

## **Why are people upset by the use of the word 'occult'?**

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Some people tell me that when they hear the word 'occult' it tends to send shivers up and down the spine, for they seem to relate it to Black Magic or Horror Comics where people are half human and half animal. To me, this attitude is simply laughable for all the word means is 'hidden or remote, mysterious or secret'. It is related to practices that were frowned upon by certain Church dignitaries in times past who felt that, if there were hidden or mysterious Laws of the Universe in existence, then the head of the Church should know of these Laws before anyone else on Earth, as he was God's representative. However, things don't work like this, as history shows only too well. People who had interesting theories about the working of the human body or the Universe in general, went in fear of their lives. In many cases, therefore, they did their work or their research in secret or private. Many lodges, like the Masonic, Rosicrucian, the Knights Templar, formed societies where they practised certain rituals that brought about the discipline of the mind and body and, in many ways, had strong therapeutic value to the pathology of Man. All these practices were termed occult practices despite the amount of good that was done by these organizations. Astrology, Radionics, Psionics, Psychic phenomena - these have all been labelled loosely as 'occult work', usually by people who know nothing about any of these subjects and yet will stand up and decry these things as if they themselves were experts.

Our organization tries to present a whole gamut of works pertaining to ancient, esoteric and exoteric literature, showing that, in those days, Man was closer to understanding God's principles of the Universe than we are today, and that Man is truly Spiritual or, in the essence, a Spiritual creation of God, that takes on a human body from time to time in order to express the Soul as it progresses ever upward to meet the Father. The Book of Revelations in the Bible could be called an Occult work, for it is written in Jewish Cabalistic symbology by John the Revelator to hoodwink the Romans, who at that time held him in captivity on the Isle of Patinas. It was a work with hidden or secret meanings.

'What is in a name?' asked Shakespeare. 'Would not a rose by any other name smell as sweet?'

You see, perhaps, that sticks and stones will break your bones and names will hurt you, especially when irresponsible people give connotations them that border on private interpretation.

The aim of our group has been to investigate end practice methods of healing the sick through spiritual understanding and the love of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. All people of good intent are welcome to investigate. Maybe you who are reading this article have the Gift

of Healing within you which enables you to help others in some way.

### **Test The Spirits**

It is quite obvious when reading the Bible •that the Apostles and the Disciples that walked and talked with Jesus were subjected to all sorts of paranormal spirit activity and witnessed many forms of phenomena, some real, and some faked. The main problem was to them to be able to know which was from God, which was faked, and which was from the negative forces. The same conditions prevail today even in these modern times, for it is not what the phenomena or the message is that's important, but rather the origin of it.

Jesus told his followers to "test the Spirits" but how is this done? In the Book of Revelations it tells one that, "in the last days (this period) there shall be many signs and wonderments, many shall heal the sick, bring fire from Heaven, even raise the dead, but I say unto you, that even though they may appear as an Angel in shining light, they can indeed be ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing, and unless they speak according to the Law and Testament of God, then believe them not." So here is the answer.

But what is the Law and Testament of God in these last days? most people ask. The testimony from such teachers must be "that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God Jehovah, has been made the Heir to all things of this World and the next and believers can only come unto the Father through the Son, for Jesus Christ has shown all people the way to immortality by accepting God' pan of Salvation. This is the only way.

So one must test all things from the Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ.