

Legalism and Healing

John 8:11

If you had to choose a topic which has stirred Americans to the extreme; what would it be? The Health Bill would certainly fit. And there is certainly just cause for being concerned. As you have probably heard; on page 1004; a new regulation will cause you to have an implanted chip installed, within three years. What will you do? Christians' faith will be shaken to its roots.

And if the Church doesn't get serious with Our Lord Jesus now, it may be too late down the road. Hebrews 12: 1 to 3 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame & is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied & faint in your minds.

James 1: 21 - Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

2 Corinthians 13: 5 - Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

And while we are examining things; I would encourage you to thoroughly check out your health practices. Are they of Our Lord Jesus, or are they not? Are they using the New Age's universal energy? Are they using pseudo-Christian techniques to pronounce the people healed; when they're not? Are they using fear mongering tactics to label all those in the health services as sorcerers or witches? There is an abundance of information available; that combined with prayer, believers should be able to make a Godly and informed decision.

All that's blocking them, is their preference for leisure and entertainment. Jonah 1: 6 - So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

And in the Church, there are many false interpretations of the Bible on healings and deliverances. Our Lord Jesus addressed that crowd years ago, and it still applies to-day.

Matthew 22: 29 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Basicly, their position is nothing but convoluted logic; combined with ignorance of the Scriptures, ignorance of the sciences, and extreme

spiritual immaturity. They have no shame in the way they twist the Word of God; to say that Our Lord Jesus Christ doesn't help us to-day.

Does anyone remember Our Lord's Great Commission?

Mark 16: 14 to 18 - Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. If the charge to preach is still valid, then so are all the other commands.

So when the evil spirits in them, try to back you out of deliverance, by telling you that Christians can't have demons; what should be your response? Mark 8: 33 - But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

This is the same crowd that sees nothing wrong with the occult; and worships Harry Potter as their idol. And don't be overcome by their controlling tactics of guilt, shame, and condemnation on you. There is an appropriate verse for your comfort.

Romans 8: 1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

One of the major concerns now, is those who are supposedly in deliverance, telling people to give up their medicines before getting prayer. Their effect is the same as Egypt's cruel taskmasters. Exodus 6: 9 - And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

Let's take a look at what the Scriptures say. First, no-where in the Bible does God tell us to give up meds etc. before getting help. People with problems come to Our Lord Jesus Christ for help, because they can not help themselves.

Mark 5: 25 to 34 - And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest

the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

It is only Our Lord Jesus Christ and deliverance that sets us free.

One of the mis-conceptions is to equate the medical profession with the occult or sorcery, because an ancient word, pharmakeia, is used. Well, I know some of those people, and they are excellent Christians, and they are not witches.

In order to be intellectually honest, and Scripturally accurate; we have to examine the subject in the whole Bible. So, are there any examples of sorcery in the Bible. If we only reference the King James version; we won't get the complete picture; as some words are translated differently. Your search for sorcery and its derivatives will only refer to 15 verses in the AV; but 24 in the NKJV, so that's what we'll use. Exodus 7:11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers (03784); so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

Exodus 22:18 "You shall not permit a sorceress (03784) to live.

Numbers 23:23 "For there is no sorcery (05173) against Jacob, Nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob And of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'

Numbers 24:1 Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery (05173) , but he set his face toward the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 18:10 "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 (03784),

2 Chronicles 33:6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery (03784), and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

Isaiah 19:3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers (03049).

Isaiah 47:9 But these two things shall come to you In a moment, in one day: The loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness Because of the multitude of your sorceries (03785), For the great abundance of your enchantments.

Isaiah 47:12 "Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries (03785), In which you have labored from your youth--Perhaps you

will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.

Isaiah 57:3 "But come here, You sons of the sorceress (06049), You offspring of the adulterer and the harlot!

Jeremiah 27:9 'Therefore do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers (03786), who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve the king of Babylon."

Daniel 2:2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers (03784), and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

Micah 5:12 I will cut off sorceries (03785) from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.

Nahum 3:4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries (03785), Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries (03785).

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers (03784), Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien--Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts.

Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery (3096) in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

Acts 8:11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries (3096) for a long time.

Acts 13:6 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer (3097), a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, V8 But Elymas the sorcerer (3097) (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

Galatians 5:20 idolatry, sorcery (5331), hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Revelation 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries (5331) or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 18:23 "The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery (5331) all the nations were deceived.

Revelation 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers (5332), idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 22:15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers (5333) and sexually

immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Here are the 6 words in the Old Testament.

03049 yidd@'oniy *yid-deh-o-nee'* AV-wizard 11; 1) a knower, one who has a familiar spirit 1a) a familiar spirit, soothsayer, necromancer (meton)

03784 kashaph *kaw-shaf'* AV-sorcerers 3, witch 2, witchcraft 1;

1) (Piel) to practice witchcraft or sorcery, use witchcraft

1a) sorcerer, sorceress (participle)

03785 kesheph *keh'-shaf'* AV-witchcraft 4, sorcery 2; 6

1) sorcery, witchcraft

03786 kashshaph *kash-shawf'* AV-sorcerer 1;

05173 nachash *nakh'-ash* AV-enchantment 2; 2

1) divination, enchantment

06049 'anan *aw-nan'* AV-observer of times 5, soothsayer 2, bring 1, sorceress 1, enchanter 1, Meonenim 1; 11

1) (Piel) to make appear, produce, bring (clouds)

2) (Poel) to practise soothsaying, conjure 2a) to observe times, practice soothsaying or spiritism or magic or augury or witchcraft

2b) soothsayer, enchanter, sorceress, diviner, fortuneteller, barbarian, Meonenim (participle)

In the New Testament, there are 9 verses here, with 5 different words; of which 2 are principle ones. 3095 mageia *mag-i'-ah* from 3096; AV-sorcery 1;

1) magic, magic arts, sorceries

3096 mageuo *mag-yoo'-o* from 3097 AV-use sorcery 1;

1) to be a magician, to practise magical arts

3097 magos *mag'-os* of foreign origin AV-wise man 4, sorcerer 2;

1) a magus 1a) the name given by the Babylonians (Chaldeans), Medes, Persians, and others, to the wise men, teachers, priests, physicians, astrologers, seers, interpreters of dreams, augers, soothsayers, sorcerers etc.

1b) the oriental wise men (astrologers) who, having discovered by the rising of a remarkable star that the Messiah had just been born, came to Jerusalem to worship him 1c) a false prophet and sorcerer

5331 pharmakeia *far-mak-i'-ah* from 5332; AV-sorcery 2, witchcraft 1; 1) the use or the administering of drugs

2) poisoning 3) sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it 4) metaph. the deceptions and seductions of idolatry

5332 pharmakeus *far-mak-yoos'* from pharmakon (a drug, i.e. spell-giving potion); AV-sorcerer 1; 1) one who prepares or uses magical remedies

2) sorcerer

5333 pharmakos *far-mak-os'* the same as 5332; AV-sorcerer 1;

1) pertaining to magical arts

So, that's how sorcery is mentioned in the New Testament.

If it is not clear enough; here is an article from the American Tract Society Bible Dictionary (1970). SORCERER

One who practised sorcery; nearly synonymous with magician, soothsayer, or wizard. This was a class of persons who dealt in incantations and divinations, and boasted of a power, in consequence of their deep science and by means of certain rites, to evoke the spirits of the dead from their gloomy abodes, and compel them to disclose information on subjects beyond the reach of human powers.

They pretended also that, by means of certain herbs, they had information on subjects beyond the reach of human powers. They pretended also that, by means of certain herbs and incantations, they were able to expel demons, #Ac 13:6,8. Those persons also who devoted themselves to the general studies above mentioned, often abused their knowledge and deceived the common people, by pretending to foretell the destinies of men from the motions and appearances of the planets and stars, and to cure diseases by repeating certain phrases, etc. Of this class appears to have been Simon the sorcerer, mentioned in #Ac 8:9,11. Females who practised such arts were called sorceresses and witches, #Mal 3:5 Re 22:15. See DIVINATION, ENCHANTMENTS, and MAGIC.

Now if a graphic artist took all this information, and created something; what would the end product look like?

Well, what did Walt Disney do? His first major work was, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice".

How can anyone equate this with the modern pharmacist?

Drugs have always been used by artisans and occultists to get into an altered state of consciousness; where it is easier to contact their familiar spirits. And when manifesting religious spirits appear in legalism, they make quite a show too.

Luke 18: 9 to 14 - And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

They also have no qualms about mis-using the Scriptures, to further their own political agenda. Our Lord Jesus Christ was always pointing out their errors, but they refused to receive the corrections.

In Matthew 4, satan is corrected for his abuse of the Scriptures.

In Matthew 12, Our Lord corrected the religious experts on their false notions of the sabbath.

The summary is in Mark 2: 27 & 28 - And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. Back then, if someone required medical attention, they first had to ascertain if it was a life threatening condition. If it wasn't, the person had to suffer until the next day; no matter how much pain they had.

What a difference between Our Lord Jesus Christ and them. Matthew 14: 14 - And Jesus went forth, & saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

I know of people, who were told to give up their meds. It's a miracle that they haven't destroyed themselves. And their deliverances are taking a lot longer, because of those mis-guided amateurs. I equate them with those who, in so-called faith, withhold insulin etc. from their children. They obviously have forgotten a major teaching in the New Testament. Matthew 5: 7 - Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Years ago, there was someone who told people to get off their meds before getting prayer. One day, when on a plane, he had a heart attack. The meds that would have saved his life, were in his luggage and not available. How tragic. I don't want it to happen to anyone else. Our position is again; keep taking your meds, and keep getting prayer. We have healing and deliverance in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His Shed Blood.

When you need help, Jesus Christ is always waiting.

John 8: 10 & 11 - When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

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