the use of addictions. We will mention a few i.e., sickness, disease, death, prison, divorce, poverty, damage to families, and citizens.

Witchcraft, sorcery, and divination/ Occultism – includes:

Whoredoms-Spiritual adultery

Idolatry – Anything we depend on bypassing God

Stubbornness – Resistance to obeying God

Rebellion – Continual resistance to obeying God

Control – the use of the drug of choice

Manipulation – the use of power or knowledge to force a desired result

Obsession – insidious craving

Compulsion – increasing dependance

Seduction – spirits replaying the benefits of the addiction

Lust – spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional desires increasing from continual seduction

Perversion – anything we subject our body to that it wasn't created for, i.e., drunkenness, gluttony, sexual sin, etc.

Deception – demons deceiving believers, deception brings denial, avoidance, secrecy, and dishonesty

Lying – believers lying from having been deceived

Insanity – continual use of addictions, even when consequences are taking place

Spirits of Bondage – inability to stop any destructive behavior

Familiar Spirits – aiding in generational iniquities being passed down to future generations

Spirits of Inherited Alcoholic and Addictive Mindsets

Spirits of inordinate affections – can be sexual or non-sexual. Idolatrous relationships i.e., codependency and soul ties, enabling

False Personalities – a change of behavior or personalities after using the drug of choice or to manipulate someone to provide your drug of choice

False Religions, Cults, and False Religious Practices – covenant, vows, agreements, and ungodly assignments

It is impossible to list all of the unloving, traumatic events which could create pain that causes the need to self-medicate, however, we are going to list some.

Bitterness and Unforgiveness which causes a person to feel rejected, abandoned, alone.

Resentment and retaliation can cause a person to be very fearful and have a sense of worthlessness.

Hatred and Violence can bring spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical damage.

Continual Criticism and Condemnation will bring guilt, shame, and condemnation into a persons life.

Envy and Jealousy from not being loved brings mental torment as all abuse does.

Rejection and Abandonment can cause a deep sense of the need to be loved and accepted. Also guilt, shame, and condemnation, feeling defective, worthless, helpless, and hopeless. As the saying goes, One will be looking in all the wrong places for love.

Fear, Anxiety and Stress creates pain in the central nervous system. Also deviant fight or flight can do damage to the immune system causing many painful conditions.

This leaves us with a thumb nail sketch of addictions and the damage and the demons involved.

Addicts are looking for the need to be loved and to stop the pain. Deliverance is necessary to help an addicted individual to not only stop self-medicating but also to heal the broken heart and to be free to love God, to know the love of God, to be able to love other and receive love and to be able to love themselves. We have been doing this process for over 20 years at Son Rise Church.

New Age Vocabulary

There is a subtle deception taking place whereby the church is being infiltrated with false concepts on diagnosing and treating disease. The deception is directly related to the New Age movement. Many people involved in these techniques of diagnosis and treatment are unaware that they are involved in New Age metaphysics, Eastern religion, and the occult.

In Eastern philosophy, from which a number of these ideas stem, there is no separation between natural and supernatural. All things are part of the whole. There is no separation between the “physical world” and the “spirit world”; one flows and interacts with the other. There is no separation between body, mind, and spirit. There is no separation in Eastern medicine between the physical treatment of the body and the religious philosophy behind the treatment.

It is our intention to bring to light the background information on several of the more common forms of alternative medicine. Many people have innocently submitted themselves to these forms of treatment and diagnosis. They have no idea that they are also ensnared by the occult philosophy behind the procedure. Submitting to these alternative forms of therapy can result in exposure to the occult and open doorways for demonization.

The following definitions will help us to understand the unacceptable philosophies behind these various treatments.

Acupuncture: Based on the Chinese tradition that proper body function is controlled by the flow of the “life energy” of *Ch’i* through the body. Chinese medicine teaches that disease or pain in the body indicates that the flow of the *Ch’i* is either excessive, restricted, or blocked. Acupuncture therapists try to help restore the free flow of the *Ch’i* by stimulating specific points of the body by inserting needles, applying small electric charges, using high frequency sound waves, or by using a low power laser.

Acupressure: Based on the same Chinese tradition as acupuncture, that proper body function is controlled by the flow of “life energy” of *Ch’i* through the body. Chinese medicine teaches that disease or pain in the body indicates that the flow of the *Ch’i* is either excessive, restricted, or blocked. Acupressure therapists try to help restore the free flow of the *Ch’i* by stimulating specific points of the body by finger pressure. Other names for varied forms of this technique include:

Myotherapy: Tries to manipulate the *Ch’i* by body “trigger points”

Orgonomy: Claims to free the flow of the *Ch’i* through sexual orgasm

Reflexology: Focuses on claimed pressure points on the foot or hand

Rolfing: Claims to manipulate the *Ch’i* through intense massage

Applied Kinesiology: Pronounced Kin-ee-si-ology. Based on the teaching found in *The Yellow Emperor’s Classic of Internal Medicine*, which is a combination of philosophy and Taoist metaphysics. *Applied Kinesiology* teaches that the strength or weakness of certain muscle groups reflects the status of our internal organs. An example of this would be a weak deltoid ^(a thick, triangular shoulder) muscle indicates a weak gallbladder. *Applied Kinesiology* also teaches how to determine which foods are harmful to the body. A certain food is held in the hand or in the mouth while the therapist tries to pull down the opposite, extended arm. If the arm is stronger, the food will help to balance the flow of *Ch’i* ^[life energy], and one will benefit from the food. If the arm is weaker, the food will cause imbalance of the *Ch’i* and is toxic to the person.

Biofeedback: Pronounced Bio-fee-back. *Biofeedback* involves the use of special electronic monitoring equipment to help a person gain control of a body function which normally cannot consciously be regulated. In medicine, *Biofeedback* is being studied as a way to control the pain of, ‘a muscle contraction headache.’ In holistic health, *Biofeedback* is used as a form of “electronic yoga,” a highly technical means of altering consciousness and inducing physic experiences. *Biofeedback* is in the category of a neutral technology, which can be used for good or bad depending on the philosophy and training of the therapist.

Ch’i: Pronounced Key. Chinese medicine is based on the concept of *Ch’i*, a universal, invisible life energy believed to flow through all living organisms. Chinese medicine teaches that *Ch’i* is ‘inhaled’ with the air and ‘extracted’ from food and drink. It is claimed that, in the body, *Ch’i* flows through twelve invisible channels called ‘*meridians*’, each of which is associated with a particular organ of the body. Ten of the ‘*meridians*’ are associated with known organs, while two are named for non-existent organs ^[Circulation and Triple Warmer]. Chinese medicine teaches that in a healthy person the *Ch’i* flows freely through the ‘*meridians*’ in a one-way circuit which resembles a road map with sharp turns in the fingers and toes.

Chinese medicine teaches that illness occurs when the flow of the *Ch’i* is either excessive, restricted, or blocked, in 3 particular areas of the body, thus disrupting the balance of ‘yin and

yang'. It is claimed that healing occurs when the flow of the *Ch'i* is regulated and the proper balance between 'yin and yang' is restored.

Homeopathy: Pronounced Hom-e-op-athy. Based on the work of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann (German), who concluded that "like cures like." In other words, the best remedy for a disorder is a substance that causes the same symptoms in a health person. Homeopathic practitioners dilute their medicines by astronomical proportions. The potency of the substance is said to be maintained or enhanced, in such infinitesimal concentrations, by vigorous shaking at each step of the dilution. To find the herb for the original tincture ^[the characteristic quality] of the preparation, the homeopathic researchers often turn to occult practices. The researchers often use a pendulum or work with mediums who seek the information from spirits.

Iridology: Pronounced Eye-rid-ology. Based on the work of Dr. Ignatz von Peczely (Hungarian), who broke the leg of his own pet as a child and noted the change in the bird's iris. *Iridology* teaches that the iris of the eye is a map of the body and that every disease and affliction, past, present, and future, is displayed there. There is no physiological basis for *Iridology*. It is used as a form of divination, like palmistry is used.

Chiropractic: Pronounced Ki-ro-prac-tic. Based on the work of D. D. Palmer who was a magnetic healer for nine years before he "discovered" the principles that comprise methods known as *Chiropractic*. The following is a quoted from the textbook on *The Science, Art and Philosophy of Chiropractic* by D.D. Palmer (1910), Chapter 11, 'The Inner Power Speaks.'

"We release the prisoned impulse, the tiny rivulet of force that emanates from the mind and flows over the nerves to the cells and stirs them to life. We deal with the magic power that transforms common food into living, loving, thinking clay; that robes the earth with beauty, and hues and scents the flowers with the glory of the air. In the dim, dark, distant long ago, when the sun first bowed to the morning star, this power spoke and there was life, it quickened the slime of the sea and dust of the earth and drove the cell to union with its fellows in countless living forms. Through eons of time, it finned the fish and winged the bird and fanged the beast. Endlessly it worked, evolving its forms until it produced the crowning glory of them all. With tireless energy it blows the bubble of each individual life and then silently, relentlessly, dissolves the form, and individual life into itself again. And you ask, can Chiropractic cure appendicitis or the flu? Have you more faith in a knife or a spoonful of medicine than THE INNATE POWER that animates the internal living world?"

It is important to remember, as Christians, our faith is not in the 'knife' or in the 'medicine', or in "The Innate Power." Our faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Palmer was an occultist, a pantheist, ^[believes in many or all gods] and an evolutionist. The "Innate Power" to which Dr. Palmer refers is called many things by many different philosophies. Some other names for so-called "life energy," which are designations for the occult power, which are behind New Age metaphysics are as follows:

Life Energy: See *Ch'i* – Occult concept with different names:

Prana: *Hinduism*

Ch'i: *Taoism* and ancient Chinese medicine

Man: Polynesian Kahunas ^[witch doctors]

Animal Magnetism: Franz Anton Mesmer, founder of *Hypnotism*

The Innate Power: Dr. D.D. Palmer, founder of *Chiropractic*

Vital Energy: Samuel Hahnemann, founder of *Homeopathy*

The Force: George Lucas, creator of the Star Wars.

There are forms of physical therapy and massage which are not based on an occult philosophy. One can rub tired feet without fear of being involved in *Reflexology*. If someone rubs another's back it does not necessarily mean that one is involved in *Acupressure*.

Metaphysics: Pronounced Met-a-fiz-iks. A philosophy ^[belief] that is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality ^[truth] and being. ^[life]

New Age Metaphysics: ^[Fundamentals of New Age beliefs]

All in One: Proponents of *New Age* thinking believe in the concept that: Everything is a part of everything else. An example would be: "I am a part of you; you are a part of a peach; a peach is part of a dog; a dog is part of me."

Man is a divine being: Proponents of *New Age* thinking believe in the concept that: There is only one single reality, and that we are all parts of it. Our innermost self is divine or 'God'.

The purpose of life is to become aware of our divine nature: Proponents of *New Age* thinking believe in the concept that: We are all emanations of one reality, so there is no need for forgiveness or salvation. We only need enlightenment to understand our own divinity.

Enlightenment leads to the exercise of "psychospiritual" power: Proponents of *New Age* thinking believe in the concept that: As we progress in knowledge of the reality which exists beyond our five senses, manipulations of the spiritual and physical world are possible by controlling one's consciousness.

Taoism: Pronounced Dou-ism. The word *Tao* literally means "the way." We are told in the Word of God, that Jesus is "THE Way".

Based on the writings of Lao-tze, ^[the Old Master] *Taoism* is centered on importance of process and change, the concept that nature and the universe flow in an endless course of continuous cycles. *Taoism* urges human beings, who are seen as utterly dependent on nature, to live in harmony with these cycles and becomes "one" with Tao.

Therapeutic Touch: Based on the studies of Dolores Kreiger, R.N., who has taught this technique to hundreds of nurses. Kreiger, while being trained by a psychic, began to experiment with the transfer of human energies and developed the theory of *Therapeutic Touch* from her experiences. Her understanding of *Therapeutic Touch* came from studying Hindu medicine, Chinese medicine, and Yoga. Krieger makes clear in her book that Eastern mysticism and the transfer of Prana from one person to another is the basis for *Therapeutic Touch*.

Yin and Yang: *Taoism* teaches that *Yin and Yang* are the two fundamental forces which generate all the transformation in the universe. The words *Yin and Yang* mean “the shady and sunny sides of the hill.” *Taoism* teaches that all events in nature and in human lives are influenced by the ever-changing interplay of these forces.

Jesus told us in Matthew 10:16, *Be you therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves*. This information is not intended to be used as a means to attack others. It is shared with the intent of bringing to light, areas where the enemy is getting into the lives of some Christians and ensnaring them. We are not and have no desire to be “experts” on the *New Age*, however, we have found it important to have some understanding of this subject. God has called us to help people be free of demonic bondage. We see more and more Christians ignorantly ensnared through *New Age* involvements and that is why this teaching is so important to uncover the schemes of the enemy.

This will conclude our teaching on part 2 of the Spirits of Occultism and some of the underling spirits that support it.

Now, we will focus on a principal called the 8 R's to Freedom.

The 8 R's to freedom are 8 steps that we will be using to do this deliverance:

- Recognize – any addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, and gambling etc.
- Responsibility – take responsibility for any sin or iniquity from your generations or your own life
- Repent – ask for forgiveness, receive forgiveness, and desire to forsake the sin(s)
- Renounce – take authority and bind any sin or iniquity
- Remove It – cast out the sins and or iniquities in Jesus' name
- Resist – be prepared to say “I don't receive you” when the enemy tries to come back
- Rejoice – give God thanksgiving for all He has done for you and praise Him for all that He is

- Restore – try to help others as you begin to walk in freedom

Now, we will go into the deliverance prayers for this teaching.

The Deliverance Prayers For The Spirits of Occultism

To begin our deliverance on the spirits of occultism, we want to first look at:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (KJVer) ⁴⁾*(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,^[fleshly] but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

⁵⁾*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Luke 10:19 (KJVer) *Behold, I give to you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

These are two of the many Scriptures confirming our mandate and authority to do spiritual warfare in Jesus' name. The first example is when demons are trying to torment you and obtain lodging in your heart.

- **PRAYER:** I do not receive you (spirit of addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, and gambling, etc.) in Jesus' name. I command you to leave me in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. For it is written, I was not given a spirit of (addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, and gambling etc.), but the spirits of power, love, and a sound mind.

The next example is when a demon or demons have found lodging in your heart and the same sin was in your generations.

- **PRAYER:** Father, I take authority and I bind all generational iniquities on my mother and father's side, back to Adam and Eve and bind all spirits of (addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, and gambling etc.), and I cast them out of my life in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. For it is written, I was not given any of these spirits, but I was given the Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind.

If any of these spirits, try to come back resist them by saying:

- **PRAYER:** I don't receive you spirits of (addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, sex, shopping, and gambling etc.) in the name of Jesus. I bind and command you to leave me now, in Jesus' name. For I have been given authority to tread on serpents, scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing will by any means harm me.

After any spiritual warfare it is important for us to offer thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.

- **PRAYER:** Thank you, Father, that I have been made in Your image and Your likeness and that You love me with an everlasting love. Thank You that I am accepted in the beloved, loved with an everlasting love, and I am the apple of Your eye.
- **PRAYER:** Father I worship You and I give You praise. You are the Lord of glory, the King of kings, Almighty God, Everlasting Father. You are the Lion of the tribe of Judea, the Rose of Sharon.

It is important to consider what the writer of Hebrews has to say about murmuring and complaining.

⁷) *Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost says, Today it you will hear His voice,*

⁸) *Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation ^[testing] in the wilderness:*

⁹) *When your fathers tempted ^[tested] Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.*

¹⁰) *Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err ^[go astray] in their heart; and they have not known My ways.*

¹¹) *So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Hebrews 3:8-12 (KJV)*

Now, as you become comfortable doing spiritual warfare, pray that the Lord will bring those who need deliverance to you to restore.