FAMILIAR SPIRITS & SPIRIT POSSESSION TODAY

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ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA:"HYPNOSIS IS A MENTAL STATE IN WHICH ONE PERSON,THE SUBJECT,SO COMPLETELY YIELDS HIS ATTENTION TO ANOTHER,THE HYPNOTIST,AS TO RENDER HIMSELF CONTROLLABLE OR SUGGESTIBLE.BY 'SUGGESTIBLE' IS MEANT UNCRITICALLY RECEPTIVE OR RESPONSIVE."

IN OTHER WORDS,A PERSON PLACING HIS MIND AT THE DISPOSAL OF A HYPNOTIST,IS DELIBERATELY PUTTING HIS SPIRIT (INTELLIGENCE) IN THE POSSESSION OF THE HYPNOTIST.THIS IS CERTAINLY A FORM OF SPIRIT POSSESSION. TO DELIBERATELY PLACE YOURSELF IN THE POSITION OF BEING "UNCRITICALLY RECEPTIVE OR RESPONSIVE" TO THE CONTROL AND SUGGESTIONS OF ANOTHER.IT IS A SIN,DIRECTLY AGAINGT THE DOCTRINE OF THE LORD TO BECOME "UNCRITICALLY RECEPTIVE OR RESPONSIVE" TO THE SUGGESTIONS OF ANY MAN.THEREFORE IT IS A SIN TO SUBMIT TO BEING HYPNOTIZED:BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT HYPNOTISM IS.

1 JOHN 4:1,"BELOVED BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT,BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY BE OF GOD."

MATTHEW 24:4,"AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THEM,TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU."

ACTS 17:11,"AND THESE WERE MORE NOBLE THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA IN THAT THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS OF MIND,AND SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY,WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO."

THESE COMMANDS CANNOT BE OBSERVED BY A PERSON SO POSSESSED OF ANOTHER PERSON THAT THEY ARE "UNCRITICALLY RECEPTIVE AND RESPONSIVE" TO ANYTHING THAT PERSON SUGGESTS.

ENCLY.AMER.:"THERE IS NO RELIABLE SIGN OF THE HYPNOTIC STATE.NO PHYSICAL INDEX HAS BEEN FOUND.ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT A PERSON IS HYPNOTIZED WHEN HE BECOMES SO SUGGESTIBLE TO ANOTHER PERSON THAT HE RESPONDS TO HIM ALONE,AND PAYS LITTLE ATTENTION TO ANYTHING ELSE,UNLESS DIRECTED. THE VIEW THAT STILL PREVAILS IS THAT ALL HYPNOTIC EFFECTS ARE DUE TO HYPERSUGGESTIBILITY."

"HYPER" MEANS EXCESSIVE,ABOVE,BEYOND,SUPER.SO IN ORDER TO SUBMIT TO BEING HYPNOTIZED,YOU MUST OPEN YOUR MIND EXCESSIVELY AND UNCRITICALLY TO THE SUGGESTIONS OF THE HYPNOTIST.PUT YOUR SPIRIT ENTIRELY IN THE POSSESSION OF THIS PERSON WHO IS PRESUMING TO TAKE POSSESSION OF YOUR SPIRIT.KNOWING "THAT COMMANDS GIVEN YOU IN THIS HYPNOTIC STATE WILL BE CARRIED OUT EVEN AFTER YOU AWAKE.THIS IS CALLED RESPONSE TO POSTHYPNOTIC SUGGESTION." ENCLY.AMER.

ENCLY.AMER.:"ATTITUDES AND SENTIMENTS CAN BE ALTERED,OR NEW ONES IMPLANTED,IF THE CONDITIONS ARE GOOD,AND THE CHANGE IS NOT TOO RADICAL. IF THERE IS A STRONG RESISTANCE TO THE NEW SUGGESTIONS,AS WHEN THE SUBJECT IS TOLD TO DO SOMETHING THAT VIOLATES HIS NORMAL FEELINGS,HE MAY COME OUT OF THE HYPNOTIC STATE AND BE NO LONGER SUGGESTIBLE FOR THE HYPNOTIST CONCERNED,OR HE MAY SHOW SIGNS OF VIOLENT INTERNAL CONFLICT,AND STILL YIELD TO THE SUGGESTION.THE SUGGESTION MAY ALSO BE GIVEN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVIOD CONFLICT;FOR INSTANCE,THE SUBJECT MAY BE GIVEN A PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE FOR THE OBJECTIONAL ACT,AND THUS HAVE NO CONFLICT ABOUT IT.THE HYPNOTIST CAN THROUGH TRICKERY,LEAD THE HYPNOTIZED PERSON TO DO THINGS HE WOULD NOT ORDINARILY DO.ACCORDINGLY ONE SHOULD NEVER SUBMIT TO HYPNOSIS EXCEPT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH HE IS SAFE AGAINST ABUSE. HE NEEDS ONLY TO REFUSE TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THE HYPNOTIST TO AVOID THE EFFECT."

WHEN THE INSPIRED APOSTLE,PAUL,EXHORTED TO LISTEN WITH A READY MIND TO HIS PREACHING;THEN SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES TO SEE IF THESE THINGS WERE TRUE(ACTS 17:11),HOW DARE A CHRISTIAN "UNCRITICALLY" AND EXCESSIVELY TRUST ANY UNSNSPIRED MAN TODAY TO THE EXTENT THAT HE LITTERALLY GIVES HIS SPIRIT INTO THE POSSESSION OF ANOTHER? IN THE HYPNOTIC STATE,YOU ARE IN NO CONDITION TO "TRY THE SPIRITS" MAKING SUGGESTIONS TO YOU "WHETHER THEY BE OF GOD"(1 JOHN 4:1).WHEN YOU ARE SUBMITTING TO BEING MADE "UNCRITICAL" IN THE FACE OF ANY SUGGESTION WHEREBY HE MAY "SEEK TO DECEIVE YOU"(MATTHEW 24:4),INTENTIONALLY OR NOT.

HOW MORE FAMILIAR COULD A SPIRIT BE? THIS FAMILIARITY OF SPIRITS IS AGAINST ALL BIBLE TEACHING.HOW CAN THE SPIRIT OF A MAN OR DEMON BE MORE FAMILIAR THAN TO TAKE POSSESSION OF YOUR "UNCRITICAL,HYPERSUGGESTIVE,RESPONSIVE" SPIRIT,TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WILL UNQUESTIONINGLY DO AS HE SUGGESTS?

AND IT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE SUBJECT THAT IS ACTED UPON BY THE HYPNOTIST.THEREFORE THE MAN OF SCIENCE CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT.ENCLY.AMER. SAYS:"FOR ALL THE CENTURY AND THREE QUARTERS OF SCIENTIFIC ATTENTION FOCUSED UPON IT,HYPNOSIS IS STILL A FIELD OF UNSOLVED PROBLEMS,OF CHALLENGING QUESTIONS."

TRULY IT IS A <u>CURIOUS ART</u>,ACTS 19:19.

ENCLY.AMER.:"THERE IS NO SIMPLE VIABLE SIGN OF THE HYPNOTIC STATE,NO PHYSICAL INDEX HAS BEEN FOUND.ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT A PERSON IS HYPNOYIZED WHEN HE BECOMES SO SUGGESTIBLE TO ANOTHER PERSON,THAT HE RESPONDS TO HIM ALONE,AND PAYS LITTLE OR NO ATTENTION TO ANYTHING ELSE, UNLESS DIRECTED.THE SUBJECT MAY BE MADE TO DO THINGSORDINARILY BEYOND HIM,IF INTENSE CONCENTRATION OF ATTENTION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE PERFORMANCE.HE CAN DO MENTAL FEATS THAT WOULD NARMALLY CALL FOR AN ABNORMAL DEGREE OF CONCENTRATION IN THE ORDINARY WAKING STATE."

SPIRIT POSSESSION,AND FAMILIAR SPIRITS THAT TAKE POSSESSION OF ANOTHER,ARE NOT OF GOD;BUT ARE OF THE DEVIL.CHRIST CALLED THE SPIRITS THAT TOOK POSSESSION OF OTHER PEOPLE "UNCLEAN SPIRITS" AND "DEVILS". MATTHEW 10:1; MARK 1:23; 3:11; 5:2,8; 6:7; 7:25; LUKE 4:33,36; 6:18; 8:29; 9:42;ACTS 5:16.

NOTICE CLOSELY THIS QUOTATION FROM ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA,AND SEE THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN WHAT THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS,DEVILS DID IN CHRIST 'S DAY,AND WHAT THE MODERN DAY HYPNOTIST IS CAPABLE OF DOING:"FOR EXAMPLE,IF HE IS TOLD HE WILL SEE SNAKES CRAWLING ON THE FLOOR,HE WILL HALLUCINATE THEM THERE,AND WILL RESPOND TO THEM AS IF THEY WERE ACTUALLY THERE.HIS MEMORY CAN BE COMPLETELY BLOCKED OUT,AND HIS WORDS AND EMOTIONS EITHER EVOKED OR SUMMARILY DISMISSED BY A FEW WORDS FROM THE HYPNOTIST.WITH A HIGHLY RESPONSIVE SUBJECT,GENUINE LAUGHTER AND TEARS MAY BE MADE TO COME AND GO IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.HYPNOTIC CONTROL OVER SENSATION IS SO COMPLETE IN A GOOD SUBJECT THAT ANY OF THE SENSES CAN BE ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY BLOCKED.BLINDNESS,FOR INSTANCE,CAN BE PRODUCED BY A COMMAND.PAIN SENSATION CAN BE BANISHED OVER THE WHOLE BODY,OR THE ANALGESIA MAY BE RESTRICTED TO A SPECIFIC AREA OF THE BODY."

WHAT MORE,IN THE WAY OF POSSESSION COULD THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS THE DEVILS DO IN CHRIST'S DAY THAN A HYPNOTIST CAN DO TODAY? AND REMEMBER, "THAT COMMANDS GIVEN IN THIS HYPNOTIC STATE WILL BE CARRIED OUT EVEN AFTER THE SUBJECT IS AWAKE.THIS RESPONSE IS CALLED POSTHYPNOTIC SUGGESTION."(ENCY.AMER).

FAMILIAR SPIRITS WERE SO ABOMINABLE TO THE LORD IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES THAT HE COMMANDED TO PUT THEM TO DEATH.

LEVITICUS 20:27,"A MAN ALSO OR A WOMAN THAT HATH A FAMILIAR SPIRIT,OR IS A WIZARD,SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH:THEY SHALL STONE THEM WITH STONES:THEIR BLOOD SHALL BE UPON THEM."

IN 1 SAMUEL 28:7-8,WE ARE TOLD OF HOW KING SAUL CONSULTED WITH A FAMILIAR SPIRIT.THEN IN 1 CHRONICLES 10:13,WE READ:"SO SAUL DIED FOR HIS TRANSGRESSION WHICH HE COMMITTED AGAINST THE LORD,EVEN AGAINST THE WORD OF THE LORD,WHICH HE KEPT NOT,AND ALSO FOR ASKING COUNSEL OF ONE THAT HAD A FAMILIAR SPIRIT TO INQUIRE OF IT."

IN 2 CHRONICLES 33:6,IT IS SAID OF KING MANASSEH WHEN ENUMERATING HIS SINS,"HE DEALT WITH A FAMILIAR SPIRIT."

I AM TOLD THAT ONE HYPNOTIZER HAS HAD THE EFFRONTERY TO SAY,"GOD HYPNOTIZED ADAM:HE FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP." THIS IS PRESUMPTION,PURE AND SIMPLE.NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE IS THERE A HINT THAT GOD STOOPED TO THE INCANTATION AND MUMBO JUMBO OF PRACTICING HYPNOTISM.WHEN GOD SO ROUNDLY CONDEMNS SUCH PRACTICE IN HIS WORD,IT SEEMS JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN IRREVERANT TO ACCUSE HIM OF BEING A HYPNOTIST,ON THE GROUNDS OF PRESUMPTION,AT THAT.PRESUMPTION IS THE GREAT TRANSGRESSION,PSALMS 19:13.AND, "THE PROPHET,WHICH SHALL PRESUME TO SPEAK A WORD IN MY NAME,WHICH I HAVE NOT COMMANDED HIM TO SPEAK---,EVEN THAT PROPHET SHALL DIE"(DEUTERONOMY 18:20).WHO IS THIS BROTHER,OR ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING TO PRESUME TO EXPLAIN THE "HOW" THAT GOD DOES ANYTHING?

IN NUMBERS 3:4,WE READ THAT THE LORD STRUCK NADAB AND ABIHU DEAD FOR OFFERING STRANGE FIRE.DOES THIS HYPNOTIST BROTHER PRESUME TO FEEL THAT HE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN STRIKING DEAD EVERYONE HE THINKS IS ERRING?

BRETHREN;LET US CONFINE OURSELVES TO THE THINGS WRITTEN,LEAVING OFF ALL PRESUMPTION,THE GREAT TRANSGRESSION.REMEMBER PAUL SAID IN ROMANS 15:18,"FOR I WILL NOT DARE TO SPEAK OF ANY OF THOSE THINGS WHICH CHRIST HATH NOT WROUGHT BY ME,TO MAKE THE GENTILES OBEDIENT IN WORD AND DEED." IF PAUL WOULD NOT DARE TO EVEN SPEAK OF THESE THINGS;HOW DARE WE INDULGE IN THEM? WHETHER TO INQUIRE OF THE FUTURE,TO IMPROVE? OUR MINDS,OR JUST FOR FUN???? LET US AVOID THESE HYPNOTIST ACTIVITIES:FAMILIAR SPIRITS SPIRIT POSSESSION,UNCLEAN SPIRITS,DEVILS.

WRITTEN IN CHRISTIAN LOVE FOR THE TRUTH AND FOR THE BRETHREN.
YOURS FOR THE TRUTH,THE WHOLE TRUTH,AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

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