

Shayla: May a Christian learn from a demon about the dark side of the spiritual world?

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With the rise of post-modern appreciation for syncretism (the misguided attempt to reconcile contrary beliefs) some professing Christians¹ are teaching that it is possible to “map out” spiritual domains by questioning demons (!) to determine the “lay of the land.”

However, the Scriptures are very adamant about the use of any type of occult practice.

- [Deuteronomy 18:9-12 HCSB](#) (9) "When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not imitate the detestable customs of those nations. (10) No one among you is to make his son or daughter pass through the fire, practice divination, tell fortunes, interpret omens, practice sorcery, (11) cast spells, consult a medium or a familiar spirit, or inquire of the dead. (12) Everyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and the LORD your God is driving out the nations before you because of these detestable things.

Most of the people who seek to interview demons or to consult a shaman or palm reader are driven by their sick need to either understand “deep hidden spiritual truths” or to know their own future. However, the Bible responds with:

- [Deuteronomy 29:29 HCSB](#) The hidden things belong to the LORD our God, but the revealed things belong to us and our children forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law.

God has told us everything we need to know about demons, strongholds, and the future. To seek knowledge, the Spirit has deliberately kept from us is hubris. Might I remind the reader of what happened when Adam and Eve sought knowledge of both good and evil? They already knew “good.” They were therefore determined to listen to the devil and consult “evil.” We know the rest of the story.

If we want to know something of a spiritual nature or to know something of the future so that we can better prepare for it, we should consult the Lord God.

- [Isaiah 8:19-22 HCSB](#) When they say to you, "Consult the spirits of the dead and the spiritists who chirp and mutter," shouldn't a people consult their God? *Should they consult* the dead on behalf of the living? (20) To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. (21) They will wander through the land, dejected and hungry. When they are famished, they will become enraged, and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. (22) They will look toward the earth and see only distress, darkness, and the gloom of affliction, and they will be driven into thick darkness.

In my personal experience, every time someone has consulted the “dark side” they have ended up demon possessed, insane, or dead. It’s just not worth it folks.

¹ John Dawson in *Taking Our Cities for God*; the Sentinel website *Mobilizing Global Prayer for Evangelism*; George Otis; Murphy and Charles Kraft in *Spiritual Power and Missions*