

- b. these direct the people of God to blasphemous practices and pursuits, (Note also Dt. 13:1-5)
 - c. They blind rather than liberate the people
 - d. They contradict rather than confirm the truth
 - e. They obscure the capacity of the hearer for real truth and show enough "light" to grip him forever.
 - f. And, among other things, they prey on the ignorant, unfortunate and destitute. Taking advantage of these is always contrary to the holiness of God (see Leviticus 19).
3. Updating these persons...a few vocal notes on the activities of fortune tellers, horoscope readers, taro card artists, etc. We cannot deal with them all and TWT is not an expert on any. But our overall acquaintance is sufficient to help us understand the general tenor of the error. We often find Christians upset that we should mention these things in a category like this....and we make it plain that condemnation is not our lot..-but great sins grow from small ones and the believer who dabbles at a low level may find himself engulfed at a higher level.
4. Action:
- a. In the Old Testament...in the theocracy they were not permitted to continue. We are in a different state and should remember it. Occasionally the church has forgotten and has not looked attractive in swinging the sword. We are all scandalized by the New England spectacles...but you may not realize that what was done in New England was only typical of a world view and in Poland, under another religious domination, hundreds of "witches" were burned and drowned in the same time. Therefore we should keep the economies distinct but we should see from the action of the OT that there was to be no healthy relationship with powers of darkness and this will prepare us for the NT.
 - b. And, in the New Testament, 2 Cor. 6:14 ff suggests the following:

C. Demonism:

- 1. Reality: Some Biblical accounts: In the Gospels and in the Book of Acts.
 - a. Identification
 - b. Sources
- 2. Powers: (we think Jannes and Jambres are typical of those working in connexion with demon forces)
 - a. to duplicate the lesser miracles
 - b. To give very realistic signs which, sometimes, come to pass.
 - c. To imitate the general work of the spirit.

Although they are never omnipotent in any sense.