

Under Attack? Hidden Dangers Behind Sin and the Occult

When God calls you to something great, expect resistance.

The enemy knows that if you step into your calling, lives will change, the kingdom of darkness will lose ground and God's power will be revealed.

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As "New York Times" best-selling author, Jonathan Cahn points out, one of Satan's greatest tactics is to stop you before you even begin—often through sin, deception or the influence of the occult.

If the devil can keep you bound in sin, distracted by temptation or entangled in darkness, he doesn't need to do anything else. Many believers delay their calling, not realizing that their hesitation is often the result of spiritual warfare. The devil doesn't just attack your actions—he attacks your mind, whispering lies that make you doubt your calling, question your worth or justify staying in bondage.

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One of the most dangerous snares today is the increasing influence of the occult. Practices once seen as forbidden are now mainstream, from horoscopes and crystals to witchcraft and New Age spirituality. Yet, these things are not harmless.

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"Stay far away from Ouija boards," Cahn says. "I've heard stories of possession that began with that."

Cahn points out that New Age principles are all about darkness and death, an imitation of a relationship with God.

“He’s imitating the gifts of the Spirit, but it’s like the dark underground market, and it only brings death.”

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Many who dabble in these practices open doors they don’t understand—doors that lead to oppression, deception and spiritual attacks. Satan also wants to use these open doors to bring about illness, disasters and other obstacles to keep you stuck in bondage, away from your destiny.

If he can’t lure you into sin or deception, Satan will use discouragement and fear. But as Nehemiah declared when facing opposition, “The God of heaven will give us success. We, His servants, will arise and build,” (Neh. 2:20).

If you’ve been delaying obedience, now is the time to act. If you’ve been dabbling in sin or the occult, repent and close those doors. The battle is real, but victory belongs to those who stand firm on God’s Word. Don’t let the enemy win—move forward in faith and watch what God will do.

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