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Deuteronomy 32:17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods...

- 19 And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them...
- 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell...
- 23 I will heap mischiefs upon them...
- 24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people...

**Deuteronomy 18:10** There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Guardian: (Jan. 3, 2024)

Jesse Watters seemed disappointed by Paula Roberts's tarot card reading...An "English psychic" appearing on the conservative channel Fox News delivered news not entirely to the liking of her host...Watters asked Roberts to predict what his own year would look like..."

"The Super Bowl...is like the Holy of Holies of America." (Madonna)

Rihanna Super Bowl Halftime Show Most Watched All Time...

Rihanna's Super Bowl show clocks more FCC complaints than Sam Smith's 'Satanic Mass' at the Grammys...

"Right-wing TV host claims Rihanna's Super Bowl performance was a satanic ritual...'She's dressed in red, and she falls from the sky, surrounded by people dressed in white like angels,' he said. 'Do we know the story from the Bible when Satan fell from heaven, and he brought down those fallen angels with him?'"

**Revelation 13:4** And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast...

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him...

**Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceive the whole world...

#### F. B. Meyer (1847-1929): Popular evangelical. Baptist pastor in England:

### F.B. Meyer, *Present Truth* (Sept. 7, **1911**):

"I have known several families that have been cursed by having recourse to clairvoyants and mediums. There are grave dangers in these things; and **when occult powers are used for selfish ends**, it is possible for men and women to be filled with evil spirits."

# F.B. Meyer, The Modern Craze of Spiritualism (1919):

"...its modern phase, dates from the year 1848..."

"Musical instruments are played without human agency."

"Messages are given, purporting to come from the departed."

"Apparently the Almighty has locked and bolted our human nature against the intrusion of the demon - world, and it is at our peril that we open the door from within or allow it to be broken in from without."

"A man of high repute told me recently that a lady had come to him complaining that her life was made a perfect torment by the sug gestion of unclean spirits, of which she could not rid herself. She had been an **habituée of** [habitual antendee of **séances** and now was held by a kind of obsession. He entreated her to promise to tear herself from their fatal spell, and she promised to go to but one more, on the following day. But that day she became raving mad, **rushed in an almost nude condition into the public** thoroughfare, and has been for the last two years in an asylum."

"An outburst of Spiritualism has preceded the close of every great era of human history."

"Neither telepathy nor clairvoyance appear deserving of our censure. They are natural properties of the mind..."

"We are free to admit that, in passing over, **the soul may sometimes manifest itself to the beloved**, ere it is definitely withdrawn into the Presence of God."

<u>The Ministry of the Unseen; a Personal Experience of, and Testimony to, Love</u> <u>from beyond the Veil (1914)</u>: [Foreword by Meyer]

#### A reviewer writes:

"The Ministry of the Unseen...This little book is a sign of the times. It is a simple narrative by a member of Mr. Meyer's congregation of his own experiences. Some short time ago the author lost his wife, and with her the light of his life. But being fortunate enough to number some good psychics among his personal friends, he was brought into living relations with his departed wife, and for him the bitterness of death ceased...This book has forewords by Mr. Meyer...'We are evidently passing into a new realm, the veil is getting thinner'..."

### December 2, 1911, LIGHT:

A Journal of Psychical, Occult, and Mystical Research.

"MINISTRY OF THE UNSEEN. We have before us advance proofs of a book shortly to be issued under the title 'The Ministry of the Unseen,' by L. V. H. Witley...It is 'a personal experience of, and testimony to, Love from beyond the veil.' The writer, whose wife passed from a convalescent home to spirit life in

March, 1909, after a long and trying illness, has received messages written by his own hand which he is firmly convinced are due to thought impressions from her, which are poured through him - an instance, he believes, of telepathic co-operation 'between one still living on earth and another long since deceased,' as Mr. Myers puts it... Eighteen months after her passing he was assured from the other side, by one who had been in contact with her, that his wife wished to write to him, and that these messages were to be passed on to others. He was greatly surprised, but now rejoices in the fulfilment of the assurance. He says: 'I simply sit alone in my wife's realised presence and write down that which she impresses upon me...'

He writes: 'To forlorn and grief-stricken and lonely souls I would say: What is possible for me is possible for you...All you need is a brave and confident and receptive heart, and those who have been seemingly so far from you shall in some way or other make their real presence known to you as a happy experience.'"

#### D.M. Panton, The End of the Age:

"How will this present evil Age end? 'Not by the crash of revolution,' says Mr. F.B. Meyer, 'but by the spiral staircase of evolution, shall the world pass to perfect order and beauty'..."

In Panton's article, Seducing Spirits, he wrote:

"...Christian leaders, at this moment and before our eyes, are giving ever deeper and closer heed to spirits...advancing the most monstrous claims...these seductive spirits masquerade as the Dead. 'I pray to my wife,' said Dr. Joseph Parker [another popular English preacher in 19th century], 'every day. I never come to the work without asking her to come with me: and she does come. I never come to this place without her coming with me' (Review of Reviews, Jan. 1902). In a book of messages from the dead, endorsed by prefaces from Mr. R. J. Campbell and Dr. F. B. Meyer, Mr. Meyer says: 'We are evidently passing into a new realm. The veil is getting thinner, and the day is at hand when we shall see face to face. What may lie immediately before us is known only in Heaven: but it is sweet to think that the Departed may not only be a great cloud of witnesses, but agreat

body of helpers!' This is Spiritualism...that is, Necromancy...On Mr. Meyer's words Mr. W. T. Stead comments thus: 'The work is important because...When so competent an authority [as Meyer] tells us that he is convinced that the spirits of our departed friends may return and visit us, is it not the duty of all Christians to take up the study of Spirit Return and Ministry as a religious duty?"

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"DR. MEYER AND "THE MINISTRY OF THE UNSEEN."

#### [TO THE EDITOR:]

"DEAR SIR, Will you allow me to point out that both Mr. Drew and yourself unwittingly doubtless, have done me an injustice in suggesting that Dr. Meyer **disclaims** any sympathy with the spiritualistic tendencies of "The Ministry of the Unseen?" [his book]."

"What Dr. Meyer really disowned was the fact that his contribution of a Foreword "had been construed as an endorsement of Spiritualism." For the book itself, or its so-called "spiritualistic tendencies," Dr. Meyer has no word of condemnation..."
"Yours sincerely. L. V. H. WITLEY. October 22nd, 1912."

#### Light, 1913:

## LIFE WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE VEIL. By L. V. H. WITLEY:

"The Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, late of Chicago, who now occupies the pulpit of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, so long filled by the late C. H. Spurgeon, has made himself more or less notorious as an exponent and defender of theological beliefs which have been abandoned by many Evangelical thinkers..."

"The Convention at Keswick is an annual gathering, of members of most of the Christian denominations of this country...Amongst the more prominent speakers at this Convention, the Rev. Dr. F. B. Meyer has for many years taken an honoured place, but I happen to know that, on account of the foreword which he contributed to my first work, The Ministry of the Unseen, Dr. Meyer has been debarred from occupying his customary place upon the platform...

There are points in connection with Spiritualism with which Dr. Meyer has little or no sympathy, but...he has at least an open mind with reference to scientific, psychological, and psychical truth.

...Here is the passage from Dr. Dixon's address...'Satan comes to us right at our weakest time, when we are stupefied by grief sometimes, and we want to speak another word and get another vision..."

But it is time...I quote a passage or two from a booklet by **Dr. Meyer, entitled** 'Our Blessed Dead':

"Let us know that they who have left us love us still; that their thoughts still enfold us in tender embracements, and follow us in our wanderings, and hover over us like ministering angels. Press this thought to your innermost soul - that those you have 'loved long since and lost awhile' love you still, care for you still...The blessed dead are not far away. Heaven is near at hand. To the holy soul, not heaven only, but earth, and vale, and hill, and all lovely scenes, are thronged with the presence of bright, radiant, and holy spirits."

Nor is this all. In a book issued not long since, **Dr. Meyer says farther**:

"The veil that screens the unseen world glows with unusual radiance, waxes thin, and sways to and fro with movements on the other side."

One other quotation must not be omitted...I take this paragraph from a letter addressed by Dr. Meyer to the editor of 'The British Weekly':

'It seems to me that almost unconsciously the Christian thought of our time is drifting towards the spiritual and the eternal...the growth of Christian Science, of Theosophical teaching, of Spiritualism, of Occultism of various kinds, may be quoted as evidence of the trend of this Divine movement. The great human child is awakening in the growing radiance of a new dawn...'...

...This is indeed a huge advance upon the attitude of those who designate Spiritualism as 'the doctrines of demons'...And so, to paraphrase Galileo, we may say, 'Thank God, the world does move, after all!'...

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding

profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

"I have been at work for some time, building an apparatus to see if it is possible for personalities which have left this earth to communicate with us...I am engaged in the construction of one such apparatus now, and I hope to be able to finish it before very many months pass..."

(1920)

"n 1941, researchers tried to replicate the spirit phone and call the inventor up, after they believed they were instructed to do so by Edison's spirit via a medium..." (*Atlas Obscura*, 2016)

"The methods and apparatus commonly used and discussed are just a lot of unscientific nonsense...For my part, I am inclined to believe that our personality hereafter will be able to affect matter..."
(Edison in *American Magazine*, 1920)

#### -Diary and Sundry Observations of Thomas Alva Edison:

"I cannot believe for a moment that life in the first instance originated on this insignificant little ball which we call the Earth - little, that is, in contrast with other bodies which inhabit space...The particles which combined to evolve living creatures on this planet of ours probably came from some other body elsewhere in the universe...If this is ever accomplished [necromancy] it will be accomplished not by any occult, mystifying, mysterious or weird means, such as are employed by so-called mediums, but by **scientific methods**."

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"New 'super-Earth' discovered in 'fairly close' solar system, NASA says..."

# -Hunt and McMahon, America: The Sorcerer's New Apprentice, 1988]

"...astronomer Robert Jastrow...who set up and directed the Goddard Inst. for Space Studies...[says]: "...life that is a billion years beyond us may be far beyond the flesh-and-blood form that we recognize...It may be...disembodied...to become

something old-flashioned people would call spirits...I'm sure it has magical powers by our standards..."

### CT, Sept 11, 2023:

"4 in 10 Evangelicals Say They've Been Visited by the Dead...In a recent Pew Research Center survey, 42 percent of self-identified evangelicals said they had been visited by a loved one who had passed away...Rates were even higher among Catholics and Black Protestants, two-thirds of whom reported such experiences..."

### *The Conversation* (September 19, 2023):

"Digital necromancy: why bringing people back from the dead with AI is just an extension of our grieving practices."

"[I] created an A.I. chatbot modeled after my dead fiancée to engage in a fantasy where I could pretend I had one last chance to talk to her" (Barbeu, 2021)

Psalms 106:37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils...

1 Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;

**Leviticus 19:31** Regard not them that have **familiar spirits**, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

**Deuteronomy 18:11** Or a charmer, or **a consulter with familiar spirits**, or a wizard, or **a necromancer**.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

- **Psalms 41:9** Yea, mine own **familiar friend**, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.
- 10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.
- "...well acquainted with...close; as a familiar friend or companion." (Web., 1828)
- "...of spirits which were supposed to come at the call of one who had power over them." (*ISBE*)
- "...from the Latin *familiaris*, meaning a 'household servant,' and was intended to express the idea that sorcerers had spirits as their servants ready to obey their commands." (*Easton*)
- **1 Corinthians 10:7** Neither **be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.
- 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.
- 19 What say I then? that **the idol** is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?
- 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to devils**, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.
- **1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- **2 Corinthians 6:15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,
- 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.