

**The Patio Pulpit For July 28, 2021**  
**“Wicca, Wicca, Witchcraft”**  
**The Rise, Return, and Renewal of Wicca**

I want to acknowledge Dr. James Emery White for the information in this episode of Patio Pulpit. Dr. White is founding pastor of Mecklenburg Community Church here in Charlotte. I came across Dr. White’s article at [crosswalk.com](http://crosswalk.com) this past Monday.

\*I also want to ask you and to remind you, when you watch the Patio Pulpit on YouTube, please hit like and share.

The title of the Dr. White article is, “The Frightening Truth about Wicca in the United States.” He entitled his article that because it is frightening considering where the Wiccan witches are getting their new converts.

As your pastor it is my responsibility keep an eye on world-events since what happens out there, affects what happens in here. And that is what led to my topic for tonight, **“Wicca, Wicca, Witchcraft; The Rise, Return, and Renewal of Wicca.”**

Back in the day when I was around a couple of women who called themselves witches, I thought they were just nuts and way out there wackos. And they were totally wacko. I sat in their homes, once each, and that was once too many, listening to them jabber about bizarre things that didn’t make any sense to me...or their husbands. And even in those days before God graciously saved me, I felt that these women were demonic. And they were. witchcraft is demonic. **Ephesians 2:1** *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,*

*<sup>2</sup> 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.* (Eph. 2:1-2 NAU)

**First, The Wiccans lie about the age of their occult practice.**

Wicca is a form of witchcraft that has purportedly been around for thousands of years. According to Wicca adherents, it has been around for 35,000 years. I don’t believe it, but that’s what the Wiccans are now claiming. It is their very poor attempt at legitimizing their practice.

This from Dr. White's article: "In her book, Simos claims that the religion of Wicca began 35,000 years ago and that its early adherents worshiped a female god and lived for thousands of years in societies that were egalitarian, attuned to nature and focused on women. Then invaders swept across the region, introducing warrior gods and a male-dominated society. That was followed (she says) by Christianity, after which religious and secular authorities began (she claims) a 400-year campaign to kill what she calls 'the old religion.'

**"Now none of that is historically accurate.**

"Even respected mainstream secular journals such as the *Atlantic Monthly* and others have revealed that **not a single element of the Wiccan story is true.** Scholars have concluded that Wicca is a 1950s concoction influenced by Masonic ritual and the world of the occult. It was actually created in its present form by Gerald Gardner, an English civil servant and amateur anthropologist who died in 1964.

**Second, The drawing card of the occult practice of Wicca**

"...one of the marks of the world of the occult is any attempt to gain and master paranormal power in order to manipulate or influence other people into certain actions. This would include all forms of witchcraft and the casting of spells. Yes, this includes Wicca.

"Today, witchcraft is more commonly seen under the title of Wicca. Don't get me wrong—people can and do dabble in the direct attempt at black magic by purposefully invoking the powers of Satan or a demon. But most are into witchcraft another way.

"Wicca is among the fastest-growing religions in the country. Almost half a million people practice it in the United States alone. A book titled *Teen Witch: Wicca for a New Generation* sold more copies for its publisher than any other book in its 95-year history. **Websites devoted to Wicca have been cited as the most visited religious websites on the internet.**

**Third, Wiccans lie to their followers about the innocence of what they do.**

“While they do not deny they are practicing witchcraft, Wiccans say that theirs is a harmless magic. Many come to Wicca after reading a history of the [faith](#), its teachings and its rituals called *The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion of the Great Goddess*; a book that was written under the name Starhawk, who is actually Miriam Simos, a California witch.”

#### **Fourth, What the Bible says about Wicca (and all witchcraft)**

Now, and these are my notes, is there anything in the Bible about witchcraft? Of course there is. In fact, there are too many references to list in my brief study. I’m going to provide a mere four references:

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#### **Leviticus 20:6**

“If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. \*That means such a person is to be executed.

#### **Revelation 21:8**

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

#### **Exodus 22:18**

“You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

And fourth, Galatians chapter 5. <sup>19</sup> *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,*

<sup>20</sup> *idolatry, **sorcery**, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,*

<sup>21</sup> *envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal. 5:19-21 NAU)*

The Bible says that those who practice all the above will not inherit the kingdom of God, and that includes witches and warlocks and Wiccans. It also includes sister so ‘n so who plies her psychic wares in our city and county with her signs advertising palm readings and so forth

and so on. The Bible says under the old covenant, that those who practice witchcraft and sorcery and psychic readings were to be put to death. [Exodus 22:18](#) “You shall not permit a sorceress to live. Under the New Covenant we do not put people to death. We leave that up to the Lord on the Day of Judgment.

### **Fifth, The drug culture and the rise of witchcraft**

Here is a very informative and eye-opening fact from Galatians 5 and v.20. The Greek word translated in my version as “sorcery” but in other translations as “witchcraft,” is the word from which we get our word “pharmacy,” and it means the use of illicit drugs and hallucinogens in witchcraft. The word is “*pharmakeia*.” It’s pronounced “farm uh key a as the use of drugs of any kind for magical effect *sorcery*. In Galatians it refers to any ‘specialist in mixing drugs/potions’] ‘manipulation through incantations, spells, substances, or combinations thereof.

The visions and appearances of angels or demons during Wiccan and other forms of witchcraft ceremonies are induced by hallucinogens and oftentimes just by minds that have been warped or possessed. And when taken in the context of such ceremonies if we consider the powerful tool of herd mentality and brainwashing, we can understand how so many people have been deceived into believing that what they have seen is real. But note this, folks, Satan is no doubt active in such wickedness and can manifest all manner of apparitions.

### **Sixth and finally, Wiccans have a new pool from which to draw out new converts.**

And where are modern Wiccans drawing their new members? From the generation known as Millennials.

“The news story couldn’t have been more direct: “There may now be more Americans who identify as practicing witches... than there are members of mainline Presbyterianism.” Oh my. Even worse:

“... Wicca has effectively repackaged witchcraft for Millennial consumption.” Dr. White.

And just who are these Millennials? They are our young people. Millennials are identified by “researchers and popular media as those

individuals born in the early 1980s and the mid-1990s to early 2000s as ending birth years, with 1981 to 1996 being a widely accepted defining range for the [generation](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Most Millennials are the children of [baby boomers](#) and early Gen Xers;” Wikipedia.

And all of this makes sense considering what we baby boomers did in the ‘60’s when we turned to all kinds of illicit drugs.

Witchcraft enjoyed a resurgence during the turbulent years of the Vietnam War but remained as a fringe, nutjob of a movement. Wicca changed all that for thousands of our citizens. They are still way out in left field and certifiable nutjobs, but the true church must be aware in case we notice strange practices in our children, adult and otherwise.