

37. Drug abuse affects the mind.
According to Matt. 13:15, what two vital functions does the mind play in our salvation?

- 1. Understand 2. Return (repent)

38. If someone is abusing drugs, how can God “put my laws into their minds” (Heb. 8:10)?

Difficult if not impossible. Need clear minds to hear and believe God’s Laws.

39. What are the eternal consequences of drug abuse and what phrase in Gal. 5:19,21 includes drug abuse?

1. Not inherit the kingdom of God.
2. “practice such things”

40. Drug abuse can be destructive to the conscience. What 3 things why the Gentiles (worldly unbelievers) were excluded from the life of God (Eph. 4:17-19)?

1. ignorance
2. hardness of their heart
3. become callous

41. What can happen to our faith if we ruin our conscience thru drug abuse according to 1 Tim. 1:18-19?

- “shipwreck”

Occultism

OBJECTIVE:

URGE CHRISTIANS TO BE ALERT TO
THE INFLUENCES OF THE OCCULT.

Definitions

1. “occult” - from Latin occultus, secret, or concealed.
2. Of, relating to, or dealing with supernatural influences, agencies, or phenomena.”
3. “Occult suggests knowledge reputedly gained only by secret, magical, or supernatural means.”

Definitions

4. “designating or of certain alleged mystic arts, such as magic, alchemy, astrology, etc.”
 - a. "astrology" - "2. a pseudo-science claiming to foretell the future by studying the supposed influence of the relative positions of the moon, sun, and stars on human affairs."
5. “Matters regarded as involving the action or influence of supernatural or supernormal powers or some secret knowledge of them” .

Ex. 7:11, 22

11 Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers, and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same with their **secret arts**.

22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their **secret arts**; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

- Highlight the words: "**secret arts**", in the 4 Scriptures.
- Check other versions.

1. STRONGS = 3858,
ENCHANTMENT.

2. KJV, NKJV, ASV =
ENCHANTMENTS.

3. ENCHANT" = TO BEWITCH; SEE
INCANTATION.

Ex. 8:7, 18-19

7 And the magicians did the same with their **secret arts**, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians tried with their **secret arts** to bring forth gnats, but they could not; so there were gnats on man and beast.

19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, **“This is the finger of God.”** But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

- Compare definition of “occult.”

SECRET, OR CONCEALED

- Did these Egyptian magicians actually perform supernatural deeds like Moses? Explain.

• **TRICKS. MAGICIANS.**

• **HOW ACCOMPLISHED = SECRET ARTS.**

• **“DID THE SAME”; “IN LIKE MANNER”, ASV/KJV/NKJV;**

• **NOT IN EXTENT I.E. WATER IN NILE.**

- **Highlight** what the magicians recognized about the works of Moses.

Lev. 19:26-28,31, 20:6

26 'You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying.

27 'You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads, nor harm the edges of your beard.

28 'You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: **I am the LORD.**

31 'Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be **defiled** by them. **I am the LORD your God.**

6 'As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also **set My face against** that person and will **cut him off** from among his people.

- **Highlight** the reason why Israelites should not listen to mediums?
- **Highlight** what would happen is they turn to mediums?
- Is there a principle here for the Christian?

RELY ON GOD FOR THE SUPERNATURAL.

Deut. 18:9-15

9 “When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations.

10 “There shall not be found among you anyone who **1** makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who **2** uses divination, one who **3** practices witchcraft, or one who **4** interprets omens, or a **5** sorcerer,

11 or one who **6** casts a spell, or a **7** medium, or a **8** spiritist, or one who **9** calls up the dead.

12 “For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

13 “You shall be blameless before the LORD your God.

14 “For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.

15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

- Highlight the phrases that indicate these practices to be "of the world".

- Number the occult practices.

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- Highlight the phrases “LORD your God” and “LORD”. Notice the contrast vs. occult practices.

1) **"Pass thru the fire"** - cultic idolatrous rite?

2) **"Divination"** -

a. "practices witchcraft" NKJV

b. 1. the act or practice of trying to foretell the future or the unknown by occult means.

3) **"Witchcraft"** -

a. "observer of times" KJV; "practiseth augury" ASV; "soothsayer" NKJV.

b. "augury" - "1. the practice of divination from omens.

4) **"One who interprets omens"** -

a. "omen" - "a thing or happening supposed to foretell a future event, either good or evil.

b. "enchanter" KJV, ASV.

c. "augur" - "1. in ancient Rome, any of a body of officials who interpreted omens as being favorable or unfavorable in connection with an undertaking.

5) **“Sorcerer”**.

a. "witch" KJV; "engages in witchcraft" NIV

b. "sorcery" - "1. the supposed use of an evil supernatural power over people and their affairs.

6) **”One who casts a spell”**.

a. "charmer" KJV, ASV

7) **"Medium" -**

a. "consulter with familiar spirits" KJV, ASV

b. "medium" - a person through whom communications are supposedly sent to the living from spirits of the dead"

8) **"Spiritist" -**

a. "wizard" KJV, ASV

b. "spiritism" - "spiritualism" - "1. a) the belief that the dead survive as spirits which can communicate with the living, esp. with the help of a third party (medium)
b) any practice arising from this belief”.

9. **"One who calls up the dead”**.

a. "necromancer" KJV, ASV, RSV; "consults the dead" NIV

b. "necromancy" - "1. the practice of claiming to foretell the future by alleged communication with the dead 2. black magic" W.NWD

Isa. 44:7, 24-28

7 'And **who is like Me?** Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place.

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself, And spreading out the earth all alone,

25 Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back. And turning their knowledge into foolishness.

26 Confirming the word of His servant, And performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!' And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.' And I will raise up her ruins again.

27 "It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!' And I will make your rivers dry.

28 "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

- **Highlight** the question and draw line to the answer in the text.
- Underline why the predictions of the occult prognosticators was futile.
- **Highlight** how the Lord was causing this futility.

Isa. 47:1, 5, 12-15

1 “Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of **Babylon**; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the **Chaldeans**. For you shall no longer be called tender and delicate.

5 “Sit silently, and go into darkness, O daughter of the **Chaldeans**; For you will no more be called The queen of kingdoms.

12 “Stand fast now in your **spells** And in your many **sorceries** With which you have labored from your youth; Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling.

13 “You are wearied with your many **counsels**; Let now the **astrologers**, Those who prophesy by the stars, Those who predict by the new moons, Stand up and save you from what will come upon you.

14 “Behold, they have become like stubble, Fire burns them; They cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame; There will be no coal to warm by, Nor a fire to sit before!

15 “So have those become to you with whom you have labored, Who have trafficked with you from your youth; Each has wandered in his own way. There is none to save you.

- **Highlight** who these Scriptures are about.
- **Highlight** what they depended for guidance and protection
- Underline the answer if these things would help them.