

Nine Forbidden Practices

#1 to pass through the fire - human sacrifice or abortion

#2 divination - fortune telling in which demonic sources attempt to *manipulate* the future; they cannot *foretell* the future

#3 observer of times - the practice that seeks to foresee or foretell future events by the interpretation of omens (*e.g., tarot cards, crystal balls*) or by the aid of supernatural powers using astrology or horoscopes; aka *psychics or palm readers*

#4 enchanter - someone who is satanically endowed to produce seductive spells or hexes; *voodoo*: a religion derived from polytheism and ancestor worship

#5 witch - one with supernatural powers using the aid of a devil or familiar; aka *sorceress or warlock*; *wicca*: a religious cult of modern witchcraft that emphasizes ritual observance of seasonal and life cycles; *coven*: a gathering or meeting of witches

#6 charmers - promote charms and cast spells, supposedly to bring good luck or bad; *charm*: the chanting or reciting of a magic spell; an incantation believed to have magic power; an amulet which is something worn to ward off evil or ensure good fortune

#7 consulter with familiar spirits - a medium who gleans knowledge from the powers of darkness or demonic forces

#8 wizard - magician or sorcerer (term for a male witch, *e.g., Harry Potter*)

#9 necromancers - those who *claim* to communicate with the dead

*Though channelers in trance states may actually **sound** like the departed and may have **knowledge** that someone now deceased possessed, it is merely a demonic ruse to trap those willing to seek help or information in satan's forbidden territory. Channeling's #1 doctrine is reincarnation which is believed to conclude in spiritual enlightenment and fulfillment through a system of **works**.*

The above are *abomination* to the Lord according to Deuteronomy 18:10-12.

abomination: extreme disgust and hatred

In the strongest terms used in the entire Bible, God condemns and forbids the occult as He warns the Israelites to avoid and abhor it. Pronouncing it as "towebah," God, in His wisdom, lays out the **nine forbidden practices**...

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Deuteronomy 18:9-12

Note also verse 13 - Thou shalt be **perfect** with the LORD thy God.

This word *perfect* in Hebrew is *tameem* which means blameless or innocent. The Apostle Paul stated in Romans 16:19, "But yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil." The word *simple* in Greek is *akeraios* which also means innocent or without mixture of evil.

Parents, are you naïve in regards to the battle going on for your child's mind and soul? Witchcraft is portrayed by Hollywood and book publishers as cool and fun. They are capitalizing on the fact that 'sorcery sells.' The ability provided by the internet to network to find more information is causing a literal explosion of witchcraft! As kids seek for the power that witchcraft promises, they find that wicca power is far from safe or friendly. Do you really want your children following this 'god' who Jesus called a murderer and liar (John 8:44)?

The problem with the Harry Potter books and movies revolves around the fact that J.K. Rowling created a character that truly goes where fairy tales have never gone before: Harry, the character every child reader identifies with...is a sorcerer.

"... The line from seeing sorcery to seeing ourselves as sorcerers is not a line our children should cross." Roberta Green, WORLD magazine, January 26, 2002, p.33.

The fear of Jehovah = hate evil. Proverb 8:13

Either you choose like Joshua to lead your children to serve the true and living God (Joshua 24:15) or you allow them to be swallowed up by the adversary (1 Peter 5:8). Parents, I plead with you to protect your children from all materials that promote the occult. Children have begged me to help them overcome the obsessive, despairing hold that the Harry Potter books have on them. Please teach your children that the Power of the Holy Spirit of God is available and superior to any power the devil may offer them.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13