

LESSON FIFTEEN

How To Overcome The Spirit Of Python

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KEY BIBLE VERSE:

- Isaiah 61:3, NKJV – (3) *"To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."*

LESSON OBJECTIVES:

- Identify the history and manifestations of the spirit of python
- Describe how it attacks and gains entry
- Identify ways to overcome this demonic power
- In this lesson we will examine the roots of the spirit of python by looking at some specific Scriptures, as well as make reference to ancient Greek history and mythology. This study will help us to understand the spiritual influence of the python spirit and its appearance in scripture. We will then discuss how to overcome this demonic influence that wants to hinder our callings and stop the flow of the Spirit's power through our lives.

LESSON:

A. UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRIT OF PYTHON

1. What The Spirit Of Python Does

a) Hinders The Work Of The Holy Spirit

- The spirit of Python is like a snake that wraps itself around a person, to constrict and squeeze and choke the life of God in them, and weigh them down so that it is difficult to be free. It is almost like a blanket that can affect individuals, or whole churches, and quench the Holy Spirit from working in their lives. The Python's head wraps around the person's head, and whispers condemnation and unbelief in the person's ears. When it manifests in a person, it can actually make them fall on the floor and wiggle around like a snake, and perhaps even hiss.

b) Feeds Spiritual Counterfeits

- The spirit of Python also feeds on counterfeit supernatural, and so it works with the spirit of religion and also the occult. Today it is very active because it is found in people who are hungry for the supernatural, but caught up in the

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counterfeits, such as fortune telling, psychics, tarot card readers, witch and warlock movies, the new age movement, witchcraft, crystal healing, Satanic music, spiritual mediums, false religions, transcendental meditation, etc.

2. What Is The Spirit Of Python?

a) A Spirit Of Divination

- Acts 16:16-19, NKJV – (16) *Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. (17) This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." (18) And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. (19) But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.*
- The girl spoke a true word, but it was coming from a spirit of divination! The phrase “spirit of divination” in the Greek is “pneuma puthon”.
- According to history, fortune-telling was very common in this city of Philippi (originally called Dathos). There were many who were functioning with a spirit of divination. So the source of divination is actually the spirit of python.
- Numbers 22:7, NKJV – (7) *So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the diviner's fee in their hand, and they came to Balaam and spoke to him the words of Balak.*
- “diviner” = “qesem” (Hebrew) = “a lot, divination, an oracle, a divine sentence, witchcraft”

b) Divination Includes A Number Of Occultic Practices

- Deuteronomy 18:10-12, NKJV – (10) *There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, (11) or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. (12) *For all who do these things are an **abomination** to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.**
- “witchcraft” = “qesem” (Hebrew) = “a lot, divination, an oracle, a divine sentence, witchcraft”
- “soothsayer” = “anan” (Hebrew) = “to practice magic, to enchant”
- “interprets omens” = “nachash” (Hebrew) = “to hiss, to whisper a magic spell, to divine, to enchant”
- “sorcerer” = “kashaph” (Hebrew) = “to whisper a spell, to inchant, to practice magic”

- “conjures spells” = chabar” (Hebrew) = “to charm, to join together by means of spells”
- “medium” = “shaal” (Hebrew) = “to inquire of or consult or demand counsel of familiar spirits”
- “spiritist” = “yiddeoniy” (Hebrew) = “a conjurer, a wizard”
- “calls up the dead” = “darash” (Hebrew) = “to ask or seek or inquire of the dead”

3. Definition Of “Python”

a) Greek

- The word “divination” comes from the Greek word Πυθώ (Puthō), which is the name of the region where Delphi, the seat of the famous oracle, was located (A python is a diviner from that region).
- Divination also means “inspiration, anointing, soothsaying, witchcraft, divination”.
- Divination is the art of obtaining secret knowledge, especially of the future. It is the pagan counterpart of prophecy. Genuine prophecy is by the Spirit of God. Inspirational divination is by demonic power. It’s not what is coming out of the mouth, it’s the source that determines its validity.

b) Hebrew

- The word “divination” comes from the Hebrew word קֶסֶם (qesem), which means “divine sentence, witchcraft, determined by magical scroll, to divine, soothsayer”. Another word for “diviner” is “sorcerer”, which means “enchanter”. The root meaning of the word “enchanter” is “to hiss”. It also means “to whisper a magical spell”, or to “prognosticate” (to forecast or predict something future).

c) First Century Hellenistic Belief

- In Acts 6, the apostles had to deal with a dispute between the Hebrew disciples and the “Hellenists”.
- Act 6:1, NKJV – *(1) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.*
- Hellenists were a group of Jews who read the scriptures in the LXX translation (Greek Old Testament) rather than in Hebrew, and who spoke Greek rather than Aramaic. For nearly two centuries there had been an uneasy relationship between Jews who welcomed Hellenistic culture and those who defended conservative Hebrew customs and distinctions.²

² Taken from “Hellenists” in <http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/article/opr/t94/e857>

- In the Hellenistic belief system, a Python was a spirit that possessed certain persons and prophesied things through their mouths like a ventriloquist, while the person had no control over their body.

d) Middle Ages

- According to dictionary.com³, in the middle ages, Python referred to:
 - i. A spirit or demon.
 - ii. A person who is possessed by a spirit and prophesied by its aid.

4. Python In Greek Mythology

a) Python Lived In Delphi, The Seat Of The Oracle

- Much of our mythology today is rooted in actual spiritual experiences that people have had in the past, and then distorted or modified into a “myth” or story. So when we look at the spirit of Python, we must look at the historic roots of this spirit.
- The origins of the spirit of Python can actually be found in the history of the ancient city that Paul ministered in – in Delphi. Delphi was located in upper central Greece. In Delphi the Greek god Apollo (the son of Zeus) was worshipped. And there the famous oracle of Apollo gave cryptic predictions and guidance.

b) Python Was A Serpent Or Dragon

- According to classical Greek mythology⁴, Python Πυθώ (Puthō) was a large dragon who guarded the chasm at Delphi from which prophetic vapors emerged. He was finally killed by Apollo, who established his oracle (seer) on the site.
- Python was a serpent / dragon, who dwelt in the caves on the Mount “Parnassus”. Mount Parnassus (Greek: Πάρνασσός, Parnassos), is a mountain of limestone in central Greece that towers above Delphi, north of the Gulf of Corinth, and offers scenic views of the surrounding olive groves and countryside. According to Greek mythology, this mountain was sacred to Dionysus and the Dionysian mysteries; it was also sacred to Apollo and the Corycian nymphs, and it was the home of the Muses.⁵
- The Greek god Apollos had a sister named Diana, who was worshipped in Ephesus, and the demonic spirit behind Diana stirred up a riot in Ephesus when Paul came to the city.

³ Taken from Dictionary.com, at <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/python?s=t>

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⁵ Taken from Wikipedia.org, at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Parnassus

c) The Oracle Of Delphi

- So the pagan oracle of Delphi was located about 75 miles northwest of Athens, Greece, on the Corinthian sea, 5 miles inland and 10 miles south of Mount Parnassus. On this mountain was a sharp cliff about 1900 feet above sea level, where there was a sacred hot spring. It was here that they erected a pagan temple to Apollo. From the ledge, steps went down into the temple, where they had prophetesses. People would come from far places and pay money to hear what they had to say, while under the spirit of divination. They believed that the source of the inspiration of the divinations was intoxicating fumes that rose up from the floor of the caves. As the prophetesses breathed in the fumes, they would go into a trance-like state, and start to have visions and revelations.
- They believed that the fumes came from a chamber beneath the mountain, where Apollo was supposed to have killed the Python. And the decaying body of the Python serpent gave off the fumes which caused the visions and revelations.
- The virgin prophetesses or priestesses were actually called “Pythonesses”. A Pythoness was a girl possessed by a demonic “spirit of prophecy”, including the slave girl that Paul encountered in Philippi in Acts 16. So she was practicing the “art of Pythonism”, or divination or soothsaying. They also called it the “prophetic spirit of Apollo”.

5. Python's Partnership with Jezebel

a) Python Is A Power That Works With The Principality Of Jezebel

- Ephesians 6:12, NKJV – *(12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*
- In the demonic structure in the 2nd heaven, here is the general structure:
 - i. Principalities
 - ii. Powers
 - iii. Rulers of the darkness
 - iv. Spiritual hosts of wickedness⁶
- The spirit of Jezebel is a “principality”. Python is a “power” functioning under that principality.

⁶ For more information on this topic, see “Satan's Demonic Hierarchy Millitary Power Structure Part 1, 2 & 3”.
<http://reformersrecovery.com/satans-demonic-hierarchy-military-power-structure-part-1>
<http://reformersrecovery.com/satans-demonic-hierarchy-military-power-structure-part-2>
<http://reformersrecovery.com/satans-demonic-hierarchy-military-power-structure-part-3>

b) Python Provides The Witchcraft That Jezebel Needs To Control People

- The spirit of Jezebel is one of the ruling spirits attacking the church today. Jezebel only uses witchcraft (manipulation and control). She promotes and sets a platform for the false prophets of Baal, which are getting their inspiration from the spirit of divination (Python). So the spirit of Python works with the spirit of Jezebel. Jezebel sends false prophets to bring witchcraft into the land. So the Python spirit serves the agenda of Jezebel. Python is the source of all demonic divination and witchcraft. People today are being deceived by the increase of the supernatural, because much of it comes from the spirit of Python.

6. The Ways Of A Python Snake**a) Python Is A Large Snake**

- A Python is a very large snake (not poisonous) found in Burma, Indo-China, India, Mexico, Asia, Africa and the Tropics (warmer climates). These snakes are known to squeeze their prey, and kill them by suffocation. It is a slow process. There are several different types of Pythons, and often people confuse them with Boas. They grow to a variety of sizes, but some grow up to 30 feet or more in length, and weighing up to 200 to 250 pounds. An average adult is 15 to 20 feet long and will weigh 70 to 100 pounds.

b) Python Kills By Suffocating

- According to Wikipedia⁷, most members of this family are ambush predators, in that they typically remain motionless in a camouflaged position and then strike suddenly at passing prey. Pythons use their sharp backward-curving teeth -- four rows in the upper jaw, two in the lower -- to grasp prey which is then killed by constriction; after an animal has been grasped to restrain it, the python will quickly wrap a number of coils around it. Death occurs primarily via asphyxiation; some research has suggested that pressures produced during constriction may cause cardiac arrest by interfering with blood flow. All prey is swallowed whole, and may take several days or even weeks to fully digest. The speed with which the coils are applied is impressive and the force they exert may be significant, but death is caused by suffocation, with the victim not being able to move its ribs to breathe while it is being constricted.
- When a Python attacks, one or more of the coils of its body are thrown around the victim, its jaws hold the victim still, and then the powerful body muscles apply pressure. The victim is not crushed, but squeezed until they can no longer breathe. It applies just enough pressure so that the victim dies of suffocation. Then the Python will unlock its jaws, and swallow the victim whole, slowly digesting the victim.

⁷ Taken from Wikipedia.org, at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pythonidae>

c) The Spirit Of Python Squeezes Us With Heaviness And Depression

- The method of attack is always constriction and suffocation. They wrap and squeeze. This is what Satan does, he squeezes us and brings heaviness and apathy and depression on our lives, that slowly strangles us – our hope and vision is slowly crushed. He does it through disappointment and discouragement.

d) To Defeat Python, Cut Off It`s Head (Words)

- When a Python has you in its grip, each time you breathe, the grip tightens. One of the only ways to get free is to cut off its head. Many people in the church today cannot get free of the grip of Python, because they are listening to its head, and the river of words it is speaking to us to keep us discouraged.
- Revelation 12:15, NKJV – *(15) So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth [like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.*

e) Definition Of Serpent

- According to the Bible, what does the word “serpent” mean?
- “Serpent” (Greek = ophis) = “a snake, sly and cunning, a malicious person, serpent”
- “Serpent” (Hebrew = nachash) = “a snake, one that hisses”
- It also came to mean “a whisperer of a magic spell”, or “to hiss a magic spell”

B. PYTHON’S STRATEGY**1. Addictions**

- The spirit of Python will put you into bondage to drugs. The Oracle at Delphi would use a leaf called a “laurel” leaf, and burn it and inhale its fumes. Laurel leaves are added to food to give taste, but when they are burned, and the fumes are inhaled, they are mildly hallucinogenic.
- Note: The laurel leaf wreath has its origin in the god Apollo. He was in love with Daphne, who was the daughter of the River god, Peneus. Daphne desired not to marry, and she fled from Apollo's desire, into the woods, where he chased her. She asked her father to help her escape, so he turned her into a laurel tree. From that day on, Apollo absolved to wear a wreath of laurels on his head. Pausanias wrote that this association with Apollo was probably the only reason that the laurel crown was awarded in the Pythian games, since they were held at Delphi, sacred to Apollo. Although we tend to think of all these ancient Greek events as "games,"

they were also big religious festivals, and the Pythian festival was in honor of Apollo.⁸

- As a result, one of the strategies of Python is to get a person addicted to drugs, including tobacco and prescription drugs and alcohol, to escape the stress, pressure, and pain of life, and give them a sense of euphoria.
- The word “sorcerer” is the Greek word “pharmakeus”, from which we get the word “pharmacy”. A “pharmakeus is a person using drug-based incantations or drugging religious enchantments; a pharmakeus-practitioner who "mixes up distorted religious potions" like a sorcerer-magician. They try to "work their magic" by performing pseudo "supernatural" stunts, weaving illusions about the Christian life to use "powerful" religious formulas ("incantations") that manipulate the Lord into granting more temporal gifts (especially "invincible health and wealth"). This has a "drugging" effect on the aspiring religious zealot, inducing them to think they have "special spiritual powers" (that do not operate in keeping with Scripture).⁹
- Generally, the word “sorcerer” was used to describe a person who uses medicine, drugs or spells. Later the word “sorcerer” came to be used for a person who practiced witchcraft, accompanied with drugs, incantations, charms and magic.
- Obviously if the spirit of Python can get a person addicted to drugs, it will keep them from experiencing genuine Christianity. Also, many people seeking healing fail to receive, because there is a spirit of Python working through new age alternative practices to alleviate pain. You may also need to first cast out the spirit of Python from a person who suffers from addictions.

2. Apathy

- Proverbs 29:18, NKJV – *(18) Where there is no revelation [prophetic vision], the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.*
- “Cast off restraint” = “para” = “to loosen, to absolve, to go back, to refuse, to set at nought”
- It basically means to become lax and lazy and complacent. It keeps you from doing what God wants you to do
- One way this spirit works, is to crush your hope, your dreams and your visions, so that you no longer feel like trying any more.
- Python wants to quench and suffocate the life and breath of God in you by suffocating your hopes and dreams and visions. If Satan can quench these things, you won’t have the fire you need to persevere. How does he usually do this? He whispers lies, accusations, condemnations, fears and unbelief in your ears, and if

⁸ Taken from “Laurel Wreath, Love, and Victory” at <http://www.culinarylore.com/spices:difference-between-bay-leaves-and-laurels>.

⁹ Taken from “Helps Word-Studies Strong’s Greek 5332” at <http://biblehub.com/greek/5332.htm>.

you listen to those things, it causes guilt and shame and insecurity, that keeps growing until the life in you is suffocated. People often also lose their optimism concerning your life and ministry.

3. Infirmary and death

- Luke 13:11, NKJV – (11) *And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.*
- “Infirmary” = “astheneia” = “feebleness of body or mind, malady, frailty, disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness”
- A spirit of infirmity causes repeated chronic sickness. It also causes you to inherit generational sickness from your parents or grandparents
- Often the spirit of infirmity lives in the back, or in the spine, like in the woman mentioned above, and also manifests as chronic pain. Chronic fatigue and arthritis may also be due to a spirit of infirmity.
- It may also cause “infirmity of the mind”, which is a lack of capacity to understand or comprehend a thing, to do things great and glorious, to restrain corrupt desires, to bear trials and troubles.” This may be manifested as a learning disability, or to be unable to accomplish anything of excellence, or to have a lack of self-control, or to adequately deal with the troubles of life.
- The Python spirit is linked to infirmity and death, because Apollo was known as “the god of healing disease” because the prophetesses tried to use the oracle to heal sickness and disease. In many countries today, they still worship the snake for healing. So the Python spirit will resist Biblical healing, and instead try to get you to give in to occult healing methods.

4. Controlling Environment

- 1 Samuel 15:23, NKJV – (23) *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft ...*
- Python also works through the spirit of religion and control (which is the sin of witchcraft). Witchcraft is using counterfeit authority to gain power, and this is done through rebellion from authentic authority, stubbornness, control and manipulation.
- The spirit of Python can often be active in a person who has been involved in a controlling or manipulative relationship, especially in a religious relationship, or in a marriage.
- This may also be active in a person who has frequent accidents or a string of bazaar accidents, near drownings, traumatic situations, etc. It may also be active in a person who has returned from the mission field, where they experienced a lot of resistance and witchcraft.

5. Heaviness & Depression

- Isaiah 61:3, NKJV – (3) *To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.*"
- “Heaviness” = ‘keheh’ = “feeble, obscure, dark, heavy, to wax dim”
- A spirit of heaviness works in a person, or even in a church, to put a limitation in place, so that the person cannot go higher. There is no spiritual energy to pursue God, worship, or reach out to God. If worship in a church becomes sluggish, or heavy, it may be that a spirit of python is operating. Python will wear you down, and make you discouraged, depressed, and tired.

C. HOW TO DEFEAT PYTHON: CUT OFF ITS HEAD

- Psalm 74:14, NKJV – (14) *You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, and gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.*
- The “head” is the speech centre and authority of Python. If we do not cut off the head (words, accusations) then we will come under the spirit of apathy and despair, closely linked to depression and heaviness.
- The devil always attacks in words.
- Genesis 3:1, NKJV – (1) *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"*
- The devil is always casting doubt and suspicion on God’s word, and on His truth and promises. If we listen long enough, we will be deceived of our inheritance, lose heart, and give up.

1. Meditate On God’s Word And Promises

- One of the ways we can cut off Python’s head, is by meditating on the Word of God, and especially on our own “book of remembrance”, which is the list of every prophetic word and promise that God has given us.

2. Keep Your Heart Sound

- Proverbs 4:23, NKJV – (23) *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.*
- Your heart is your seat of your emotions, and so you must guard your heart, to make sure that it does not allow damage to your life.

- Proverbs 14:30, NKJV – *(30) A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.*
- Satan wants to disturb the peace in our lives through anxiety, personal crisis and problems, strife in the home, gossip by co-workers, words of condemnation, discouragement.

3. Repent Of Occult Involvement

- Repent of all occult involvement, including astrology, fortune telling, etc.

4. Cut Off Controlling Soul Ties

- Cut off all negative and unhealthy soul ties, which include soul ties within all controlling relationships.

5. Receive Prayer Ministry

- Get someone to pray for you, and agree in prayer for the casting off of the spirit of Python.

6. Re-Establish Your Vision And Call

- Remember your old visions, dreams, call, and all of God's promises to you, including prophetic words.

7. Live A Life Of Worship And Praise

- Worship and praise gets your focus back on God and His voice, and moves you away from the distraction of Python's voice.

LIFE APPLICATION:

- As a Christian, you may have innocently become involved in some kind of divination and control or witchcraft. Maybe you have called a psychic or read your horoscopes. If this describes you, you need to repent for all involvement in any form of divination or sorcery.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how He wants you to apply this lesson to your life and to show you how you can overcome any influence of the python spirit now and in your daily life.
- Read through the check list at the end of this lesson and pray the renunciation prayer.

PRAYER:

- Holy Spirit come. I really want to live in Your presence so I can continue to become more like You. I ask You to root out every hindrance to Your presence in my life and to Your life flowing through me. Destroy every influence of the spirit of python on me, I pray. I ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing from apathy, involvement with counterfeit supernatural influences and for wavering in the vision and promises You have given to me. The spirit of python has no authority in my life. I command it to loose hold of me. I recommit myself to walk out my calling and to stand on Your promises. I resist all spiritual apathy. I ask that You would continue to light my way and be my protector. Please strengthen my hands for war so that I can effectively fight with You to destroy the kingdom of darkness. I proclaim Your kingdom reigns over my life. Thank You that I am a victor in Christ Jesus. Amen.

RENUNCIATION CHECK LIST¹⁰

Check off any of the following practices you've been involved in and pray the renunciation prayer at the end.

Occultic Practices/New Age Health Practices

- ☐ Acupuncture/acupressure
- ☐ Astral Projection/Travel
- ☐ Astrology
- ☐ Automatic Handwriting
- ☐ Black Magic
- ☐ Blood Pacts (blood brothers/sisters)
- ☐ Chain Letters
- ☐ Charms
- ☐ Chinese Astrology
- ☐ Clairaudience (hearing spiritual voices)
- ☐ Clairvoyance
- ☐ Color therapy
- ☐ Conjuraction/Spells
- ☐ Contact with the Dead (spirits)
- ☐ Contact with corpses(s)
- ☐ Crystal Ball Reading
- ☐ Deja vu
- ☐ Divination
- ☐ Divining Rod
- ☐ Dowsing (water witching)
- ☐ Dream interpretation (e.g. Edgar Cayce)
- ☐ Dungeons and dragons (role playing)
- ☐ Eastern meditation/yoga/gurus
- ☐ Ectoplasm (causing the physical manifestation of spirits)
- ☐ ESP
- ☐ Findhorn (using natural spirits to grow food)
- ☐ Floating Trumpets (trumpets float and point to a person the spirit wants to contact)
- ☐ Fortune telling
- ☐ Gypsy curses
- ☐ Handwriting analysis
- ☐ Hard rock music
- ☐ Heavy metal music
- ☐ Homeopathy (alternative medicine)
- ☐ Hydromancy (water divination using colour, ripples, ebb and flow)
- ☐ Hypnosis
- ☐ Idols
- ☐ Incantation
- ☐ Incubus/Succubus — sex with demons
- ☐ Iridology (using characteristics of the eye to determine health of a person)
- ☐ Kabala (secret knowledge)

¹⁰ Renunciation Check List taken from Christian Services Association, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, a ministry of Patricia King.

- ___ Levitation
- ___ Lucky charms
- ___ Martial arts
- ___ Mediums
- ___ Mental suggestion
- ___ Mental telepathy
- ___ Mesmerism (magnetism and hypnotism)
- ___ Metaphysics (study of spirit world)
- ___ Mind reading
- ___ Mind control
- ___ Moon-mancy (moon divination, using the moon for guidance)
- ___ Mysticism
- ___ Necromancy (conjuring up spirits of dead people)
- ___ Necrophilia (sexual attraction to dead bodies)
- ___ Occultic letters of protection
- ___ Occultic games
- ___ Occultic literature or movies
- ___ Ouija Boards
- ___ Pagan fetishes, objects, rituals
- ___ Palmistry
- ___ Psychic healing
- ___ Pyramidology
- ___ Rebirthing (using breathing techniques to experience healing)
- ___ Regressions (taking a person back to an earlier state of life)
- ___ Reincarnation
- ___ Satanism
- ___ Seances
- ___ Self hypnosis
- ___ Spirit knocking or rapping
- ___ Spirit Dancing (healing through dance led by spirits)
- ___ Spiritual visitations
- ___ Stigmata
- ___ Superstitions
- ___ Table tipping
- ___ Tarot cards
- ___ Tea leaf reading
- ___ Telekinesis (using energy to influence physical objects)
- ___ Trances
- ___ Transcendental Meditation
- ___ Transmigration (going from one state of existence or place to another)
- ___ UFO
- ___ Voodoo
- ___ White Magic
- ___ Witchcraft
- ___ Yoga
- ___ Other: Biofeedback (manipulated blood pressure, heart rate,etc), Naturopathy (be careful!), Reflexology (pressure points), New Age Osteopathy (manipulation of muscle tissue and bones), etc.

False Religions

- ___ Bahai
- ___ Buddhism
- ___ Christadelphians (Jesus is not God, but a separate being with a sinful nature)
- ___ Christian Science
- ___ Confucianism
- ___ Freemasonry
- ___ Gurus
- ___ Hare Krishna
- ___ Hinduism
- ___ Islam
- ___ Jehovah's Witnesses
- ___ Moonies (Unification Church)
- ___ Mormons
- ___ New Age
- ___ Rastafarianism (Jamaican belief system that worships Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia as a god)
- ___ Scientology
- ___ Secret Societies/Sororities
- ___ Shamanism
- ___ Shintoism (Japanese religion based on ritualism and connection to past)
- ___ Sikhism
- ___ Spiritualism
- ___ Theosophy
- ___ Unity (School Of Christianity)
- ___ Were you brought up in a country with a strong anti-Christian heritage?

Renunciation Prayer:

Father, I confess involvement (personally and in my generational line) in the following areas of the occult, new age and false religion _____. I ask Your forgiveness for myself and my ancestors for these sins. I renounce involvement with these practices and sever all ungodly ties to them. I break the power of all demonic assignments over my life associated with these practices and I command every demonic spirit to leave my life. Lord, I ask you to come now and wash me clean. Fill me anew with your Spirit and empower me to live a life of purity before You. Amen.