

PLAYING THE DEVIL'S GAME: A HARD LOOK AT SATANISM

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“The greatest war in history was not World War II but this spiritual war, and we’re in it
now.”

—Peter Kreeft (adapted from *Making Choices*, Servant Pub.)

Radical Truth

Let me shoot straight with you. I am writing this to those of you who are in Satanism or are seriously considering it. If this is so, take precautions not to be seen reading this booklet. It could be bad for your health.

In the last few years I have worked with scores of people who are or who have been in Satanism. I have had many confess that they have witnessed human sacrifices—people being burned at the stake, being sexually tortured to death, skinned alive, babies being killed—their blood drank, their flesh eaten.

I have had Satanists tell of performing animal sacrifices, of committing serious crimes, of seeing demons as they were conjured up. I have heard of ritual dances and Black Masses, of girls being gang-raped, of Satanists who have had an ice pick poked through an arm, or have been buried alive with a corpse as part of an initiation rite.

I have listened to Satanists describe “out-of-body” experiences, how they acted as a “channel” for demons to speak through them and gained superhuman strength when “possessed.” I’ve heard dabblers tell of their alarm when they saw a knife levitated and suddenly realized the spirit world was real and they were in danger.

I have had Satanists describe the horrible nightmares they experience as a result of the things they have seen and done. I have had them describe seeing demons and having their presence so close that they could hear them breathing. I have listened to a teen told of the horror of seeing a teenage boy sacrifice his baby brother. Another boy began to gag and almost vomit as he related to me his experiences.

I have seen the fear in their eyes as they have told me of their desire to be set free of Satanism and their fear that if they do they will be the next person sacrificed. I know the fear that comes

upon a Satanist when they are told that in order to move up to the next level of involvement, they must participate in a human sacrifice. I have also had Satanists try to scare me by boasting about the great powers they possess . . . and the list could go on.

I have also worked with numerous ritual abuse survivors who confirm the horrors of Satanism and have described the trauma they experienced at the hands of Satanists.

When asked whether I believe Satanism works, I say, “You bet! . . . I know it does. But putting a loaded gun to your head and pulling the trigger will also work. The question is, “Where is it going to get you?”

If you want to get some true facts about Satanism, then listen to what I have to say. I don’t know everything, but I do know enough. You may not like what I share, but then I’m not real crazy about Satanism and what it does to people either.

The question is whether you want to believe a lie or whether you want the truth? You may think Satanism sounds cool or exciting—and for a short time it is. If you are dabbling in it and thinking of becoming more involved, think again. If you are in over your head right now, I have some helpful information you should know.

Let me say that I’m not writing this to judge you or put you down. Satanism?—Yes. You?—No.

Virtually all of the Satanists I have known have trusted me and been on good speaking terms with me. Whether they have chosen to leave Satanism or not, we have remained friends. I let them know up front that I won’t narc on them and that they are free to talk with me. I have never turned anyone in to the law.

I know the dangers they are taking in talking to me and I wouldn’t intentionally do anything to endanger them. [One thing you must know, if you don’t already, is that Satanists play for keeps and there are dangers. Satanism is sort of like the Mafia. A person in the Mafia doesn’t wake up one morning and say, “Well, guys, it’s been nice knowing you. I think I’m going to get out now.”—No. They know too much. They’re a threat to the organization.]

Satanism prospers and grows through two main avenues: fear and deception. Like bait on a trap, there is danger lying behind its quick thrills which can entrap and kill you—literally.

[In case you are feeling strong internal resistance, hearing voices telling you not to read this booklet, press on anyway. You’re not a puppet. Tell them to shut up. Take control. If they will not be quiet, whether you believe it or not, try using the words, “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, be silent.”—Now read on.]

Based on my work with Satanists, there are several major deceptions I have heard over and over.

LIE #1. “There is no God.”

This is almost laughable. Of course there is a God. If you believe in Satan, you almost have to believe in God because He is the one who created Lucifer (the angel) who rebelled and became Satan. Satanists who are “in the know” acknowledge the existence of God. If you believe in the spirit world, demons and Satan, you must also believe in God and angels. After all, Satanism teaches that God is the “enemy.”

LIE # 2: “God is going to get His butt kicked someday.”

A young Satanist once told me, “Yeah, I think there is a God, but I believe someday God is going to get His butt kicked.”

Think for a moment. Satan is the god of planet Earth. Correct? Our earth is like a tiny speck of dust in a vast universe. For example, our solar system [our sun and 9 planets] is part of the Milky Way Galaxy, which is made up of 200-400 billion stars. Driving at 55 miles per hour, it would take us 52 million years just to get to the nearest star to earth (not counting our sun).

If the Milky Way were reduced to the size of North America [Canada, U.S.A. and Mexico],

our solar system, by comparison, would be about the size of a coffee cup . . . and the Milky Way is only one-trillionth of the known universe.

There is a star, for example, in the constellation Orion which is so big that we could put 160 million of our suns inside it. If our earth were the size of a golf ball, this star, compared to earth, would be like a ball two miles high. If there was a tunnel through the middle of this star, driving at 55 miles per hour, it would take us 1,600 years just to drive through the tunnel.

God is the creator of this vast universe. Satan is only in control of planet Earth, having already been kicked out of Heaven by God. So who is going to kick whose butt? To say that Satan will win is like an earthworm lying in the middle of an asphalt parking lot bragging that it could beat Mike Tyson. Let's be realistic. Who is going to squash whom? It would not be Mike Tyson getting squashed by the worm, and it isn't going to be God who gets His butt kicked.

Jesus had no trouble handling demons. They trembled at His presence, and fled when He commanded them to go.

LIE#3: "Satanism is harmless."

Try telling that to the 16 year-old girl I know about who tried to get out of Satanism and was sacrificed. Tell that to the parents whose son committed suicide (the ultimate sacrifice in Satanism). Tell that to those who have to live with with the memory of killing a baby, and the horrible nightmares and guilt they suffer. Satanism is not fun.

Many who get into Satanism through supposedly harmless things, like playing with Ouija boards, or listening to death-metal music, have no idea where it is leading them—but then neither did the people on the mighty luxury ocean liner, the Titanic, know what they were in for before the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank.

If you stay with Satanism long enough, you will eventually be asked to participate in human sacrifices (if you haven't been already). If you say this is not so, what are you pretending not to know?

LIE# 4: Satanism will get me what I want . . . money . . . drugs. . .power . . . sex. . ."

Yes, it will, for a while. Satanism offers immediate gratification for all your earthly appetites—at the expense of selling your soul to the devil. The question is, "So what if you get these things; will they bring you happiness?" No way. Satanism is not based on real love. It soon becomes empty. If you are a woman, are you willing to give up one or more of your babies as human sacrifices? Thousands of times each year girls in Satanism do just that. They are known as *breeders*.

Will Satanism bring you money? Very possibly, but as we all know, money can't buy happiness, at least not for long. We are spiritual beings. If you lose your soul, all the "things" in the world will not bring happiness and in the end you lose all.

And what about the fear? How do you know that you will not be the next sacrifice?—Tick off the high priest and you might be. If you are living in fear, having nightmares, always having to look over your shoulder to be sure that the law won't catch you, are you free to enjoy your money and power? No. You are a slave.

As in fishing, the bait Satan offers looks good for a split second before the hook sinks in and he begins to reel you in for his cookout.

Make no mistake. Satan wants you dead, and he will give you whatever it takes to get your soul. Many is the person who has sold his or her soul to the devil, only to discover too late that he or she has been fed a bunch of crap wrapped in gold foil.

LIE# 5: "Evil is good, and good is evil" (a quote from the *Satanic Bible*).

Wrong. Evil is evil and good is good.

I recall having a two-hour debate with a young man in Satanism. He shared his testimony about how he had come to know Satan, and I shared my coming to know Christ. Every question I threw at him he seemed to have an answer for until I asked him, "Tell me, why would you want to worship and serve someone whose main method of working is based on evil and hatred, as opposed to love and goodness?" All of a sudden he began to stutter. He had no answer.

If you get into Satanism, or are in it, it is only a matter of time before the evil (which they call good) is turned on you or a loved one. Get smart. Get out!

LIE#6: "Satan has my best interests at heart."

False. Satan is trying to get even with God, and he is using you as a pawn to get back at God, who is the One who really cares what happens to you. Every soul that Satan wins is like a slap to the face of God from Satan. Satan is content to see you burn in hell. God, not Satan, has your best interests at heart, including joy, peace, sex with fulfillment, a purpose for living, and genuine love. If you think Satan will, or eventually can, give you those things, you are sadly mistaken.

LIE#7: "I might as well go to hell so I can party with my friends."

Sorry, but it doesn't work that way. If people turn from the light of God, then they will be stuck in eternal darkness, away from the presence of God. It will not be party time, but truth discovered too late.

George MacDonald, the 19th century writer, expressed it this way, "*What a horror . . . it will be to a vile (evil) man . . . when his eyes are opened to see himself as the pure see him, as God sees him! Imagine such a man waking all at once, not only to see the eyes of the universe fixed on him with loathing astonishment, but to see himself at the same moment as those eyes see him.*" [from *George MacDonald: 365 Readings*, compiled by C.S.Lewis, Collier Books, N.Y., 1986; p. 103].

LIE#8: "Well, if I blow it I will be reincarnated and I can try again."

Wrong! Scripture says, "It has been appointed unto men *once* to die and, after that, the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). Life is not a dress rehearsal. There are no second chances. We must live with the choices we make. God will not violate our free will. All of us are living on the brink of eternity, and since 100% of every generation dies, we had better plan well where to spend eternity. C.S.Lewis expressed it this way, "Does it matter to a man dying in a desert by which choice of route he missed the only well?" [*The Weight Of Glory*, C.S.Lewis; MacMillan PUb., N.Y., 1980, p. 131.] God is the only well. If we reject God, there is only spiritual thirst and ultimate spiritual death.

LIE#9: "If I turn my life over to God, I'm 'dead meat.' The Satanists will kill me."

There are two things you should know. First, not to turn your life over to God is to lose both your soul and your body forever. For example, imagine a piece of chalk the size of a telephone pole and a chalkboard which stretches for endless miles. Imagine taking that gigantic piece of chalk and drawing a thin line that seems to go on and on forever, until the chalk runs out. Now, at the beginning of the line, put a tiny dot. Pretend that that dot represents your whole life here on earth, compared to eternity.

First, does it matter whether there is a God? You bet! If there is no God you might as well erase the line, because the moment you die, the party is over, forever. On the other hand, since I believe we both know God exists, you must realize you are standing at the beginning of eternity. Once you step out of this tiny dot of time, you step into eternity, be it good, bad or otherwise. Incredible eternal issues are at stake. The only important question is, "Where will you spend eternity: in heaven or hell?"

Compared to what is at stake, no sacrifice would be too great in order to achieve Heaven, even if it meant laying down your life for your beliefs. [See: Revelation 2:10,11, 12:10,11.]

Secondly, with all my heart I believe God and His angels can protect you from demons and the Satanists they control.

Let me share a true story with you. A young man came to my wife and me. He said that he had become a Christian, but felt there were still demons in his life as a result of his past involvement with drugs, having a “spirit guide,” pornography, being a former Neo-Nazi, etc.

My wife and I agreed to pray with him. We claimed the Lord’s protection, based on the fact that, as children of God, we outrank and have authority over demons. After praying I began to address any demon(s) present in his life. I said, “If you are present I know you can hear me, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to tell me your name.”

All of a sudden the man began to convulse, the blood vessels on his neck stood out, his face turned red, and the muscles in his face began to constrict, his fingers curled up like claws and he began to hiss at me and make deep growling sounds. (And yes, it was scary.) One by one, as I addressed the demons, they revealed their true identity and one by one, as the man renounced the sins associated with each demon, we commanded them to leave, and they did.

While I was addressing one demon, the man looked up at me and said, “The demon wants to hurt you.” I commanded the demon, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to tell this person why he couldn’t hurt me. The man’s arms, controlled by the demon, immediately pointed to the left, and the demon said, “Because of him!”—I looked and there was no one there. I said, “Who?” and the demon responded, “There is an angel standing there!”—I’m not making this up. This did happen.

Another time I was asked to do a consultation with two teenaged Satanists at a psychiatric hospital. Since Satanism is a religion, it is hard to address their behaviors without addressing the beliefs behind those behaviors. I met with both of them together. As soon as I raised the idea of a God and began questioning their belief system, a demon took over one of the boys. The teen’s eyes turned glassy, his voice changed, and a demon said, “Leave him alone! He’s mine!”

Since demons respond to the name of Christ, I commanded the demon, “In the name of Jesus, go back down and be quiet!”—Immediately it did. Both of these Satanists were totally shocked to discover that who I believed in had power over the demons they worshiped.

If you turn your life over to God [I’ll talk more about this in a moment], God is big enough to protect you. You will have the authority to bind demons. I have heard of cases where Satanists have literally been stopped in their tracks and prevented from harming someone as the person spoke out loud, “In the name of Jesus, Stop!”

There is another practical suggestion I would make to those of you getting out of Satanism. Write a letter telling everything you know about the Satanic coven you’re in, as well as other Satanic activity in your area. Identify people, names, places, illegal acts and crimes you’ve committed, etc. In other words, tell it all. Then give sealed copies of this document to a Christian lawyer, a counselor, pastor, put it in a lock box, etc. with the instructions, “If anything happens to me, or my family, this letter is to be given to the police and FBI.”

If the Satanists hassle you, show them the letter letting them know you are not going to ‘narc’ on them, but that if anything happens to you or your loved ones, sealed copies of this letter will be given to the authorities. If they are smart, they had better pray for your safety.

LIE#10: “Satan is all-powerful on this earth.”

False! He is not even close. Think. If Satan is so “all-powerful,” why couldn’t he keep Jesus in the grave? Rather, Jesus Christ came back to life utterly defeating Satan. Jesus, not Satan, is victor.

All Christians, because of their link to Christ, have authority over Satan.

Many Christians don’t exercise this authority because they don’t realize they have it.

Nonetheless, the New Testament teaches that Christians are to “resist the devil and he will flee . . .”(James 4:17). About the only powers Satan has over the Christian are fear and the power of the lie. Once Christians know the truth, recognize Satan's lie, and resist him, he is rendered powerless. Satan has a big mouth and will bluff and deceive. The fact is, his power was crushed when Jesus Christ conquered death and arose from the grave after dying for the sins of the world.

In my limited dealings with demons, there are three things demons hate and fear: the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God [the Bible], and mentioning the blood of Jesus. Use these and you will see how weak demons are.

LIE # 11:“If you become a Christian, you’ll be unhappy and won’t have any fun.”

This is absurd. God, not Satan, is the author and creator of all pleasure. Ask those in Satanism, “Is Satanism really getting you what you want? Is it really bringing you lasting peace and inner happiness?—Or, is it bringing you trouble, pain, guilt, fear and unrest?”

Satan is the destroyer and the wrecker of lives. If you’re in Satanism, how’s it working for you? Not good I bet. If Satanism is such a good thing, then why is there so much emotional, physical and spiritual pain among practicing Satanists? The fear and guilt I see in Satanists far exceeds that of the general population; not to mention the extremely high suicide rate among practicing Satanists?

“WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SET FREE?”

There is “good news.” God loves you in spite of what you have done, and He is willing to forgive you. Here is what you have to understand and do. [I encourage you to look up these Bible references. I also have them listed at the back of this booklet.]

1.) You must realize that God loves you and, in spite of what you have done, God has an awesome plan for your life [John 3:16; 10:10].

2.) You must know that God is holy, pure and good and that He will not tolerate evil [Romans 1:18]. Sin is like cancer and must be destroyed. Our sins separate us from God [Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23]. Unless our sins are forgiven, unless we are willing to let go of them, we will die with them like a man refusing to get off the Titanic [Luke 13:3; Romans 6:23]. The Bible says, “. . . all evildoers . . . will be forever destroyed.” [Psalm 92:7]—Those are heavy words. You’d be wise to take them to heart.

3.) You deserve to die for your sins but God, in His love, stepped down, as it were, became a man in the person of Jesus Christ and died for your sins, taking your place, making it possible for you to receive His gift of eternal life [Romans 5:8].

The story is told of a young woman who received a phone call stating her dad was ill and that he only had a matter of hours to live. Because she lived a couple hundred miles away, she got in her car and began frantically driving to see her father. As she was going through a small Georgia town she looked in her rear view mirror and there was a cop car chasing her. Because she was going so fast, the officer didn’t merely ticket her; he arrested her. The next day she appeared before the local county judge who told her that for going more than 50 miles per hour above the speed limit, her fine would be \$300 or three days in jail. She pleaded with the judge. “Your honor, I don’t have \$300 with me, and I can’t spend three days in jail. I must go see my father who is dying.” The judge said, “I’m sorry, young lady, but the law says you must pay \$300 or spend three days in jail.”

She began to weep bitterly. The judge was moved by her sorrow. To the surprise of everyone in the court, the judge stood up, stepped down from the bench, walked over, took off his robe, put on his sport coat, walked around in front of the bench, pulled out his checkbook, wrote a check for \$300, and laid it on the bench. Then he walked back around, took off his sport coat, put back on his robe, and resumed his seat as judge. He said, “Young lady, the law is very clear. You must pay \$300 or spend three days in jail. But, I see someone has paid the fine for you. Case

dismissed.”

That is what God did for us. When we stood condemned by His righteous Law, with no hope, God took off His judge’s robe, put on the robe of humanity, walked this earth as a man (Jesus) and died on a cross for you and me. We deserved death and hell, but He paid the penalty for us. (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:23; II Thessalonians 1:8-9; John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

What God asks of us is to take accountability for our sin (confess it, admit it), and then be willing to receive His gift of forgiveness by accepting His Son, Jesus Christ, into our lives (Psalm 2:1-2,12; John 1:12; I John 1:9). As unbelievable as it seems, the God of all creation is willing to put His Spirit in us and live in us (Revelations 3:20; Ephesians 1:7-14; Galatians 2:20).

We do not deserve it, nor could we earn it by going to church, or by trying to do good deeds (Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:8-9). We can never live up to God’s level of perfection, and it would be arrogant for us to think we could. The Bible says we all fall short of God’s glory (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23).—It would be as if we all decided to line up by the Grand Canyon and tried to broad jump across it. Some might jump further than others, but the point is, we would all fall short.

God simply asks that we believe in Christ by placing our faith and trust in Him (Psalm 2:12; I John 5:11-13). God’s offer of salvation is a gift we can accept or reject. God has done for us what we could never do for ourselves (Romans 5:6). The tale is told of a man who tightrope-walked across Niagara Falls with a 200-pound sack of sand on his back. Upon successfully completing his feat he turned to a spectator and asked, “Do you believe I could do that again?” The person said “Sure!” The tightrope walker tossed down the sand and said, “Then climb on my back!” Real believing is more than giving mental assent to the claims of Christ. God asks us to “climb on board” and commit ourselves to Him. We must believe from the heart, not just with the head.

Because forgiveness and salvation are a gift [Ephesians 2:8,9], we could never earn it or deserve it. And like any gift, it can be accepted or rejected. You must be willing to receive Jesus’s forgiveness and allow His Holy Spirit to come into your life. By faith you must receive [ask] Jesus Christ to come into your life [John 1:12; Revelation 3:20].

4.) How do you receive Christ into your life and receive His gift of salvation? Very simply. You must believe that Christ died for you [I Corinthians 15:3-5; John 3:16]. You must be willing to turn from your sin and rebellion [Mark 1:15], and be willing to live your life on God’s terms.—Then by faith, you must ask Christ into your life.

If you are willing to invite Christ into your life, He is willing and big enough to forgive you of all your sins, no matter how bad. I John 1:9 says, “If we confess [admit] our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” If you do this, not only will God forgive you, but He will make things new. It is like getting a fresh start on life [II Corinthians 5:17]. He will give you the power to overcome sin and temptation [I Corinthians 10:13].

I once had a teenager who had been in Satanism ask me if God could forgive him because he had participated in ritually killing a baby and then he, along with the other Satanists, ate it. My response was, “If God can forgive you for the death of Christ, He can forgive you for the death of that baby.” That Satanist later prayed to receive Christ.

There is no sin too great for God to forgive. He loves you. He died for you.

Due to your involvement, or potential involvement, in Satanism, it is important for you to break all ties and covenants you made between yourself and Satan [or any demon].

If you feel God speaking to your heart and you know that what I have written is true, and you know you need to establish a relationship with Christ, then pray the following prayer. After you pray, you will need to verbally break all ties with Satan.

“Dear Lord Jesus, I thank You that You love me, and I believe You died for my sins. I acknowledge that I have sinned against You, against others and against myself. Please forgive me. As best as I know how, I invite You to come into my life. From this day forward I commit myself to Your love, care and protection. Deliver me from the power of Satan and fill me with

Your Holy Spirit. Make me the person You want me to be. Thank You for hearing my prayer. Amen.”

The second part is not easy, You need to verbally break all ties with Satan and his associates. I'll warn you now, the demon(s) are not going to be happy as you do this. It is important that you, with time, invite a pastor or some other Christian friends to be present with you.—The good news is that you can be free of demons.

Let me be as clear as I can. If you want the demons out of your life, if any are in you, then you must be willing to make a clean break from the occult and all sins associated with each demon. For example, if a demon of witchcraft is in you, everything associated with witchcraft must go: all paraphernalia [jewelry, your Book of Shadows, candles, literature, clothing, pictures, ouija boards, tarot cards, etc.]. If you are willing to make a clean, radical break from sin and embrace Christ, you can be set free (delivered) from the demons.

If the noise inside you gets too loud, you can tell the demons, “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind you to silence and inactivity.” Before you begin renouncing Satan and his demons, do the following important things, including reading the scriptures I give you (preferably out loud).

1.) Read Psalm 18 out loud (Demons hate this one for it speaks of God’s awesome power and His victory over His enemy.)

2.) Pray to God and ask for a hedge of angels to protect you, your family, your possessions, your pets, etc.

3.) Claim the fact that you are now a child of God and that, because of your union with Christ, you have authority over the demons (Ephesians 1:3-23; Colossians 1:9-14; 1:9-15).

4.) Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and consciously pray and claim the fact that God has equipped you with all you need to do spiritual warfare with Satan. By faith put on the “armor of God.”

5.) Renounce all fear. The Bible says that God has not given us a “spirit of fear but a spirit of power . . . (IITimothy 1:7). If you feel fear, don’t give in to it. It is very possible that you are feeling the demon(s’) fear.

6.) Command the demon(s) in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that as they leave they are not to retaliate (get even) with you, that they are to harm no one or no thing as they leave, and that their leaving is to be one way and one way only—away from you, never ever to return. Then, in the name of the Lord Jesus, command them to leave and go to where the Lord Jesus Christ would send them.

Are you ready?

Ask God for courage as you address Satan and his demons (see Joshua 1:9). I encourage you to have at least one, preferably two, mature Christians present with you for emotional and prayer support as you pray this prayer.

“Satan, I address you and your host of demons and call you to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I bind you to silence. As a child of God, I have authority over you and I outrank you.

“I renounce ever signing my name over to you or having my name signed over to you by someone else. I announce that my name is now written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Revelation 3:5; 20:15).

“I renounce ever having been wed to you. I announce that I am now part of Christ’s church, His bride (Ephesians 5:25-32).

“I renounce any and all covenants I have made with you, Satan. I announce that I am now a partaker of the New Covenant, bought by the blood of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit (ICorinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 1:13-14).

“Satan, I renounce ever cutting myself and giving my blood for any assignments, ceremonies or covenants with you; and I renounce all blood pacts. Instead, I announce that I am trusting only in the cross and shed blood of my Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22-26; Galatians 2:20; 6:14).

“I renounce ever eating flesh or drinking blood in my worship of you. I announce I eat and

drink only of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus, which I understand and accept by faith (John 6:48-57).

“I renounce any and all guardians and surrogate parents assigned to me. I announce that God is my Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit is my guardian by whom I am sealed unto the day of my redemption (Ephesians 1:3-14). Satan, I reject and renounce all curses and assignments that were made for me or by me for your service. I accept only God’s assignments for me and announce that Christ became a curse for me when He hung on the cross for me (Galatians 3:10-13).

“Satan, I break all ties with you and your host of demons. I renounce and break all associations with a demons acting as spirit guides. I also renounce any and all involvement with witchcraft and other forms of the occult such as ouija boards, seances, palm reading, tarot cards, horoscopes, astrology, ESP, casting spells, levitation, astral projection, and automatic writings. [Add to this list any other things that come to your mind.] I renounce any and all sins that have given you and your demons legal right to remain in my life.

“As a child of the Most High God, I take authority over you. I bind to you and your demons any and all transferences that may have occurred to other family members or friends because of my association with you. When you leave me, I forbid you to retaliate against me, my family, my pets, or my possessions.

Satan, I command you and all your demons to leave me, never ever to return, and to go to where the Lord Jesus Christ sends you, effective now. You must leave my life!”-(From unpublished class notes:Dr. Neil Anderson, Talbot Seminary, and modified slightly by this author.)

As a final step, in your own words, invite the Holy Spirit of God to fill all vacancies vacated by these demons. Ask Him to “clean house,” so to speak, and cleanse you of all remaining demonic influences.

Once you have prayed these prayers, I encourage you to find a loving church where the Bible is both honored and taught. Visit several churches before you decide. Pray about it and listen to your heart. It is sort of like trying on a new pair of shoes. You don’t necessarily want to buy the first pair you try.

Continue to pray, read scripture and allow God to speak to you. If you’re a student in high school, check out such interdenominational groups as Campus Life, Young Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, K-Life, etc. If you are in college there are interdenominational college ministries such as Campus Crusade For Christ, The Navigators, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Jews For Jesus, etc. Groups such as these are a great way to begin to grow and to find support throughout the week. Even if you are not a student, you can call these organizations to find the names of some good churches in your area.

The story is told of a native witch doctor who had done much evil in his life, causing much needless suffering through his superstitious beliefs and practices. Through the love and work of some Christians, this man yielded his heart to the Lord. He called a tribal meeting to share with his village the transformation that had occurred in his life.

He said that before he knew Christ as Savior it was as though there was an evil dog in him that made him do cruel, hateful things. When he repented of his wrongs, and asked Christ into his life, he said it was as though a powerful good dog came to live in him.

As he spoke, a small lad sitting at his feet grew more and more absorbed with what he was saying. When the lad couldn’t take the suspense any longer he blurted out, “Did the bad dog leave?” The former witch doctor paused and said, “No, son, he still hangs around.” The boy asked “How do the two dogs get along?” The old man replied, “They fight all the time!” The little boy, with great concern in his voice said, “Well, which one wins?” The old man, with a smile and a twinkle in his eyes, said, “The one I feed the most!”—How true!

There are major spiritual battles that will go on in your life. Depending on your level of involvement in the occult, you will be in for some tough spiritual conflicts. Expect it! To help

you, there are three books I highly recommend, besides the Bible, to help you gain and maintain spiritual victory in your life. The first two are written by Dr. Neil Anderson: *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*. The third book is *The Search For Significance* by Robert McGee. You can purchase them at any Christian bookstore. Buy them as soon as you can and begin studying them along with the New Testament.

To grow as a new Christian, I suggest you contact any of the following Christian organizations. Check your local phone book, inquire at a Christian bookstore, or access them over the internet.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: <http://www.graham-assn.org>

Campus Crusade For Christ: <http://www.ccci.org>

Fellowship Of Christian Athletes: <http://www.gospel.com.net/fca/>

Freedom In Christ Ministries [Dr. Neil Anderson]: <http://www.ficm.org>

Great Commission Ministries: <http://www.greatcommission.org>

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship: <http://www.ivpress.com>

Josh McDowell Ministries: <http://www.ccci.org/josh/>

The Navigators: <http://www.gospelcom.net/navs/>

Youth For Christ: <http://www.gospelcom.net/yfc/>

* You can also contact <http://www.gospelcom.net/> for addresses of other Christian organizations and resources.

Keep feeding the good side. May His grace and peace be yours.

A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

This booklet is one of several booklets in a series I've written defending the Christian faith. You can read or download any of my booklets off the internet at: <http://www.4seekers.com>.

In this series there are booklets addressed to many different religious groups. Due to the potential risk to my family by those violently opposed to Christianity, I have chosen to write under the pen name, Timothy Cross.

Why the name Timothy Cross?—Because it was Timothy who was told by the apostle Paul to *guard the gospel* [IITimothy 1:13,14]. What is the central message of the *gospel* [which means *good news*]? Is it not the *cross* of Jesus Christ [ICorinthians 1:18-2:2]? Our salvation before a holy God depends upon Christ's work on the cross where He laid down His life for us.

We live in a world of celebrities. By writing under a pseudo-name, it takes me out of the picture, and puts the focus where it should be, upon the truthfulness and trustworthiness of Jesus Christ and Him alone.

So you know a little about me, I am an evangelical Christian. I became a Christian through Youth For Christ in high school, and was very involved with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship as an undergraduate in college. I have always chosen church denominations which are broadly evangelical and inter-denominational in flavor [e.g. Evangelical Free Churches, Evangelical Covenant, Great Commission Ministries, etc.]. On more than one occasion, I worked closely with Josh McDowell [Campus Crusade For Christ].

I hope this booklet helps you discover and walk in the awesome truth that you are loved by God.

With deepest respect, Timothy

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LIST OF SCRIPTURES USED:

(in order as they appear in this booklet)

- **Romans 6:23**—"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- **Isaiah 59:2**—"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his

face from you, so that he will not hear.”

• **II Thessalonians 1:8-9**—“He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed . . .”

• **John 3:16**—“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

• **Romans 5:8**—“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

• **Romans 3:23**—“. . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . .”

• **I John 1:9**—“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

• **John 1:12**—“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God . . .”

• **Revelation 3:20**—“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in [to him].” (bracket mine)

• **Romans 5:8**—“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

• **Ephesians 1:7-14**—(too lengthy to quote)

• **Galatians 2:20**—“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

• **Ephesians 2:8-9**—“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

• **ICorinthians 5:17**—“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

• **Revelation 20:11-15**—“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

• **Matthew 13:40-43**—As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

• **ICorinthians 10:13**—“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

• **Romans 14:23**—“. . . everything that does not come from faith is sin.”

• **Philippians 4:13**—“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

• **Galatians 5:22**—“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control . . .”

• **Romans 7:14-8:11 (too lengthy to quote)**

• **Hebrews 9:27**—“Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment . . .”

• **IJohn 5:11-15**—“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you

have eternal life.”(emphasis mine)