

Familiar Spirits: What Are They?

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In the Old Testament in Leviticus there is a passage that reads that if a person has a “familiar spirit” or practices wizardry, the same shall be stoned to death. As a psychic research group we often get this scripture directed at us and receive the “spirit of condemnation” from these self-righteous and unenlightened bigots who insist on using biblical texts out of context, thereby twisting the interpretation to suit their own definitions of psychic phenomena.

Fundamentalism is a big turn-off where Christians are concerned in relation to finding the mystic Christ that is revealed in the New Testament, and this is in the main because of the ignorance and misunderstanding of certain scriptural passages that place great fears in the hearts of those who are born with extra-senses that allow them to perform and perceive para-normal actions. The Bible is not infallible in its totality and those who believe it is are then gravely misguided, for even Paul, the Apostle, says in the New Testament when referring to a specific subject, “This is me, Paul, speaking, not God.” So, how much of this sort of thing goes on in that sacred book. No doubt God sent down the inspiration to the prophets to speak to the people, but, as they received this knowledge through inspiration and via the higher self (the super-conscious), one must ask the question as to how much egoic distortion was there in these revelations. This could easily have occurred quite naturally for it could have been coloured by the likes and dislikes or the prophets sub-conscious feelings that would give some bias to the message. This is often a problem with many clairvoyants that, although they work with much sincerity at times, this still does not prevent some personal distortion creeping into communication.

The invisible Kingdoms around us are full of spirits, some who follow Jehovah and some who are associated with Satan, and all of these spirits have been known at times to make contact with humans. Now, the term “familiar spirits” relate only to the “minions of Satan” and those who work with these beings can expect the “wrath of God” and the condemnation of all righteous men. So, the crux of that scripture in

Leviticus concerns only those who consort with the “Wily Old Serpent” and not those who receive a “spirit visitation from the Kingdom of Jehovah”, and many do, for the scriptures tell us how to recognise what is what and which is which, for we must first “test the spirit” and those spirits that speak according to the Law and Testament of God can be trusted, for it is these spirits that are the “messengers of Jehovah” and without them, Man would remain in darkness and without any proof of God’s eternal existence.

In respect to Wizardry, this relates to people who use incantations and forms of sexual or ritual magic and spells to summon up the familiar spirits in order to gain favours or information from them. In the days of the Levitical Priesthood, chosen men were able to enter into the Sanctuary, which was the “Holy of Holies” in the Temple and receive inspirational messages from Jehovah via the Holy Spirit. These “High Priests of the Ark of the Covenant” were the only ones regarded as being authorised to do this work because it was believed that, because of the “piousness” and their understanding of sacred traditional Laws, they could make this contact with their Deity without being overcome by 1-115 vibrations or struck blind or dead by HIS glorious majesty. But, remember that this was more Man’s Law than God’s wish, and Man had assumed that this was what Jehovah had wanted. In fact, these priests were subjected to all sorts of taboos prior to entering the “inner sanctum” and in some cases, all sex, meat eating and the consumption of alcohol was forbidden for several days before the meeting of the minds, God’s and Man’s.

When Jesus went out into the wilderness for forty days prior to the commencement of HIS final ministry on Earth, we are told that the Devil spoke to Him and told Him that if He was hungry that He could turn the stones around Him into bread and quell His appetite. Here we have Satan, a familiar spirit of the highest order speaking to Jesus, so should Our Lord have been stoned to death because of this incident ? Next we get the situation where a possessed woman followed Jesus around and kept shouting out, “This man is the Son of God,” yet she was not stoned to death for harbouring the evil being within, but exorcised by the Lord, cleansed and forgiven, which action shows far more humanity than the Jews of “olden times”.

Then we have Mary who saw Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as a spirit being and they exchanged conversations, and yet she was not stoned because of this experience. Ezekiel, Lot, Daniel, Noah and countless others had spirit contact and, like Moses, these were all chosen of God. It seems that it is not so much the spirit visitation that is under scrutiny but just where the spirit came from, who they were aligned to and how one responded to them. Where there is no participation there is no condemnation. As we do not co-operate with familiar spirits, nor do we practice wizardry, then it is obviously apparent that we are being wrongly and unjustly condemned by these fundamentalist groups who would do well to remove the log of wood from their own eye before they try to remove the splinter from ours".

Some of the old Jewish Laws in respect to punishment of Law breakers was very harsh and animalistic by nature, and many of these were not supported by Jesus in the new advent of "grace and dispensation". An example of this was evident in the story of the "stoning of the adulteress", where He said, "Those who have not sinned may cast the first stone," which is literally telling us that if we want to be forgiven then we must also forgive and that it would be more beneficial if we examined our own conscience and action before passing judgement on others who don't subscribe to our concepts of God's Laws.

Poor old Nicodemus tried to make a bridge between Jewish philosophy and Christian viewpoint but just could not equate the two teachings. One reason for this was that he did not understand the function of the invisible forces of the Kingdom of Heaven and was steeped in ritual and vain traditions, a thing that is still very evident in Fundamentalist groups. It is no wonder that these groups get no clarity from the scriptures regarding these points because their arrogance and pomposity that convinces them that only they are the "chosen ones" prevents them from gaining a complete understanding of such matters. Perhaps we should mention that those who still insist on living by the Laws of Moses shall be judged in a like manner, and this is something to think about. Jesus showed us an example when He descended down unto the "nether realms" and preached salvation and forgiveness to the unsaved souls for He knew that the old Laws had not been done away with, only fulfilled and replaced by higher Laws, and these are Love and Forgiveness.