

# Counterfeit Christs

A study of false saviors and false salvation

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The Counterfeit christ of the Occult

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- The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus, the Christ of the Piscean Age

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## What is the Occult?

The word 'occult' comes from the Latin word *occultus*, and means 'hidden' or 'secret' things.

It concerns itself with:

- The spiritual realm of darkness
- Spiritism
- Mediumship
- Animism
- Ultimately, Satanism (either implicit or explicit)



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## Spiritism

The modern term "Spiritism" concerns itself with the ability to communicate with the dead or spirits. There are a variety of venues and tools that are used to do this, the most popular being the Ouija board. "Ouija" is a combined word from the French and German words for "yes" (oui and ja).




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## Spiritism Forbidden in Scripture



"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. "For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. "You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. "For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so." (Deuteronomy 18:10-14)

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## Mediums

As the name implies, a medium is one is a go-between for a person and the spiritual world. In Scripture, the Hebrew word is 'ba'alah' and literally means one who has a familiar spirit. Another term is 'necromancer'. Scripture warns against contacting them: **"Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God."**(Leviticus 19:31)




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## Mediums Forbidden in Scripture



### Strategic Sorcery

Inominandum's Thoughts  
On Magick and Spirituality

"You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying. . . Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God."  
(Leviticus 19:26, 31)

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## Saul and the Medium of Endor

"When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at Endor." Then Saul disguised himself by putting on other clothes, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, "Conjure up for me, please, and bring up for me whom I shall name to you." But the woman said to him, "Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?" Saul vowed to her by the Lord, saying, "As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."  
(1 Samuel 28:6-11)

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## Animism

The name 'Animism' comes from the Latin, anima, which means 'soul'. Animism recognizes many forces, which are pictured as personal beings with distinct identities and names. There are two basic types of spirits: nature spirits and ancestor spirits. Nature spirits inhabit objects such as animals, plants, rocks, etc. Ancestor spirits are departed family members but not necessarily direct family members.




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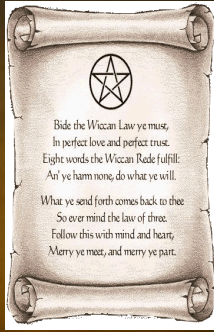
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## Wicca ~ a Form of Animism

Because spirits are not all-powerful, they can be controlled. Thus, animism uses magic to deal with these spirit powers. Wicca, also known as "the craft" is one animistic religion that utilizes magic - witchcraft - to control and benefit from the spiritual powers that supposedly inhabit all that is around us. In 2008, Wicca was proclaimed the fastest growing religion in America.




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Witchschool.com is a fully functioning school with over 130,000 students and a staff of over 300.

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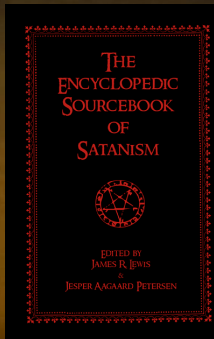
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## Satanism

Satanism is separated from all other occult practices by its intentional and vocal allegiance to Satan. It is the worship, adoration, or service of Satan as an entity who is superior to all including the God of the Bible. Satanists pray to Satan, seek things from him as gifts from their obedience. Other pagan religions do not explicitly address Satan as their lord, but implicitly this is the end result.




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“The spirit that I have seen may be a devil; and the devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape.”  
- Hamlet

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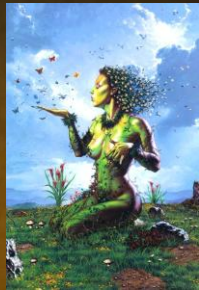
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“She is the source of fertility, endless wisdom and loving caresses... She gives birth to abundance... Since the Goddess is nature, all nature... She is omnipresent, changeless, eternal.”  
- Scott Cunningham  
*Wicca: A guide for the Solitary Practitioner*



The Wiccan Goddess, Gaia

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Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, the “mother” of the New Age movement and modern occultism, taught in her Secret Doctrine that Lucifer was “higher and older than Jehovah, and had to be sacrificed to the new dogma” of the Church. She further expressed in her “great work” that Satan, under different god-names, is really an allegory of “Good, and Sacrifice, a God of Wisdom.” Blavatsky believed that Satan was the only god of earth, “is one with the Logos,” and is the “cosmic reflection of God.”



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## Satan as the god of this World

"I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;" (John 14:30)

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience." (Ephesians 2:1-2)

"We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." (1 John 5:19)

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## Satan as the Target of False Worship

"They sacrificed to demons who were not God, To gods whom they have not known, New gods who came lately, Whom your fathers did not dread." (Deuteronomy 32:17)

"What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons." (1 Corinthians 10:19-21)

"The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;" (Revelation 9:20)

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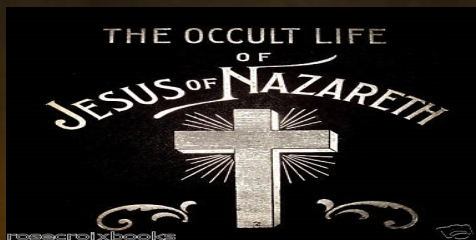
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## Who is the Counterfeit Jesus of the Occult?

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## The Jesus of Theosophy

Blavatsky equated Lucifer with Jesus Christ. In Revelation 22:16 Jesus is called the "bright and morning star" and in Isaiah Lucifer is referred to as the "son of the morning". Mystically and astrologically speaking, the bright and morning star is Venus, which, in the teachings of occult schools, is symbolically Lucifer. And in the solar cults, the morning star is frequently referred to as the Sun, or "son" of the morning, and "son of god." According to Blavatsky's esoteric theology, "Lucifer is divine and terrestrial light, the 'Holy Ghost' and 'Satan,' at one and the same time..." Her Secret Doctrine further stated:

"And now it stands proven that Satan, or the Red Fiery Dragon, the 'Lord of Phosphorus,' and Lucifer, or 'Light-Bearer,' is in us: it is our Mind - our tempter and Redeemer, our intelligent liberator and Saviour from pure animalism." (Vol. 2, p. 513)




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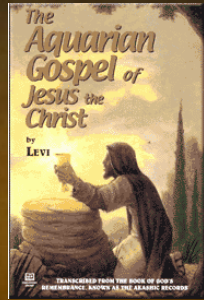
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## The Jesus of the Aquarian Gospel

The Aquarian Age or Age of Aquarius concerns itself with the alignment of certain planets within the constellation Aquarius, which supposedly will result in a New Age and global changes on Earth.

The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ portrays Jesus as attracted to the occult and proclaiming he is not the only Christ: "Men call me Christ, and God has recognized the name; but Christ is not a man. . . . Look to the Christ within who shall be formed in every one of you, as he is formed in me."

- Aquarian Gospel, pg 8.




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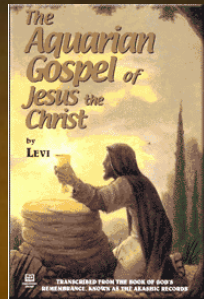
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## The Jesus of the Aquarian Gospel

"When we say 'Jesus the Christ' we refer to the man and to his office, just as we do when we say Edward, the King, or Lincoln, the President. Edward was not always king, Lincoln was not always president, and Jesus was not always Christ. Jesus won his Christship by a strenuous life."

-Dowling

The Aquarian Gospel, pg 14




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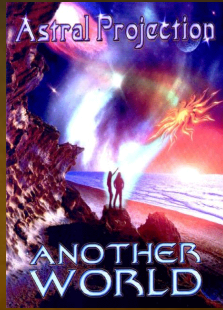
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## The Jesus of Spiritism

The Jesus of Spiritism is an advanced medium in the sixth sphere of the astral plane. They view Jesus as a medium who also contacted the dead and replace Heaven with six spheres of astral projection, with Jesus dwelling in the sixth sphere.

"The spirits and angels who are from the earth Jupiter... Acknowledge our Lord... They were asked, whether they know that the only Lord is a Man. They replied that they all know that He is a man."  
 -Emanuel Swedenborg  
*Earths in the Universe*




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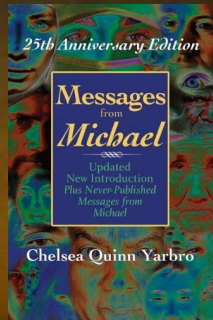
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## The Jesus of Spiritism

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro (1942-) made contact via a Ouija board with a spirit named 'Michael'. From her many encounters with the spirit, she has written a number of books and organized Michael teacher groups. Michael claims we are all reincarnated beings.

"Greek thought had much influence upon the man Jesus, particularly Epicurius [sic]... Jesus was an occult master... The man you call Jesus did not die on the Cross but died later."  
 -*Messages from Michael*  
 Pgs 176-77.




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## The Jesus of the Mediums

Alice Bailey (1880-1949) was a Theosophist who through mediumship and automatic writing contacted a spirit named Djwahl Kuhl, known as the Tibetan. She wrote 26 books and said she received revelations of Christ, which started in 1945. According to Bailey, there is an order of Ascended Masters, which includes Buddha and the Christ (not Jesus).

"Buddha and the Christ will together pass before the Father... and eventually pass to a higher service." When Christ reappears, he will "teach the law of rebirth."  
 -*The Reappearance of the Christ*  
 -Pgs. 34, 40




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## The Jesus of the Mediums

Edgar Cayce (1877-1945) known as the "sleeping prophet", was a Protestant Sunday school teacher, often spoke of God and Jesus. Cayce separated the Christ from Jesus. Cayce taught reincarnation and said during his trances that Jesus was a man who had been reincarnated many times, and was once Adam. Asked when Jesus knew he was the savior of the world, he replied "When he fell, in Eden." According to Cayce, Jesus studied astrology and was educated in India, Persia, and Egypt.



"Christ is not a man! Jesus was the man!  
Christ was the Messenger!"  
- Edgar Cayce's Story of Jesus

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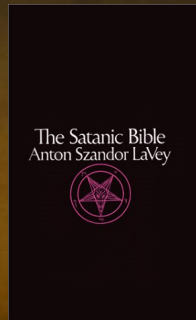
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## The Jesus of Satanism

"I dip my forefinger in the watery blood of your impotent mad redeemer, and write over his thorn-torn brow; The TRUE prince of evil - the king of the slaves!"

-Anton Lavey  
*The Satanic Bible*



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What commonalities do we see?

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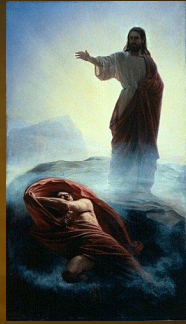
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## The Jesus of the Occult

- Jesus and the Christ are two separate distinct beings
- Jesus is not God
- Jesus studied and followed occult teachings and other human philosophies, and believed in the Eastern teaching of reincarnation
- Jesus is only one of other 'ascended masters' who are recognized for their teaching
- Jesus did not die as a sacrifice for mankind and was not raised from the dead
- Jesus earned his 'Christ-ship' via works
- Like Jesus, we can become little christis and masters




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What Biblical response do we have & what applications can we make?

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## Only God Knows the Future



"Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone, Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness,"  
(Isaiah 44:24-25)

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## Jesus Stands Above All Human Wisdom

The Occults attempts to portray Jesus as just another 'ascended master' and teacher, but the truth is, Jesus is unique and far above all others who have come before or after Him. The demonic spirits try and convince their victims of their wisdom, but Jesus is wisdom incarnate.

"Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."" (John 7:44-46)

"that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:2-3)

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## Jesus Alone is the One and Only Christ

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 16:13-17)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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## The Occult's False Salvation

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another, only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:6-10)

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## Satan is not 'the good guy'

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"You are of your father the devil [Ms. Blavatsky], and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)

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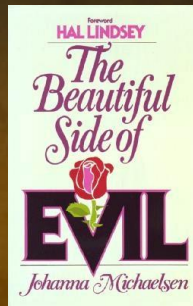
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## Evil is Not Ugly on the Outside

"You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die." The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate." (Genesis 3:1-6)

The temptation in the garden was this: A good better than what God was offering. Real evil is appealing and attractive to the fallen nature.




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"We do not frighten our prospects."  
-Demon to Catholic Priest  
Malachi Martin, *Hostage to the Devil*

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## The Occultists Listen to & Worship Demons

"But they mingled with the nations And learned their practices, And served their idols, Which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons."  
(Psalms 106:35-37)

"What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons." (1 Corinthians 10:19-21)

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## We Must Avoid the Occult

Christians sometimes think they are completely immune and invincible when it comes to the occult and the enemy. However, while it is true that "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4), Christians must not enter enemy territory because the enemy has authority in his realm.

In the same way that a Christian should not expect God to protect them if they violate one of God's natural laws (e.g. gravity), neither should they expect anything different when it comes to the spiritual laws that God has put in place.

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