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ABOUT AVALON

Avalon De Witt is an only child, born in 1964, and a survivor of a near-death experience in 1981. Her experiences make Avalon exceptionally accurate, and she is a compassionate person.

Avalon's gifts include clairvoyance, clairaudience, empathic ability, dream interpretation, and healing. Avalon has studied the Tarot and astrology for over 22 years. Avalon holds a degree in psychology and is a licensed minister, and a second degree Reiki practitioner.

Avalon has practiced as a professional psychic and spiritual counselor for over 12 years. Avalon has worked successfully with thousands of clients world-wide.

Avalon believes that the Light of Divinity resides in us all, and she is devoted to revealing that Light in your life. Avalon's focus is to show you how to tap into that source of unlimited power and knowledge within you.



OUT OF BUSINESS!

Avalon De Witt ~ Former Psychic - Born Again

“Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”



Letter from Avalon:

Thank you for visiting my website.

For many years I have taught that love is the ultimate power. Indeed, this is true. Without love we are nothing.

I have always endeavored to stay open-minded about what that love means, what it is and how it might manifest in our lives. Recently, I had the most profound revelation of my life: Jesus is Love.

I have always adored Jesus, ever since I met him in heaven, when I died at age three. But I did not really accept His love for ME.

God has drawn me to Him and in the process of answering this call, I have finally awakened to the precious gift of love that Jesus offers to all of us. I realize now that He suffered and died so that I could live eternally, in heaven. I have received His gift of grace and now accept Him as my Lord and Savior, and it is truly the greatest thing that has ever happened to me.

Jesus tells us that if we love him we will keep His commands. I can no longer ignore the many commands in the Bible that caution us against the use of divination, spiritualism and other psychic practices. I have renounced all of these practices and have dedicated my life to Christ. I have repented and been baptized, and on September 30, 2007, AskAvalon.com is set to expire. Since Jesus is love, nothing is more important to me now than Him.

Because of this decision, my life has changed completely. I now have a peace that is greater than any I have ever known. I have finally, truly reclaimed my light. I am FREE!

I hope and pray that you, too, will consider accepting this amazing love that I have found. If you are interested in learning more about what the Bible says regarding psychic practices, please visit this link:

ESP Ministries

<http://www.espministries.com/index2.htm>

If you would like to learn more about how to become a Christian, here is a wonderful resource:

Christ Center

<http://christcenter.cc/becomingachristian.htm>

God bless you,
Avalon De Witt



A PSYCHIC SEEKING DELIVERANCE

Avalon De Witt was introduced to psychic phenomena by her mother when she was 12 years old. Her mother was heavily involved in witchcraft.

Recently she met a friend who showed her my book "Out From Darkness." She went to my web site and became convicted. She wrote me the following email:

Thank you for your web site. It is very enlightening and helpful. I didn't realize until I finished reading several pages of your site that your book is the one that was recently pointed out to me by a Christian friend of mine. Little did she know how much your message applies to me. I had not told her. For fifteen years I have been practicing as a professional psychic.

I am currently in the process of ending my career. I have become so deeply entrenched and entrapped in this "work" that it may take some time for me to escape completely. Many of my clients have purchased "package deals" from me, so I still owe quite a few readings and I do not presently have the money to refund to them.

I began studying occult teachings 26 years ago. Over the years I added into my belief system teachings from Yoga, Rosicrucianism, Buddhism, Hinduism, New Thought, and the Tarot, as well as many more.

Despite my outward appearance of success, my family life floundered at best. It seemed "someone was trying to tell me something" all along the way. We struggled financially, I was always pressed for time, I was physically ill, we had little to no social life, we even used marijuana (my husband and I) heavily. At one point, my domain name was hijacked and held for ransom for a considerable amount. It seemed as though nothing ever worked out for us.

Despite the many opportunities through psychic fairs and New Age bookstores, well-known authors promoting me and so forth -- as well as my husband's expanded market -- we were still struggling financially. We had been arguing and unhappy with each other since shortly after the birth of our daughter almost 7 years ago, and now our hatred of each other was growing rapidly.

I still have a long way to go. I am not even saved yet. I don't feel that I can really do that until I have finished giving all the readings that I owe these people. I have promised them these readings and I feel obligated to fulfill my promises since I can't refund their money and I don't want to steal from them. I am also struggling with trying to understand how Jesus can really be my savior, because what I have been taught is that "we are our own messiahs" and there is no savior.

The "voices" still talk to me and I still receive frequent visions, many of which are totally accurate. So, discerning between God and the demonic forces is a challenge for me.

I wonder if you would have any advice for me as to how I should go about this stage of my recovery/deliverance. What things I should focus on, scriptures that can help me make this drastic shift in my life, and any other thoughts, ideas or insights you might have to offer. I have been slowly realizing the nefarious nature of many of the things I read on a regular basis, such as astrology and Rosicrucian's, and I have been delet-

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ing them from my in box and removing them from my "To-Do" lists. But it is quite a process and there is still much to do -- a "cleansing" if you will. I emailed the producer of the radio show this morning and told him I'm not going to be able to do the show anymore. And I've started noticing how much I think in terms of things such as astrology, numerology, Tarot, etc. It's pretty pervasive in my thinking. Any advice you can give me would be much appreciated. Thank you again for your web site, and for the invitation to share my story with you.

I phoned this lady and spent most part of a morning, explaining why she must stop the readings and tell her clients the reason why from the Biblical point of view that she cannot keep her commitments. Then, when she has the money, to return it to them. I also talked to her about the plan of salvation and arranged an appointment with a minister near her home in Colorado, with whom I spent time explaining the situation. He has promised to help.

Praise God! You can see the results of our prayers on the front page of this newsletter.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND VISITORS

We have just celebrated our 100,000th visitor to our web site as we continue to reach around the world. Below is one of the many emails we receive, along with my reply.

We have a girl in our youth group that is exhibiting signs of demon possession -- but none of us have any experience with this and we're not exactly sure how to help her.

She's a baptized believer, but got started using OUI-JA BOARD after a friend was killed in a car accident. She has physically attacked her friends and threw off 4 people who were trying to restrain her from self-injury. She growls, hisses and spits and has different vocalizations. She's written backwards fluently and drawn some disturbing things. "Its" come out at school and the counselor's office has had to put her under lock-down.

She's going back and forth between our church and another one in town. We youth leaders have gotten together to "compare notes" and decide what can be done to help this very frightened and tormented girl. Our eldership is out of town this week and we're working hard to not "provoke" this thing until we

at least have the spiritual covering/authority they provide.

We just don't want to "play around" with this and create a greater danger to ourselves and our community. Right now, we're just focusing on praying for the Lord's protection, discernment and wisdom while we try to avail ourselves of some possible resources.

My reply -- Here are some suggestions:

1. She must confess Jesus Christ as her Savior.
2. Acts 19:18 is a scripture that gives us direction. She must confess her sins of occult involvement.
3. She must renounce the Devil and everything he stands for.
4. She must destroy the Ouija board and any other books or occult paraphernalia she may have.
5. She must repent (I John 1:9) of getting involved.
6. You must continue to pray for her.

GOOD NEWS

Below is a letter I recently received. The gentleman gave me permission to quote his email verbatim.

Mr. Alexander. There are many things that I wish to tell but will do so by letter or give a call as there is so much. In this note I will offer the good news and my unending thanks.

My name is Barry Jones and I live near Moncks Corner, SC. I first learned of you through Cathy Marks who took my daughter, Judith, to see you at church of Rev. Danny Banks near Myrtle Beach, SC about 2 years ago. Judith had, for the two years prior, begun to have problems and had become severely troubled and ill. During this course we found that it stemmed from involvement with spiritualism, the occult and the like. During this time we feared for her life many times. Shortly before seeing you, with the help of Cathy and many other Christians, Judith had begun to know Christ and accepted Him. It was upon the visit with you and Rev. Banks that you baptized her. This began a dramatic change in her with improvements being noticeable almost daily. Today, two years later, she is beautiful, lively and a strong Christian. She has a smile that infects everyone with love. I thank you for being with her that day, embracing her with God's Word baptizing her. She was at that time redeemed by Jesus with your help and that of Rev. Banks. My words can never tell you enough. I would still tell you that all of this has caused my recommitment to Christ and saved my family.

I was prompted to write you just as I was prompted to re-read your book "Out From Darkness" just this week. Actually I felt the need to read your book for a few weeks but would just pass it thinking to do so when I was not busy. Three days ago, I just walked over and picked it up. I cannot put it down as so much of what you have to say seems to be speaking much more clearly to me this time. It is quite interesting how God puts things on our hearts.

Mr. Alexander, you have been one of God's great blessings to us. I thank God for sending you and I thank you for being there.

FOX AND FRIENDS AND PSYCHICS

May 10th, 2007 hundreds of thousands of viewers were introduced to the unholy fascination of Spiritualism on the most popular talk show on television, Fox News Network. Before the psychic guest appeared, the talk show host excitedly told how Spiritualist medium Rosemary Alteda had given her a wonderful reading.

The sad part of all this is that very often the hosts on Fox and Friends present themselves as Christians and, in reality, they haven't a clue on what the Bible teaches about anything.

I have sent the following letter:

Dear Fox and Friends,

My wife and I have been ardent fans of Fox and Friends for almost a decade, because you are fair and balanced. I must admit to you I was heartsick as I watched the promotion of Rosemary Alteda, the Spiritualist medium that appeared on your program today.

I have been an investigator of Spiritualism for the past fifty years and at one time a medium myself. I have spoken in 49 states and sixteen countries across the world and appeared on several hundred radio and television stations including Pat Robertson, James Dobson, and James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries. Please find enclosed my credentials.

I have been involved in the highest levels of Spiritualism and worked with a medium who had tremendous power. I want to mention that the medium I was involved with never charged any money, because we were told by the spirit guides this was holy and a gift from God to help people. I can assure you, with the power my friend had (please read my book), he could have made millions.

The experiences in our séance room that we had for the first few years was fascinating and, at times, helpful; but as time went by, new spirit guides came into the picture and it was, to say the least, terrifying.

You presented one side of the coin with Rosemary Altea. Because I know you are fair and balanced, I hope you will give me the opportunity to show the other side. Regretfully, people have no idea of the frightening forces behind the scenes of Spiritualism and its soul destroying power.

Along with my letter, I sent my book and other pertinent information showing the extreme danger of what they encouraged their viewers to get involved into. As to what will happen, I don't know. But I will leave no stone unturned to expose Satan's power and share the truth of the Gospel.

Even if I am not invited to give a rebuttal, at least they have been warned and, you never know, perhaps someone will get the message and may be reached for Christ.

My thanks to several of our supporters who have written to Fox and Friends.

As noted in the response to Avalon De Witt's testimony, I very often follow up emails with rather lengthy phone conversations. I spend an enormous amount of time counseling with those who email me -- especially with those who write me after finding me on my web site.

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World Wide Web

NOTE: Following are some of the many questions / comments Ben receives through his website. He responds to many of these in written form; but for many others, Ben personally counsels by telephone. Written responses have been included following the question; however, we are unable to provide what was spoken through telephone counseling.

I never quite realized the consequences of having a web site, explaining and teaching what the Bible says about the occult.

Apart from being inundated with questions and opinions, I believe I have an inkling of what they may have said to Jesus as He hung from the cross. The threats and filthy language that I receive are disturbing, to say the least. For obvious reasons, I don't publish them.

However, there is a positive side, as many write and tell me how they are helped. Also, I might add, it is impossible to publish much of the information sent to me.

Many hours are spent on my computer reading the e-mails and replying to the questions. This in itself is a full time job. I would appreciate your prayers.

From J.S.: *My 17-year-old daughter has just left home, and I learned that she is into wicca. I don't know how to talk to her, what questions I should ask, how to bring her home, and get her out of this cult. I am frightened for her, and I can't find anyone to help me. What should I know? How should I react? Parents are just left floundering, without any real tools. This is an emergency. --J.S.*

Ben's Response: *Dear Friend, would it be possible for me to speak to your daughter by telephone? If this could be arranged, I may be able to help her.*

Another thought came to my mind . . . perhaps you can get her to read my web site. I shall be praying for your daughter as I await your reply. Warmest wishes, Ben

Dear Ben, thank you for your reply. It is not possible for me, personally, to arrange for you to talk to her. Her heart is very hardened. At the end of an Easter message reply, she said, "may your god bless you." I did receive an e-mail and challenged her to read your web site if she had the courage.

Thank you for your prayers. Many people have her in prayer and are praying for the scales to be lifted from her eyes. I have been told that to keep challenging her will make her madder and more stubborn. And, I have been advised to not communicate with her for awhile. There is a meanness about her now, and a terrible anger toward me. She wants to eliminate parents and take care of all of her needs herself, with the help of her friends.

This was a very holy child who served the Lord at our

Church and was very faithful. She was home schooled, went 2 years to a Catholic school, and decided that she wanted to experience a public school. I trusted her faith and maturity. It didn't take long before the world pulled her in and down. Are there other Christian web sites, or can you tell me what to expect next or what I should say if and when she ever speaks with me? Is there anything tried and true?

At this time there is no communication. I felt that it would be important for her father and I to be educated in this area so we can understand where she is, and what her thinking is like -- maybe even what influenced her to get involved in the first place.

We also know that the way to get her to think more clearly about what she is doing is through asking her questions that are thought-provoking for her. But we need to understand it all ourselves, and have a list of questions that are well-thought-out to provide this -- along with a complete set of answers to off-set any false reasoning she is under. At this time, we are helpless as these issues have never entered in our life in any way before.

Since she is not here right now, we thought it would be the best time to prepare for her possible return in the future -- at least for possible communication with her. Without knowledge and tools, how are we to ever be able to guide her or combat these lies? If this is not possible for you, perhaps you can point us in another direction for help with this. Sincerely, J.

Ben's Response: *Dear J, I find that Wiccans are the most difficult people to deal with, the reason being that they are full of contradictions. Some don't believe the Bible; others twist the Bible to suit their beliefs.*

Some don't believe there is evil in the world. Some are immoral; others highly moral.

Many have gods and goddesses. They break the first two commandments. They worship the creation rather than the Creator.

There is an excellent book you can purchase, "Witch Craft," by Craig S. Hawkins, published by Baker. The book shows what witches themselves say they believe. It also includes what the Bible says about witchcraft.

My suggestion is that you show your daughter unconditional love. I know it

goes without saying that you continually pray for her. Leave your prayers in God's hands. Warmest blessings, Ben

From A.L.: Ben, many years ago I met you in Florida at a "Reclaiming the Culture for Christ" conference hosted by D. James Kennedy. For the last 9 years I have been a pastor in the Christian Church (Independent). I received a call from a young lady this week asking for my help. She claims that a spirit (what she claims is an incubus ghost) is harassing her and her fiancé. She told me that the attacks were often sexual in nature and were witnessed by her dog and occasionally by her fiancé.

The problem is that she and he are both acutely mentally ill. They live independently, but are under significant therapy. After I spoke to her and explained my theology does not include ghosts, the souls of lost people, or spirit guide, but only deceptive demonic spirits manifesting themselves as these things, she was quite frightened. The therapist, obviously not a believer, discredits the entire account as paranoia (as I am tending to do), given her diagnosis of bi-polar and severely depressed. However, I am aware that these illnesses can make some more susceptible to spiritual attack.

As it stands now, I am meeting her and her boyfriend in her apartment this Monday night, accompanied by a leader in our church, who happens to be a large city police officer. He is an expert in drug recognition and is very logical and calming. I chose him for these reasons. I am quite certain that we are simply going to perform a claiming prayer and that will be it. On the remote chance that something spiritual is occurring, how will we know and what should we do?

Any advice you could offer would be helpful. I am torn between sound theology, which I know well (graduate degree in theology) and psychology, which I, in this case, am more comfortable with writing this off as mental illness. Can you help?

Ben's Response: Dear A.L., I am inclined to believe this lady may be suffering from a form of psychosis. It is difficult to really know what's wrong with people who suffer from this problem. It can be from several different problems -- emotional distress, anxiety, hysteria, insecurity, depression,, or dwelling on things.

Very often these people are looking for agape love. Share the Gospel and see what happens. It would be good to have a strong Christian lady who could befriend her.

I will most certainly be praying for this lady. Blessings, Ben.

From L.A.: I ran across your site in my research on how to get demonically possessed. It is something I desire

very strongly. The one thing I need to know is, how do I blaspheme god and the holy spirit, because even though I have willingly given myself and sold my soul to the devil, unless I blaspheme the holy spirit directly, he will not leave and I cannot be possessed until then. I was wondering if you had any knowledge as to how to do this.

Knowing you are obviously god righteous, you probably won't answer my question, but I hope you do, because there is no other god before Satan. HE is the only and true god now. --L.A.

Ben's Response: Dear A., obviously you haven't seen what I have seen in the seance room. I have had the most terrifying experiences of Satan and his angels. Believe me, you would not be in such a hurry if you know what awaits those who follow Satan.

Give me a phone number and I will do whatever it takes to help you. Ben.

From D.W.: Hi, I saw Ben Alexander many years ago in Rincon, Georgia at Rincon First Christian Church! He is truly amazing.

I have a question. Last night my 18-year-old Christian daughter woke up in tears, saying she saw her poppa and grandpa (deceased now 10 years) standing at the foot of her bed with outstretched arms. This is not the first time - she sees him often. She was young when he passed away. It horrifies her.

Later last night, after she finally fell asleep on the couch, she said she saw him again and he told her to go to bed. She did and had stopped crying. She also sees my grandmother and maternal grandma who died 3 years before my daughter's birth.

When my daughter was a baby, just learning to talk, she told me that she knew this grandma in heaven when she (my daughter) was in heaven before she was in my tummy. I'll never forget that. She also sees this grandmother a lot.

I just don't know what to think, or how to comfort her. Please reply! D.W.

Ben's Response: Dear D.W., I have no idea why people sometimes see whom they believe are their dead loved ones.

What we do know is that the Bible forbids us to contact them. However, I understand that your daughter is not contacting them, but, whatever it is, the entity is contacting her.

The Bible tells us that when a Christian dies they go to Paradise and an unbeliever goes to Hades awaiting judgment.

Because the Bible forbids us to contact the spirit world, may I suggest your daughter ignore her visions and call upon Jesus to comfort her.

There will be a time when we will meet our loved ones in Heaven and there will be no more tears. Ben.

From M.J.: *I just wanted to say that I had about the same experience that SS had when she was looking for the wiccan web site and got the ESP web site instead. In 2005 I was looking for the John Edwards site and ended up at ESP as well. It was strange and unexpected and I didn't know at the time how and why it happened. Anyway, I e-mailed Ben and, within an hour, he called and we spoke for a while and he sent me his book, "Out From Darkness."*

I have to admit that I am drawn by fascination to the dark side, so I read Ben's book about every 6 months and it really helps me to stay away. It is a battle at times. However, with Jesus and His words, as well as Ben's book, I have been able to control this fascination of mine and end it when it starts to become an overwhelming desire. I would recommend the book to all who struggle.

Thanks, Ben, and God bless, M.J.

From Y.K.: *Why are you called ESP Ministries? If that's not your thing, why is your web page on a new age web page? You're kind of judgmental. Do you really think all people have to think in your way? So, do you really think Satan has taken over people's way of thinking? Didn't God give free will? You are born pretty much knowing right from wrong. Ben, you sound like an arrogant man and narrow-minded. Stay in your small, little box. I'm so thankful not all people think like you. We all have our path and it's not all the same way. It shouldn't matter as long as we are working for a better world and peace. You give our father a bad name. Shame on you, Ben.*

Ben's Response: *Hi Friend. Thank you for your e-mail. You mentioned that I was judgmental. Perhaps "the boot may be on the other foot." You may be unaware, but your e-mail judges me.*

Everything I have written on my web page is taken from the Bible. e.g.: God's Words, not mine. If you would wish to refute this, then write the precise problem and I would be happy to reply. But I must have the information that makes you of the opinion that I am wrong.

So, please contact me with the problem that you seem to think makes me judgmental and I will reply. Thank you, Ben.

From H.W.: *Thank you so much for your reply! I live in Mexico City. I used to work as a translator for a publisher from El Salvador. Unfortunately, after September 11, a quake in Salvador, and the kidnapping of his son-in-law, this man went into bankruptcy. Since then I've been unable to find a job. Also, as you say, the economic situation in Mexico hasn't helped either. Every attempt I've made has failed. Most of all, after I prayed a lot for the deliverance of my sister who was living in a very*

difficult situation with her husband who had another woman. I knew this woman was using witchcraft against her. During more than six months, I prayed a lot for my sister so that she could overcome her divorce and make a new beginning. The Lord answered my prayers, but I feel something very evil came over me.

I thank you for your prayers. I also will pray for you, too! --H.W.

From V.T.: *Hi. I would like to congratulate you on this web site. I, too, am thinking of telling my own testimony on my own web site of how I became a born again Christian after being heavily involved in spiritualism.*

Mine was a very long story which started as a teenager after seeing apparitions and starting to do Ouija boards from early on. This fuelled my curiosity and I ended up attending spiritualist churches to see transfigurations done by mediums (when the medium appears to change shape into different people with messages to be told). I have had many a personal message from my so-called "loved ones passed over" which I discovered to be demons. The only reason I know this is because, when I found out the truth about spiritualism and I became a Christian that night, I instantly had to deal with a backlash of frightening events in my home from the anger of Satan. The demonic activity was so bad that I couldn't deal with it on my own. Therefore, I had to get the church to come and cleanse/exorcise my own home. It was not until that was done that things settled down. Even then, Satan would try and reach me again and attack every so often.

So, I therefore praise you for your work. You are not a nutter or anything, as I not [one], either! I had an experience that was a revelation to me. God really did pull me out of a very dark hole, and I now realize how manipulated I was by Satan through spiritualism. He uses these occult practices to trick people into turning away from God. I have experienced this first hand. The scales fell away from my eyes that night and I was in very deep, I tell you! My only sadness is that I had a friend that was a medium at the time who I believe God took out of my life the week before this happened that I would like to tell my testimony to. I think God knew that, with Louise in my life, I would have never been able to break free from the bondage of spiritualism. I only pray that one day she will be saved, too. Yours in Christ, V.T.

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Headline News

Domestic and International

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VA Allows Wiccan Symbol on Headstones

MADISON, Wisconsin - The Wiccan pentacle has been added to the list of emblems allowed in United States cemeteries and on government-issued headstones of fallen U.S. soldiers, according to a settlement announced Monday.

A settlement between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Wiccans adds the five-pointed star to the list of "emblems of belief" allowed on VA grave markers. Wicca is a nature-based religion based on respect for the earth, nature and the cycle of the seasons, but variations of the pentacle have been used in horror movies as a sign of the devil -- a usage not accepted by Wiccans.

"This settlement has forced the Bush Administration into acknowledging that there are no second-class religions in America, including among our nation's veterans," said the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which represent-

ed the Wiccans in the lawsuit.

Eleven families nationwide are waiting for grave markers with the pentacle, said Selena Fox, a Wiccan high priestess with Circle Sanctuary in Wisconsin and a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

The settlement calls for the pentacle, whose five points represent earth, air, fire, water and spirit, to be placed on grave markers within 14 days for those who have pending requests with the VA.

"I am glad this has ended in success in time to get markers for Memorial Day," Fox said. Memorial Day is celebrated in May.

The VA sought the settlement in the interest of the families involved and to save taxpayers the expense of further litigation, VA spokesman Matt Burns said. The agency also agreed to pay \$225,000 (euro 165,965) in attorneys' fees and costs.

The pentacle has been added to 38 symbols the VA already permits on gravestones. They include commonly recognized symbols for Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, as well as those for smaller religions such as Sufism Reoriented, Eckiankar and the Japanese faith Seicho-No-Ie.

The American Civil Liberties Union said the agreement also settles a similar lawsuit it filed last year against the VA. In that case, the ACLU represented two other Wiccan churches and three individuals.

VA-issued headstones, markers and plaques can be used in any cemetery, whether it is a national one such as Arlington near Washington or a private burial ground.

Editor's note: "Our enemy keeps pressing and making headway. Two of his agents are mentioned here: "Rev" Barry Lynn and the ACLU. If God ever removes his blessing from America, these two groups can take a lot of credit." -- Tony Cox

Associated Press / April 27, 2007

Philadelphia Shuts Down Psychics, Others Who Tell Fortunes for Profit

PHILADELPHIA, PA - They never saw it coming. City inspectors shut down more than a dozen psychics, astrologers and tarot-card readers after learning about a

decades-old state law that bans fortune telling for profit.

Inspectors did not make arrests or issue fines, "but they will if these people try to return to work," said

Dominic E. Verdi, deputy commissioner of the city Department of Licenses and Inspections.

Verdi said the law, on the books for more than 30 years, makes

fortune telling "for gain or lucre" a third-degree misdemeanor.

Police alerted his department to the law a few days ago, Verdi said. "I was surprised," he said.

He said inspectors have closed 16 shops since Tuesday and he expected them to close more.

Phoenix Man Dies After Cops Respond to Report of Young Girl's Exorcism

PHOENIX - Officers responding to a report of an exorcism on a young girl found her grandfather choking her and used stun guns to subdue the man, who later died, authorities said Sunday.

The 3-year-old girl and her mother, who was also in the room during the struggle between 49-year-old Ronald Marquez and officers, were hospitalized, police said. Their condition was unavailable.

The relative who called police said an exorcism had also been attempted Thursday.

"The purpose was to release demons from this very young child," Sgt. Joel Tranter said.

Officers arrived at the house Saturday and entered when they heard screaming coming from a bedroom, Tranter said.

A bed had been pushed up against the door; the officers pushed it open a few inches and saw Marquez choking his bloodied granddaughter, who was crying in pain and gasping, Tranter said.

A bloody, naked 19-year-old woman, who police later determined to be Marquez's daughter and the girl's mother, was in the room chanting "something that was religious in nature," Tranter said.

The officers forced open the door enough for one to enter, leading to a struggle in which an officer used a stun gun on Marquez, Tranter said.

After the initial stun had no visible effect, another officer squeezed into the room and stunned him. The girl was freed and passed through the door to the relative, Tranter said.

Marquez was placed in handcuffs after a struggle with officers and initially appeared normal, but then stopped breathing, Tranter said. He could not be revived and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Tranter declined to identify Marquez's daughter and granddaughter, but said they lived in the house with Marquez.

The mother was not arrested, but police will consider criminal charges, Tranter said.

"The officers ... saw Marquez choking his bloodied granddaughter, who was crying in pain and gasping."

--Sgt. Joel Tranter

Hundreds of People Pose Nude on Switzerland Glacier to Raise Awareness About Climate Change

BETTMERALP, Switzerland -- Hundreds of naked people formed a "living sculpture" on Switzerland's Aletsch glacier Saturday aimed at raising awareness about climate change.

The photo shoot by New York artist Spencer Tunick, famous for his pictures of nude gatherings in public settings worldwide, was designed to draw attention to the effects of global warming on Switzerland's shrinking glaciers.

"The melting of the glaciers is an indisputable sign of global climate change," said

environmental group Greenpeace, which co-organized the event.

It said most Swiss glaciers will disappear by 2080 if global warming continues at its current pace.

The event, which followed Tunick's previous shoots in London, Mexico City and Amsterdam, was designed to minimize any impact on the environment, Greenpeace said.

Temperatures during the shoot hovered around 10 degrees Celsius (50 degrees Fahrenheit).

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Airline Sacrifices Goats to Appease Sky God

KATHMANDU - Officials at Nepal's state-run airline have sacrificed two goats to appease Akash Bhairab, the Hindu sky god, following technical problems with one of its Boeing 757 aircraft, the carrier said Tuesday.

Nepal Airlines, which has two Boeing aircraft, has had to suspend some services in recent weeks due to the problem.

The goats were sacrificed in front of the troublesome

aircraft Sunday at Nepal's only international airport in Kathmandu in accordance with Hindu traditions, an official said.

"The snag in the plane has now been fixed and the aircraft has resumed its flights," said Raju K.C., a senior airline official, without explaining what the problem had been.

Local media last week blamed the company's woes on an electrical fault. The carrier

runs international flights to five cities in Asia.

It is common in Nepal to sacrifice animals like goats and buffaloes to appease different Hindu deities.

"Dear Ben, We may laugh at this in the West, but what difference is there between that and people here who consult spiritualists/mediums?"

--James Dillion

The Inaccuracy of Kathy Griffin's Remarks on Jesus

By Lauren Green, Religion Correspondent, FOX News Channel



I JUST don't understand co-median Kathy Griffin. Please understand that I like her. She's been on the FOX News channel quite a bit and for the brief times we've talked, I've found her to be funny and self-effacing.

So, it puzzled me at first, then angered me second, that she would accept an award and then insult a man who preached love and acceptance. Why would someone do that? William Donohue of the Catholic League was so angry that he used the "b" word to describe her (rhymes with rich).

In case you haven't yet heard, on Saturday night at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards, Kathy Griffin won a trophy for her show, "My Life on the D-List." Griffin is sort of the female Rodney Dangerfield. Her gimmick is that she's an entertainer who doesn't get a lot of respect. When she accepted her long-awaited award, she said: "A lot of people come up here and thank Jesus for this award. I want you to know that no one had less to do with this award than Jesus."

Now I could have been mildly insulted at that and turned the other cheek, as the founder of Christianity taught. But then she went on to say, "Suck it, Jesus. This award is my God now."

Needless to say, she offended me and millions of other Christians.

I don't know what went through her mind and why she would think that was cutting edge or even funny. But first, I want to actually show you that, in fact, Kathy Griffin

Jesus died on a cross 2,000 years ago. His dying words were, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." He died and they buried him in a rock cut tomb. Three days later, as the Bible says, he rose from the dead . . . The freedoms we enjoy in this country to speak freely and to live freely are directly related to that man who died on a cross 2,000 years ago.

is wrong. Jesus had everything to do with her winning that award. And here's the reasoning.

Jesus died on a cross 2,000 years ago. His dying words were, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do." He died and they buried him in a rock cut tomb. Three days later, as the Bible says, he rose from the dead. That day is what Christians celebrate as Easter.

After the resurrection, Christianity began to take off like wildfire, spreading from the Middle East northward to Europe and westward into Ethiopia. In 300 A.D. Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and it became the religion of Europe. Rome soon became the seat of the faith. After several years of human failings, the church went through conflicts and quite a few unbiblical years -- the crusades and the inquisition to name just two. Out of that came the Reformation -- the reforming of the Church, sort of a back-to-basics Bible and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Out of the Reformation emerged a vision of law by Samuel Rutherford, called Lex is Rex, Law is King. From that others devised a secular version that is used to help lay the foundation of government for a new land called America. Ninety-four percent of America's founding

era documents mention the Bible; 34 percent quote the Bible directly. The idea of bringing unity to the universal is a particularly Biblical concept.

The freedoms we enjoy in this country to speak freely and to live freely are directly related to that man who died on a cross 2,000 years ago.

So, you see, Kathy Griffin, Jesus has *everything* to do with you winning that award. You live in a free country where your abilities can be recognized if you're willing to work hard enough. That's at least the dream of America. If you'd been born in many other parts of the world, your daily activity might involve seeking out a way to survive, or even trying to avoid persecution and death. Luxuries like pursuing a career in the entertainment industry would never have been realized; luxuries like being able to insult the founder of a religion of forgiveness and acceptance would not have been possible.

Kathy Griffin, just because you "can" say something, doesn't mean you "should." When you say "suck it, Jesus," you didn't just insult Christianity . . . you insulted the very reason you've prospered.

Your PSYCHIC Connection

by Ben Alexander

Have you ever wondered who psychics really connect with? As a former psychic I would like to help you understand who you are really dealing with. Contacting the spirit world cannot be taken lightly.

Most everyone loses a loved one sometime in life. It can be heartbreaking, especially when the loved one is a child.

Some people never get over it, so it is not surprising that when a psychic comes along and tells you he or she can bring back your loved one through trance channeling there is a strong temptation to find out if this is really possible.

Why People Get Involved

There are two basic reasons why people get involved in Spiritualism:

1. **The loss of a loved one**
2. **The fear of death**

The seeds of Spiritualism were sown in my life when I was eleven years old. I was awakened in the early hours of the morning listening to the cries of my adopted father on his deathbed, begging God for mercy and asking God not to let him die.

My father was having affairs and would often hit my adopted mother. He was taken to the hospital and, after a few short hours, was brought home in a closed coffin. When I saw his coffin, I was terrified. From that day onward, for many years, I had an obsession and fear of death.

Spiritualism: A Powerful Reality

Many years later I was introduced to Spiritualism and I studied and practiced psychic phenomena for well over a decade. I quickly discovered there were three kinds of mediums.

1. **Clairvoyants.** Mediums who, although sometimes vague in their messages, were also uncannily accurate.
2. **Psychics** who perform on television and obviously offer nothing more than pure conjecture.
3. **Physical mediums.** These people have uncanny supernatural power and are able to manifest demonic phenomena.

Psychics

Those who fall under the category of psychics are the following:

~ **John Edward.** He approaches the audience and starts giving his "impressions" of what he is getting, whether it be a name (always the first name), numbers, or a date, until someone responds with information that matches.

He also asks the person questions as he tosses out "clues" he claims he is receiving from the dead. Sometimes it seems that he is throwing out very general information and that the person in the audience is filling in the blanks. **Interestingly, it seems the dead have a hard time remembering their surnames.** The truth of the matter is, it is purely conjecture, although sometimes he is uncannily accurate.

~ **Sylvia Browne** and **James Van Praagh** operate in the same manner as John Edward.

Unfortunately, there are many souls desperate to receive a message from a loved one they have lost. They allow their emotions to gain control over their minds and they accept anything these psychics tell them as gospel.

Psychics may tell you they are doing the work of God, but the Bible is clear that this is not so. For example, if a prophet (psychic) made ONE mistake (Deuteronomy 18:20-21) he was punished by death. Sylvia Browne brags that she is 80% correct. She is fortunate she didn't live under the Law.

Basically, these psychics are TRADING ON GRIEF.

Physical Mediums

It was my sad lot to get involved in this type of mediumship, although at the time I thought it was from God. I learned much later I had gotten into the very extremes of witchcraft. At first the experiences were

fascinating but, after a while, they became quite frightening and very disturbing. I describe this in my book "Out From Darkness."

Incidentally, no money was ever charged by the leader of this group who, in my opinion, was one of the most powerful spirit mediums in the world.

Most people have no idea what they are dabbling with when they get into Spiritualism.

With all due respects to the psychics of this world, you have to make a decision. You must either trust in the psychic or his creator God. I believe the greatest authority on the Spirit world is God Himself. There are over one hundred scriptures in the Bible relating to Spiritualism in all forms. God makes it clear it is "detestable to speak to the dead." Here are some of them:

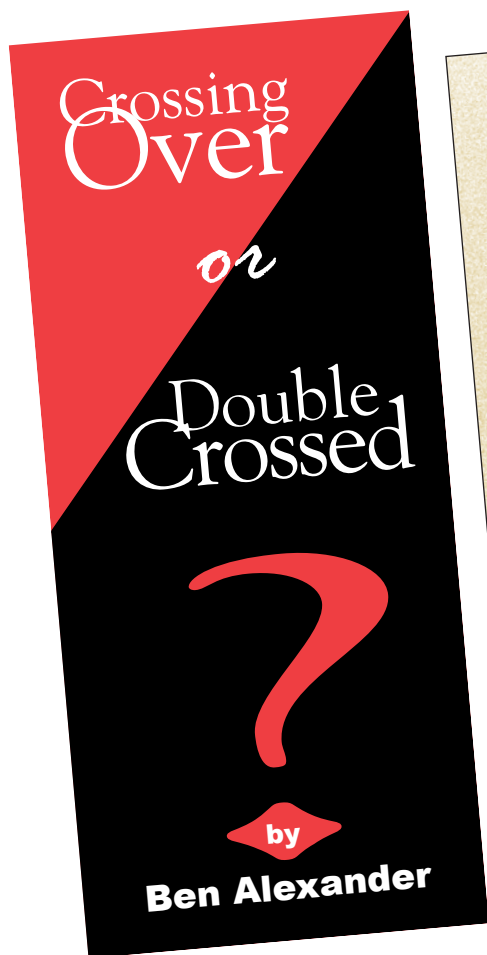
1. **God says it is DETESTABLE to contact the dead.** (Deuteronomy 18:10)
2. **A man or a woman who is a medium has a familiar spirit. The Hebrew word is "OB" -- this translated is a demon.** (Leviticus 20:27) **Please understand this is not the dead, but persons impersonating the dead.**
3. **King Saul died because he went to a séance.** (1 Samuel 28) **The Bible is clear that Spiritualists (those who contact the dead) will not enter into Heaven.**

In the Old Testament it was a death penalty under the law to be a medium. We do not live under the law today; we live under grace, and Jesus forgives our sins if we repent.

Dear friend, don't go to psychics who trade on your grief. Put your trust in God and His Word, the Bible. God tells us we shall see our loved ones in Heaven if we live for Him.

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- Ben and Miranda Alexander came to the United States from England to begin a spiritualist organization.
- Ben was in the highest levels of spiritualism.
- Both Ben and Miranda became converted to Christianity.
- Ben has held meetings in 49 states exposing Satan and preaching the Gospel.
- Ben has held 32 overseas missions in 16 countries.
- At the age of 87, Ben is still maintaining the same schedule he began 37 years ago.
- Ben has spoken on over 2,000 radio and television programs around the world, including James Dobson, James Kennedy, and The 700 Club.
- The above programs alone have touched millions of lives.
- ESP Ministries has been featured in scores of newspapers across America.
- Ben has spoken in prisons, schools, universities, colleges, churches, and to thousands of individuals.
- Ben has never charged a fee for his service.
- Ben and Miranda have lived entirely on faith for 37 years.
- Ben's book "Out From Darkness" has been translated in the Spanish language.
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- Ben and Miranda spearheaded an organization in Joplin, Missouri and, with the help of dedicated Christians, cleaned up all the pornography in that city.
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- ESP Ministries' website has had over 100,000 hits. Ben answers every e-mail and counsels many by phone and this service is free of charge.

Ben truly has to have the Holy Spirit working overtime inside him, giving him the energy and ability to do all he does. We don't know how long God plans to let Ben continue his work. As we see the end times getting all the closer, we realize each of us cannot do what Ben does; however, your prayers and support would be appreciated for this ministry.

--Dereck Coombes, former E.S.P Ministries Board Member

Reflections on 2007

Our Dear Friends,

As Miranda and I sit back and reflect on the year 2007, we cannot help but see the many blessings God has so graciously given us. Through the course of our travels this past year, we have met many of you and want you to know that we cherish each and every one of you. So many of you have supported us and uplifted us through your prayers and financial gifts and, for that, we are extremely grateful. We value your support more than you realize. We see Satan's power at work everyday and know that every victory we gain was undergirded first by the prayers of the saints. You are all so wonderful.

We began 2007 by making an arduous trip to India. The travel by plane was long and the travel by train in India even longer. But, oh, the memories! God was with us every step of the way -- strengthening, guiding, and protecting. How blessed we are to be in his service! And how blessed we were to visit with the people of India -- especially the children. Children truly are "precious in his sight," and they certainly were in ours.

This truly was a life-changing trip. This past year, there was not a week (if not a day) that went by that we were not reminded of India and the sights we saw or the sounds we heard. We wish you could have taken this trip with us. But, dear friends, since you couldn't, let us pull out our photo album once more as we share some of the trip's highlights with you.

Let us first introduce you to our hosts. Vivek and Angela Lall are a wonderful Christian couple with three children, doing an amazing work for God on the mission field. They are currently developing land which will aid them in their evangelistic outreach, translation work, and ministry to disabled children. They have amazing energy and enthusiasm for doing the Lord's work.



Travel in India was like none we had ever experienced. We found ourselves sharing the roads with dogs, goats, water buffalo, cows, oxen, camels, carts, bicycles used as rickshaws, and motorbikes as well as cars, buses, and trucks. And, it seemed that everyone who had a horn on their vehicle used it! The smells, sounds, and confusion were almost overwhelming.



The people. How our hearts ached for the plight of the people in India. Almost immediately upon our arrival, we were accosted by the pitiful sight of beggars -- a woman holding a baby, a young boy pointing to his mouth and then to his stomach, a man with leprosy, missing two fingers and arms so



unsightly you could hardly look at them. We don't have the words to describe the poverty we saw. Some people had literally nothing except the rags on their backs. They had no shelter, living day-to-day by

begging. This young man came right up to our car window, so hopeful.

And the disabled children; oh how they captured our hearts. When this group of blind children sang to us, we could hold our emotions in no longer. We cried. Oh what precious souls. Though they come from a Hindu background, they love Jesus and sing His praises loud and clear and so joyously.



There were over 300 ministers from all over North and Central India who attended a seminar that was translated into the Hindu language and filmed. Vivek said those ministers will, in turn, share the message with thousands. And the film of the meeting is to be shown throughout India, reaching into the millions. Praise God for how he is working in the lives of those ministering in India.





So began 2007. Since that time, we have never been the same. It is amazing how some of the poorest people in the world could give such riches to our own. Their smiles were contagious; their laughter, music to our ears. We are truly humble servants serving an awesome, loving God.

As 2007 comes to a close we want to extend our best wishes to all of you. You have been so faithful in ministering to us through your prayers and financial gifts. May our Heavenly Father shower you with blessings too numerous to count. And, in thinking back over how warmly we were received in India, the following is our prayer for you:

**May the warmth and lights of the season
lead you to the warmth of the
“Light of the World.”**

God bless you all and may 2008 find you joyfully serving our Lord.

*Humbly Yours,
Ben and Miranda*

Note: Ben has several weekends open for speaking engagements in 2008. You may contact him via email (ben@espmministries.com) to schedule an engagement for your church or group.

Dear Friend,

I pray that you were blessed by reading and reminiscing with us in this issue of our newsletter, “Signs Of The Times.” I also pray you found it both educational and beneficial to you.

With every issue, I am forced to pick and choose what news to report to you. What you read within these pages is only a small portion of the work I have done throughout the year. The correspondence and counseling alone could fill volumes.

However, I am limited by finances and can only print as money becomes available. I have never been one to beg for money and I am not doing so now. I only pray that you will consider supporting this ministry in greater measure so more work can be done as we see end “signs of the times.”

Serving together,
Ben

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