

(ABC's that threaten Christian living)

# Nether World And The Occult

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## **Timeless Truths** (Why should I avoid the nether world and the occult?)

1. The Christian is to live a life of "righteousness" (Rom. 6:13; Titus 2:12) and should not be involved with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). The "nether world" and the "occult" both deal with the realm of darkness. The "nether world" is the "supernatural spirit world" which is not limited to but includes the evil spirits and the things of hell; and the "occult" is the "hidden, secret, dark, mysterious, or concealed, things of life" which includes such things as "magic, witchcraft, omens, fortune telling, superstition, astrology, sorcery, necromancy, soothsaying, seances, divination, enchantments, charms, consulting spirits, visions etc."
2. Those involved in realm of the "nether world" and the "occult" are subject to deception and lies. This is true not only because Satan can be behind them, who is a master of lies and deception, (Rev. 19:9; 20:3; Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Thess.2:9-12), but also because wicked people are involved in them (Acts 8:9-11; 16:16; Num. 22:7; Jer. 14:14; Ez. 12:24; Rev. 18:23).
3. Occult practices are considered to be evil, (2 Chron. 33:6; 2 Kings 21:6; 17:17); and are an abomination to the Lord, (Deut. 18:10-12).
4. Witchcraft and sorcery are a work of the flesh, Gal. 5:19-20; are considered a sin, (1 Sam. 15:23); and those who practiced them were put to death, (Ex. 22:18), and face eternal death, (Rev. 21:8; 22:15).
5. The Word of God grows when the occult is not oppressing people, (Acts 19:19-20).

## **Practical Prescriptions** (How can I avoid the nether world & the occult?)

### ***1. Resist the desire to know more about the hidden things of the Lord!***

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." (Deut. 29:29).

### ***2. Remove objects connected with the occult!***

"And many believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all." (Acts 19:18-19).

### ***3. Reject involvement in occult practices!***

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness..." (Eph. 5:11).

### ***4. Rebuke the works of darkness and evil!***

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them," (Eph. 5:11; 6:12).

### ***5. Regulate your life with the light rather than with spiritual darkness!***

"Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light," (Rom. 13:12)  
"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light."  
(Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13; 1 Thess. 5:5; 1 Pt. 2:9; 1 John 1:6).