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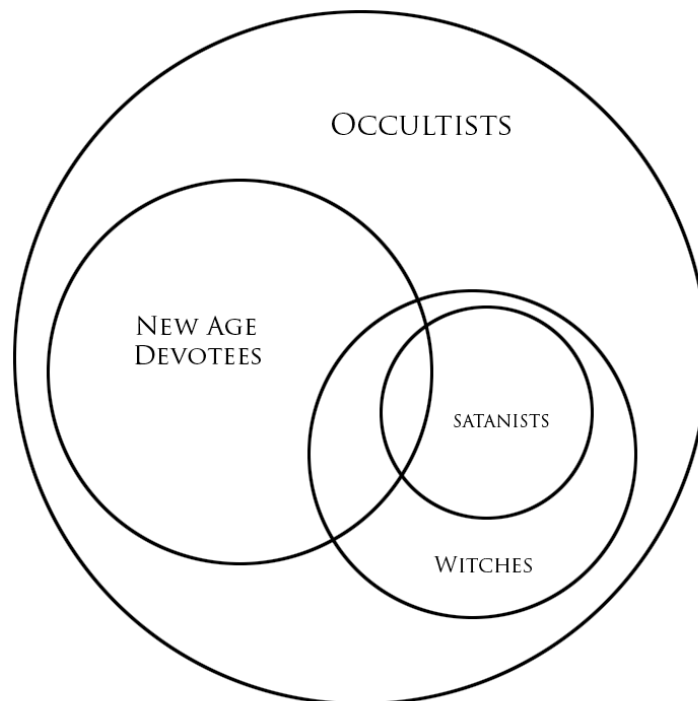
Witnessing to an Occultist or Witch

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Do you feel intimidated about witnessing to occultists or witches? You needn't. Soul-winners realize that any witnessing encounter is a field for spiritual warfare. New Agers, witches, or occultists aren't really anymore "lost" than any "heathen." Anytime you try to win someone to Yah'shua (Hebrew name of Jesus), Satan might attack you. However, he cannot touch you without the Father's permission. A prayed-up, armored-up Believer should have nothing to fear. Pray for the Almighty's protection on you and your loved ones; and then Go FOR IT!

A few brief definitions first. For our purposes, there are four designations. Each overlaps the other. The broadest category is: OCCULTIST. An occultist believes in hidden knowledge that can be tapped to either gain paranormal powers, knowledge of the future, or contact with departed spirits or higher planes of existence. (See note 1)

Draw a circle and label it "occultist." Within that circle, draw a smaller circle and label it "New Ager." NEW AGERS are all occultists. However, they tend to have a very pseudo-scientific, high-tech approach and a distinct world-view. This world-view has them thinking that they are on the threshold of a giant "quantum leap" or "paradigm shift" in which humanity is going to evolve into "Homo Noeticus" (See note 2)—a super-human being with cosmic powers and enlightened consciousness. Most New Agers are pantheistic (YHWH simply IS the entire universe and that is it. No transcendent Deity is acknowledged).



Draw a smaller circle that partially overlaps the New Age circle and is within the Occultist circle. Label this "WITCHES." Many, but not all witches are New Agers, but virtually all white witches or "Wiccans" (See note 3) are occultists with a religious bent. They are pantheists who worship the earth mother and the sky father; or some form of nature worship. They gather in congregations called covens - usually matriarchal—with memberships no larger than thirteen, and they have an initiatic degree system somewhat like the Masons. They may or may not be as technologically oriented as the New Agers, and many of them look to the "romantic" past of fairies and Celtic lore instead of the future.

Draw a smaller circle within the "witch" circle, and label it "SATANISTS." Satanists are all witches, but all witches are not Satanists. Wiccans, in fact, deny that there even is a devil. Satanists are black witches (not in the racial sense, please). They practice witchcraft and magic with considerably less concern for altruism or ethical values. There are "legal" Satanists like members of the Church of Satan or Temple of Set that claim to be law-abiding citizens and deny abusing drugs, animals or children. There are also "hardcore" Satanists, who do indeed sacrifice and kill to please their dark god. The latter kinds of Satanists are not usually advertising in the Yellow Pages. Such groups are discovered by word of mouth, and hard to join. Some are multi-generational.

What we discuss here will apply to all four groups, since all four share these beliefs:

- 1.) They all tend to disregard the Bible.
- 2.) They all deny the unique deity of Yah'shua (See note 4)
- 3.) Most but by no means all believe in reincarnation.
- 4.) They deny the existence of sin and evil or their need to be "saved."
- 5.) They all deny the existence of a devil as Christians think of him.

New Wine into New Bottles

The most important part of any soul winning is prayer! The soul-winner needs to pray for the Holy Spirit to send him "divine appointments;" people who have been just primed by the Holy Spirit to be ready for the message of Messiah. If you have an occultist already in mind, you also need to begin praying for that person in a very specific way. ANY idolatrous theology is a stronghold that must be spiritually cast down (**2Cor. 10:4-5**) before any serious advances can be made in witnessing.

If you paint a new house, you just have to slap on a coat of primer and then paint it. That is like witnessing to an un-churched person. However, if you have an older house that has already been painted and you just need to repaint it, then you have a different matter.

The old paint must be stripped off, until you get down to the bare wood. Only then, can you

apply the fresh coats of paint. Otherwise, if you try to apply the new paint over the old, the new paint may well peel off in just a few months. As Yah'shua explained it,

And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.—Mark 2:22

Though in the context, the Master was addressing the issue of the old tenets of Jewish tradition vis-a-vis His teaching, the same can apply to *any other human traditions* when they encounter the gospel. The way to "strip" the house of its old paint (or stronghold) is through mighty prayer. You need to pray that the Lord would bind the lying and deceitful spirits (**1Tim. 4:1**) which prevent the occultist from hearing and seeing the truth of Yah'shua—at least for a season.

Many would be astonished at what goes on in the spiritual realm as they witness to people. Without prayer, clouds of imps buzz around the unsaved person's head like flies, trying to distract or confuse; or even blind or deafen at times. External things will intrude—telephones will ring, kids will cry.

Now this may be old news to many, but we have found that a lot of people who try to win souls under-estimate the power of prayer. They think of witnessing as an exchange of IDEAs—which of course it is, on one level. However, it is first and foremost a spiritual battle of the highest magnitude.

A Question of Trust

Having dealt with generalities, let's see what actually can be done to bring an occultist to Yah'shua. It must be acknowledged that it is a daunting task. They have utterly no faith in the Bible; and the name of Yah'shua is often a joke to them. However, there are still some areas with which you can work. It often helps to begin with a conversation about how they got into the occult (etc.) and why they have come to believe in it. Occultism, like every other cult, involves a rejection of the authority of God, and the placing of something else (often "self") on the throne instead of God.

Some will say they got into it and because "it worked for them." Its teachings made sense to them and perhaps gave them meaning in their lives. Perhaps they had done magic and found that it worked. This is a kind of pragmatic reasoning that assumes that if something works, it is okay. Pragmatism is not, of course, Biblically valid.

Your task as a soul-winner is to identify (and dethrone) the chief idol of the occultist and to communicate certain truths about Yah'shua to them. Unfortunately, this also means that you must try to dismantle the bad data that the occultist has about his or her own religion and the Christian faith.

We recall that most occultists have *NO* idea who YHWH really is; what the Bible teaches; or what Yah'shua is offering them. Here are some of the typical lies about our Creator that Witches and occultists are fed:

- 1.) All "God" wants to do is to keep us from growing or having "fun."
- 2.) The Bible has been tampered with so much by old monks (or councils) that what it says about Yah'shua and His message is valueless.
- 3.) The Bible can only be understood by sorcerers and adepts as a Kabbalistic book. Thus, Born Again Christians cannot begin to comprehend its true meaning.
- 4.) The Deity represented in the Bible is actually a minor tribal, desert deity. The gods (Great Old Ones, Lords of the Shadows, etc.) of witchcraft or the New Age are much older and more powerful. Thus, it makes more sense to serve them.

Now, obviously the occultist has not gotten these ideas from a vacuum. He has read them or been taught them. Except for the first misconception, most of these ideas would not have been arrived at without some "help" from either a book, the media or a mentor of some kind.

As these objections come up, you need to gently challenge the reasons to believe these statements. Many occultists, especially young people, are accustomed to taking things that they read in books or have heard said—*especially* by anti-establishment figures—as absolute truth. The same youngsters or adults who make fun of Believers for our "blind faith," turn around and believe the most outlandish concepts with far less reason. Thus you need to raise in their minds the question of trust:

"Why do you believe that this information is true? Considering the eternal nature of these questions, upon what do you base your trust in this kind of belief system?"

Ask them who wrote the book or told them these things. Sometimes, they don't even know where they got them. If they say that they got it from someone like John Randolph Price, Aleister Crowley, Benjamin Creme or Anton LaVey, ask them why they feel that such authors are to be believed. Point out that there are actually several possibilities:

- 1.) What the author has told them is true.
- 2.) He has told them what he or she *thinks* is true, but is mistaken.
- 3.) The author has blended some truths with lies or mistakes.
- 4.) The author has lied to them knowingly.

This means that there is, *at the very best*, **a 75% chance that they have been misinformed**. Point out that these books were written by people, and *that people can be mistaken or deceived*. Ask them what reason they have for trusting these opinions. The occultist's answer may vary from:

- 1.) "It feels right to me."
- 2.) "Their writings make sense."
- 3.) "They are wise, powerful magicians and they should know what they are talking about."
- 4.) "The magic rituals they taught me work and that makes me think that they understand about the cosmos."

This would be a good time to point out that you can give them access to a book written by Someone a whole lot smarter than LaVey, Benjamin Creme, et.al. Explain that you can authenticate your book in a way that no occult author could ever hope to accomplish.

"God-Fight at the OK Corral"

It is time to put the Holy Bible to the test. Help the occultist realize that there is an objective, SCIENTIFIC (note that word) way to determine whom is to be trusted—the New Age "gurus" who mock God and the Bible, OR Yah'shua Christ. He or she should readily admit that the two positions are mutually exclusive.

In other words, show them that it is logically impossible for occult theology to be true and **also** for the Bible to be true. Occultists obviously have no respect for the Bible, so here is where you begin tear down their "idol shepherds" by exalting the Word of YHWH. It is always better strategy—both spiritually and even psychologically—to begin by PRAISING that which is precious to the Almighty than by attacking that which is "sacred" to the occultist.

Explain that the Bible says that it is written by YHWH Himself (**2Tim. 3:16**, etc.). More *than 600 times*, the Bible says of itself that it is the VERY WORDS of our Creator. Now, a book truly written by YHWH would have divine and unique qualities. One of those would be its ability to transform the lives of human beings. You can briefly tell the occultist how the Word of YHWH did that in your life.

Also, contrary to the contentions of anti-Christian apologists down through the centuries, the Bible says of itself that it cannot be changed or tampered with (see **Mt.5:18, 1 Pet.1:25, Is.40:8, 51:6, Ps.119:89; 12:6-7; 19:7-8; 111:7; Lk.16:17**). Occultists, by and large, are taught that various occult beliefs like reincarnation were censored out of the Bible in the 2nd or 3rd century. However, this is absolutely NO historical evidence that this occurred. You need to challenge them on that.

Ask the occultist if they have seen for themselves original source documents from 100-200 A.D. which prove that these teachings in the Word were altered. *Obviously, they have not!* Such documents have never been found, nor will they be! This would be expected. IF the Bible was

truly written by the Holy Spirit, then it could NOT have been altered by priests or councils of the church as the occultist has been told.

Logic and Mathematics

LOGICALLY, what human being could alter what an omnipotent Being had promised He would protect from being altered? It can be historically shown that incredible, almost supernatural care was taken by the scribes in hand copying down the scriptures (before the advent of the printing press). Such precautions as the following made it *virtually impossible* that errors could ever creep into the copy:

- The scribe would count the number of words and letters on the copy and the original, and they had to match.
- The scribe would determine the precise middle letter of the page, and then make certain that it was the same on the copy.
- One stray blot of ink invalidated an entire copy, and it would be destroyed by fire. This was because of the nature of Hebrew, which does consist of very small strokes of the pen (the letter Yud) that could be mistaken for small ink smudges.
- The scribe could not copy more than one word from memory without looking back at the original.
- The scribe would add up the numerical value of the page (Hebrew letters are numbers too) and the copy and original would have to precisely agree in sum.

Another proof of the fact that YHWH wrote the Bible would be ITS ABILITY TO FORETELL THE FUTURE WITH 100% ACCURACY. Tell your friend that unlike the psychics and sorcerers found in the popular press, the Bible has hundreds of prophecies in it, and that every one which was due to come true has done *so—without fail*. YHWH, Himself, tells us to use His prophecies to test and compare Him to other "gods."

Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.— Isa. 45:21

A full discourse on the prophecies of the Bible and their astonishing accuracy would be an entire book. The serious soul-winner is referred to works such as EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT (See note 5) for substantial material on this vital, scientific way of establishing the Bible's authority. Here, however, are a few "nuggets" that you might wish to share:

1.) Yah'shua's life and resurrection contained the fulfillment of hundreds of distinct prophecies from the Old Testament. Just considering 48 of the hardest-to-fake of those prophecies, you would end up with the odds against any one man fulfilling the prophecies being

1 in 10^{157} ! *That is a 10, followed by 157 zeroes!!*⁶ Those odds are beyond astronomical. You would have an infinitely better chance of winning the lottery or getting struck by lightning.

To put those odds in perspective, there are millions of electrons—sub-atomic particles—in the human body. However, *in the entire vast expanse of the known universe*, there could not be 10^{157} electrons!

2.) Ezekiel made one prophecy (c. 592-570 B.C.) about the city of Tyre in **Ezekiel 26:3-21**. It came true in the tiniest detail. Yet mathematicians have determined that just that ONE prophecy (out of hundreds) being so accurate through human wisdom had incredible odds against it—1 in 75,000,000! (See note 7) Ezekiel made *many* other prophecies about the destruction of cities—all of them have been fulfilled to the letter.

Now, if the occultist tries to claim that these prophecies were written after the fact, or falsified in some way; you can point out that—thanks to the Dead Sea Scrolls—we have proof that all of the prophecies in Isaiah about Yah'shua (for example) were in existence hundreds of years before Christ. Thus, they could hardly have been written afterwards.

Point out that the Bible is the best attested of any ancient manuscript. What that means is that the number of ancient copies we have of it to crosscheck are substantial (thousands, actually) and that they are dated very close to the time of the actual events being written about. For example, the Bible's historical accuracy and truth are much better supported than, say, the works of Homer (i.e. The ODYSSEY). Thus, *it is up to the occultists* to disprove the Bible's veracity, and they have not been able to do so. All they can do is repeat lies and rumors without knowing them to be such.

Non-Prophet Organizations

Point out that their heroes (LaVey, Crowley, Gerald Gardner, Benjamin Creme, etc.) and their "sacred books" or "channeled transmissions" have made very few, if any prophecies; and that their track records have been absolutely dismal. For example, LaVey writes in his SATANIC RITUALS book (1972) (See note 8) about the progression of the idea of Yah'shua Christ in Western culture. According to this prediction, by the end of the 1980's, Yah'shua would just be a waning memory of a fairy tale in the minds of society.

Thirty years after that, this is patently a **failed prophecy**. Yah'shua is not just a musty, nostalgic memory; He is one of the most vital forces in today's society. If they don't believe that, ask them why all the liberal politicians are so concerned about the influence of the "Religious Right," which is substantially made up of Christians. Ask them why almost 60% of US citizens identify themselves as Born Again followers of Yah'shua!

Benjamin Creme predicted that "Lord Maitreya," the so-called "Christ" of the New Age would manifest to the entire world in 1987. (See note 9) He still hasn't done so nearly over three decades later!

Aleister Crowley, in his "sacred" *Book of the Law*, prophesied that the 1980's would "cower" before a mighty warlord who would be an incarnation of the Egyptian god Ra-Hoor-Khuit! (See note 10) It never happened! He prophesied that a wealthy man would come and give the Crowley cult gold to buy weapons and then that his "holy place" would remain untouched through the centuries. It never took place! (See note 11)

Elizabeth Clare Prophet, (note the last name!) who claims to be a spokesperson for the Great White Brotherhood and all these New Age ascended masters, predicted thermonuclear war and had her followers dig huge bomb shelters in Montana in the late 1980's. It never happened. Instead, she died of Alzheimer's in 2009!

Now, if Satan (or Sanat Kumara or Lucifer or Aiwass) is such a great god, how come neither he nor his "prophets" can accurately predict the future? Why doesn't he give his people something besides vague rumblings and chest beating like an over-age, decrepit gorilla trying to impress someone? Why doesn't he give them something in the realm of HARD SCIENCE AND NUMBERS WHICH THEY CAN EXAMINE? This is a question that the occultist needs to address, if he is going to honestly deal with the facts. Our Creator can predict the future with astronomical, astounding accuracy. Their god cannot. Round #1 for the Biblical YHWH.

Show Them *the Lord!*

One more area that we have found to be very helpful is to begin to lift up and glorify the name of Yah'shua the Messiah. As has been mentioned, most occultists know very little about the character of Yah'shua. They think of Him as a weak, irrelevant, wimpy person who hung around with sheep and losers. They also think He is too "nice" to really allow anyone to go to hell (gasp!).

It is important that we communicate to the person an authentic and vital picture of Yah'shua. We should not sugarcoat our presentation, because these people stand in imminent peril of eternal hell-fire, and they need to know that. However, we must be careful to emphasize grace over law. That is what Paul did. We have found it is extremely important to communicate especially five central aspects of Yah'shua to the occultist:

1.) Yah'shua is Almighty God come in the flesh

Witches do not know this, or if they do, they misunderstand it. Explain to them as vividly as possible that Yah'shua is YHWH in the flesh (**John 1:1-2, Acts 20:28, Col. 1:15, 2:9, 1Tim. 3:16**) the Being Who literally made the universe that they see around them. (**John 1:1-14, Col. 1:16**). He is the one Who literally keeps the universe together, all the forces of gravity, of attraction and repulsion of polarities are at His fingertips (**Col. 1:17**)

Further explain to them that as mighty and omnipotent as He was, He emptied Himself of His deity and became like us—to communicate to us, and to redeem us (**Phil. 2:6-8**). There can be no middle ground on the deity of Yah'shua of Nazareth. He said He was God (**John 8:58**); He received worship as the Almighty (**Matt. 8:2, Matt. 9:18, Matt. 14:33, John 9:38**); and He claimed to be the only way to get to the Abba Father (**John 14:6**). When a man says he is the

Creator of the universe, there are only three logical choices:

- 1.) He is a lunatic, like someone saying they are Napoleon;
- 2.) He is a liar;
- 3.) HE REALLY IS YHWH.

Now most people, even occultists, are impressed with the charm and power of Yah'shua. They would agree it would be unlikely that He would be a liar or deceiver (although many occultists characterize Him as such). They might also be willing to admit that it would be unlikely that a man who acted and taught as He taught would be a nut-case (though some Satanists believe Yah'shua was insane). Thus, for many people, the only sensible alternative is **that** Yah'shua is who He claimed to be—Almighty God!

2.) Glorify Yah'shua as the source of ALL power

Most occultists, as mentioned earlier, have an image of Yah'shua as a wimpy, effeminate twit who dresses in skirts and cuddles sheep. Unfortunately, some Christian art tends to encourage this unmanly likeness of our Master. Remember Yah'shua worked as a carpenter for most of His life. One does not end up with a puny physique by lugging beams and logs around, and using hand carpentry tools all day.

Beyond that, however, Yah'shua's *supernatural* power should be emphasized. He could silence a vast storm on a lake with one word. He could send demons into shivering fits of abject terror just by walking into the county. *He raised people from the dead!* Can Satan (or his minions like Lord Maitreya or Ramtha) do that? Silence from the galleries!

Most witches respect power (whether they became witches to acquire it originally or not), and they have been told that the old ones, or the elder gods (i.e. Satan) are the source of power. Thus, Yah'shua' power needs to be emphasized. He said in **Mat. 28:18** that "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*" If Yah'shua has 100% of the power in the universe, how large a percentage does that leave Satan? 0%!

I like to explain to the occultist that the devil is like a little yappy dog on a leash—a *very* short leash. He can bark shrilly and be a nuisance, but Yah'shua keeps Him on short rein. Any damage the devil does is only *permitted* by Him; and it usually will end up serving the Almighty's purposes anyhow—especially when he tries to attack Believers. (see **Gen. 50:20, Rom. 8:28**)

Point out to the occultist that the power that he has seen from the occult is mainly because Satan has a much longer leash when it comes to non-Believers (like him!). If the occultist **is** afraid of what the devil will do to him, suggest that he might want to get saved and come under the covering mantle of Yah'shua the Messiah, who has ALL power. (see also **John 3:35, Eph. 1:10-11**)

3) Glorify Yah'shua as the source of all Wisdom

Occultists that aren't "into it" for power are into it for wisdom. Explain that Yah'shua has more wisdom to offer them than what they believe they can get from Satan and his musty old ascended masters, Atlantean adepts or "ancient wisdom."

Part of the problem the soul-winner faces is that Biblical wisdom lacks the *glamour and mystery* of occult wisdom. The perception which most occultists have is that "everyone" in America is a Christian and that since everyone here is a "Bozo" to a occultist, how can Christianity have anything to offer? Somehow or other, it doesn't seem "elitist" enough. Many witches and occultists secretly revel in the fact that their "Path" or their "Power" isn't for everyone. "Losers" need not apply, and many of them think of Christians as losers who need to lean on a "pie in the sky" faith as a crutch.

Help them to see that, **first of all, a comparatively small number of people in the US are genuine Christians**—that Christianity is not belonging to a church or being sprinkled as an infant. Explain that this supernatural wisdom comes from studying the Holy Bible, the REAL Word of God. Tell them that just as some occultists work harder than others at their studies, so some Christians work harder at studying their Bible. Thus, it is not fair to judge Yah'shua or Christianity by looking at contemporary American society.

Point out also that often what men and women think of as wisdom is actually nonsense to YHWH, and vice-versa (**1Cor. 3:19, Isa. 55:8-9**). Explain that if YHWH is really the Almighty loving Creator of the universe, it would be indeed astonishing if we could even begin to understand all that He has to teach us. Ask them what an ant would think of calculus! Actually, the fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom (**Prov. 9:10**) and in Yah'shua the Messiah are found all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (**Col. 2:3**). Faithful Believers who humbly seek Him, can actually have the MIND of CHRIST (**1Cor. 2:16**)!

4) Glorify Yah'shua as the One who loved us enough to die for us

Here (**Rom. 5:8**) is where we begin to get close to the bone with any person, but especially an occultist. Most occultists are trained to be self-absorbed (self-centered?), and regard that as a virtue. This is partially because in many cases they have never seen selfless love in action.

Even though they have rejected Yah'shua, He has not rejected them. He suffered a terrible torturous execution—probably the most horrific penalty one could experience and died, **just for them**. Many occultists will not receive this teaching, or will mock it. However, some will be genuinely touched by it, and others will be influenced, but may not show it immediately to you.

Tell the occultist that even if he were the only person in the world who needed it, Yah'shua would have died just for them. Because He is the Almighty, He could look down the corridors of time to their life, and to this moment; and give His life just for them. Yah'shua' death was a way for Him to show us how much He loved us and still satisfy the demands of His perfect justice. Do not be afraid to lean on them a little here!

5) Glorify Yah'shua as the One to Whom Satan will one day bow—

Recall (**Phil 2:9-10, Is. 45:23**) to the occultist's mind the incredible accuracy of the Bible's prophetic writings. Explain to him or her that contrary to what he has been told, Satan (or his "Great White Brotherhood") is not going to win this battle.

Ask them if there is any concrete evidence proving that the Holy Bible is wrong and that earth will really improve and evolve through reincarnation and the teachings of ascended masters. (See note 12) If anything, the evidence of the world today is that it is not improving but degenerating, in spite of centuries of "reincarnation." With horrible wars, Holocausts, and "ethnic cleansing" pock-marking the last century like craters, what sane person could think we are evolving into higher planes of cosmic awareness. Remember, two of the greatest monsters in human history lived in our lifetimes—Charles Manson and Adolph Hitler, and BOTH were reincarnationists!

Where is the fulfillment of all these glowing, ascended master prophecies? Where are Satan's great prophets?" Where is evidence of his ability to really control the future—as opposed to being a mangy cur on a short leash?

Tell the occultist that the Bible makes it clear that one day he or she will join Satan in bowing the knee and confessing that Yah'shua is Master of the universe. Satan is trapped and has no options. But THEY still have an option as long as they are alive. They can choose to bow the knee to Yah'shua and confess Him as their Lord and Savior now, and escape the consequences of eternal hellfire. This brings us to...

Wanna Bet??

Though not by any means the only way to "close the sale" on an occultist or New Ager, the following approach can be quite effective. It is a *classic*, and based upon the work of Blaise Pascal, the great Christian scientist and mathematician. It is called "Pascal's Wager," because it basically reduces the problem of eternity to a gamble.

In the last analysis everyone plays Pascal's Wager, whether they know it or not. We all choose to "put our money" on one of two horses—either the horse named "the Holy Bible is true" or the horse named "the Bible is false." Here is how it goes.

If Christianity is false, and it is not the "only way" and you follow its teachings and its Master; what have you lost? Its ethical principles are admirable. Following the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes would not mess up your "karma" too badly, would it? You would have a peaceful, joyous life; and then go onto your (supposed) next incarnation. I would think that, if anything, Christianity and its teachings would enhance your karma.

On the other hand, if the occult and New Age teachings are false, and Yah'shua's statement about no person coming to the Father except through Him is true (**John 14:6**); and you follow the occult, you are in deep spiritual peril! You are worshipping false gods.

Suddenly, the stakes become frighteningly high! If you follow the Bible and are mistaken, you have lost little except perhaps a few hang-overs, unwanted pregnancies or AIDS; but if you follow the New Age, Satanism, witchcraft or the occult and are mistaken; *you will lose everything!* It is a 50-50 toss-up. But the chips the occultist is playing with are actually his or her immortal soul. If he is wrong, he spends an eternity in hell. Is it really worth that kind of gamble?

Now some occultists will deny the existence of hell. Don't let them get away with that kind of intellectual laziness! Draw them back to the question, *"WHY do they believe that? What mathematical, scientific evidence do you have to discount what Yah'shua and the Bible clearly teach?"*

Other occultists will argue over how such a loving God could make such a place as hell and send people to it. That is actually a red herring. Show them that God didn't make it for human beings, but for the devil and his angels (**Matt. 25:41**). People essentially send themselves there by rejecting YHWH's incredibly easy, free offer of eternal life.

If Yah'shua had made it HARD to get saved, then people might have something to grumble about. But He made it so easy to get saved that even a little preschooler can do it. Unlike Satan, YHWH is not a snob. He accepts people where they are and saves them from their sins—if they let Him. That choice must be up to the occultist.

In conclusion, realize that this may be a long process. Prayer can speed it along, but not many occultists are willing to get saved in the midst of their first witnessing encounter. As near as I can recall, it took me six years from the time I was first touched by the grace and power of God to finally get me to the cross! Be prayerful, persistent, and patient, and you will bear fruit.

Endnotes:

- 1.) The word "occult" means "hidden."
- 2.) Latin for "New Man."
- 3.) Wicca", pronounced "witcha" (or "wikka" more commonly but less correctly), is an old English word for witch, and it is the preferred designation for most modern witches. See *Wicca: Satan's Little White Lie* by the author for a thorough analysis of the Wiccan movement.

- 4.) Many believe that Yah'shua was god, but that we are all gods. That is not Bible doctrine, but a kind of pantheism.
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- 10.) Liber Al vel Legis, p. 53, vs. 46.
- 11.) *ibid.*, p.48, vs. 32-34.
- 12.) Unfortunately, it is beyond the scope of this paper to get into a full discussion of reincarnation. See *Wicca: Satan's Little White Lie*, by the author, available from *With One Accord Ministries*. You can also download our "*Straight Talk on Reincarnation*" off our website for free!
- 13.) Nostradamus, probably the most accurate "prophet" known to modern readers, IS a New Age-kind of prophet. However, his prophecies are not as good as the media would have you believe. See our "*Straight Talk on Nostradamus*" from *WOA Ministries* downloadable off our website for free.

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