

The world we live in is full of mysterious things of which make us really wonder. There are people who speak with the dead, strange forces that can do good or evil, such as miraculous healing, etc. There are spiritualistic meetings where the medium is possessed by a spirit; pieces of furniture move around. There are houses which are literally haunted, where lights turn on and strange noises are heard in the middle of the night, etc. There are mysterious forces that have led people to misery, sickness, separation from family, and death. Even politicians, businessmen and celebrities consult fortune tellers. Millions read their horoscope daily, others have their cards read, but all are deceived. Where do these forces come from? How can we be protected from them? God is the only one who knows the future. He has revealed it in 2,300 Bible prophecies. Fortune tellers know the present and the past, and this impresses people; this is because they work with spirits that we cannot see, yet they are by our side. They are the same spirits that appear in spiritualistic meetings. Isaiah 8:19.



## WHO ARE THOSE MYSTERIOUS FORCES?

- 1. Can they be the spirits of the dead? What does the Bible say about those who have died? Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6.**

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- 2. Can God be the one who guides them? What command did He give? Leviticus 20:27; Deuteronomy 18:10-12.**

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- 3. If these revelations come from neither God nor the dead, who influence politicians? Revelation 16:14.**
  - a) These spirits of demons are the fallen angels who rebelled against God (Ezekiel 28:13-18).
  - b) One-third of the angels were excluded from heaven (Revelation 12:9, 12).
- 4. In the biblical examples about people possessed by spirits, what did those spirits declare? Acts 16:16-18. Mark the correct answer:**

They told lies    They said unimportant things    There was some truth in their declarations.
- 5. What happened to King Saul when he consulted a fortune teller after God rejected him? 1 Samuel 28:3, 6-8, 11-15; 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14.**

## THE DEVIL'S COLLECTION

- 6. What is a sign of the last days? 1 Timothy 4:1.**
  - a) Not only does organized Spiritism exist, but also sorcery and divination; they have also infiltrated Christian churches.
  - b) The first medium ever used was the serpent (Genesis 3:1-4). Mediums are people who go into a trance and spirits then talk through them. They pretend they can make the dead speak, move objects without touching them, heal people, give messages, etc.
- 7. How can we tell truth from error? Isaiah 8:19, 20.**

*The messenger of God will be in agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in everything; he must agree with what God has already testified in the past through His word.*

**8. What does the Bible say of those who look for a solution to their problems in those mysterious forces? Jeremiah 2:13.** \_\_\_\_\_

- a) In modern terms, we talk about Parapsychology. There are people who pass through the fire without being burned and they say that they can do that by the power of the mind. This was prohibited by God (Deuteronomy 18:9-14).
- b) Reading cards is divination.
- c) Hypnotism, the pendulum, and the magic wand, as well as healing by magic words, even if done with good intentions, are not approved by God.

**9. What does the Bible say about those who practice astrology and consult astrologers? Isaiah 47:13-15.** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. In the last days, false miracles will be so subtle that they will be a threat even to \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 24:24.** \_\_\_\_\_

*There are things that perhaps you do not consider so bad, but may be reaching the limit to God's dislikes; and even if you do not believe it, you are being directed by a hidden power. It is best to avoid all such things.*

**11. Does Satan work for free, or does he charge for his "favors"? Romans 6:16; John 8:44.**

*The devil charges a heavy price to those who consult him. He may bring upon that person:*

- Unbelief, doubt, lack of faith in God's word and prayer.
- Depression, anxiety, even suicide attempts.
- Mental illness, complexes and paranoia.
- Sexual deviations, adultery, alcoholism, drug addiction.
- Uncontrollable anger. • Possession by evil spirits. • Diseases, poverty, etc.

*After asking God forgiveness for consulting with such persons or looking for help from persons other than God, decide not to do it again.*

**12. What should be done with books about magic or anything similar? Acts 19:19.**

**13. What divine advice will set us free from satanic influence? James 4:7.**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ to God
- b) Resist \_\_\_\_\_. Do not listen to him or believe him.
- c) The devil \_\_\_\_\_.

**14. What should we trust in to obtain complete victory? Revelation 12:10, 11.**

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## CONCLUSION

- When Adam and Eve separated from God, they were promised that Christ would defeat Satan and bruise his head (Genesis 3:15). This happened at Jesus' death.
- Jesus wants to defend you, help you, forgive you, and hide you in His loving arms.

**15. After setting the possessed Gadarene free (Luke 8:26-28), what advice did Jesus give him? Luke 8:38, 39.** \_\_\_\_\_

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*My decision: I believe that we should only seek help in Jesus; not in seers, healers, astrologers, or spiritualists.*  Yes  No

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