

Does God Forbid Going to Psychics or Following Astrology?

Does God forbid going to psychics or following astrology? Does the Bible say anything about these activities?

In Gal.5:19-20 Paul condemns idolatry and witchcraft. Psychics fall under these categories.

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and things such as these, of the which I tell you as I have also told you in time past, that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

How do we know that astrology fits under these categories?

The Old Testament provides the answer.

The belief in astrology and psychics has gone back for thousands of years. Many pagan nations have practiced it. When the Israelites were getting ready to go into the promised land after they had been delivered from Egypt by Moses, God told them not to get involved in the pagan practices in that land because they were detestable to Him.

The following is a quote from Deuteronomy 18:9-13. I have defined the various activities in brackets.

It says, “When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire [human sacrifice], who practices divination [obtaining knowledge of the future through spiritistic practices, i.e. psychics] or sorcery, interprets omens [signs of activity of pagan gods, i.e. palm readers, astrology], engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead [séances and those who try to speak to the dead]. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God.”

These two passages of Scripture forbids all the new age and occultic practices that exist including channeling, seances, psychics, astrology, palm reading, good luck charms, crystals, ouiji boards and the like. We should not participate in them in anyway as Christians.

These are all Satanic/demonic practices. People don't realize this, but it is true.

Paul the apostle says in 1 Cor. 10:20:

"No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons."

All these things are detestable before God.

The reason that people go to psychics is to discover what the future holds for them.

God does not want us to know the future of our lives, but rather to trust and obey Him on a daily basis.

If we are concerned about the future, we need to follow what our Lord Jesus said in Matthew 6:31-34, "So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Jesus is saying that are focus should be on living for the Lord and God will take care of our daily needs. God gives us only enough grace to handle today's problems, when tomorrow comes God will give us the grace to handle those problems then.

As Christians we should be leaning completely on the Lord; he will lead us and guide us today and in the future. In Proverbs 3:5-6 it says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."