

Why Necromancy Is a Clear Abomination to the Lord

While serving as editor at *Charisma* magazine, I received an email from a publicist who aggressively claimed to represent a “devout lifelong Christian” who is also “a clairvoyant, empathic psychic medium and psychic investigator with consultation on more than 100 missing person and cold case files on his resume.”

The man claims he communicates with people who have died and is using his gifts to help authorities “solve the unsolvable cases where tracks had run cold.” In fact, he calls this his life’s work. (Sounds pretty creepy to me.)

The trouble with this type of prophetic ministry is that it violates Scripture. I have no doubt he is talking to spirits—familiar spirits who know everything about the deceased person.

Why these familiar spirits would cooperate in solving crimes, I do not know. What I do know is necromancy—which Merriam-Webster defines as “conjunction of the spirits of the dead for purposes of magically revealing the future or influencing the course of events”(1)—is an abomination to the Lord. And that didn’t change with the New Covenant.

Deuteronomy 18:9-13 says: “When you enter into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you must not learn to practice the abominations of those nations. There must not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or uses witchcraft, or an interpreter of omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts spells, or a spiritualist, or an occultist, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God will drive

them out from before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God.”

That is crystal clear.

The “Christian psychic’s” publicist claims he kept his psychic gifts “in the closet” for fear of being ostracized by his Christian community. He counts pastors, Christian authors and other strict religious devotees as part of his beloved family and insists he’s a devout believer. “God gave me this gift. I didn’t create it on my own,” he says, speaking of his “psychic calling.”

Of course, he says, he’s accustomed to Christian leaders disagreeing with him—but he is quick to answer that a Christian’s job is to love, accept and preach to all people and not just those who suit the conventional paradigm.

“I take the basic information and then I can pick up on the person and begin to see pictures, places and things visually in my mind,” he says, explaining how he helps investigators. “Going online to Google Maps and Google Earth helps me put a visual framework to what I am getting in my mind’s eye. I can look at an area, pick up clues and assist in that way.”

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