

[Satanism - A Sign of the End Times](#)

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One of the evidences that Jesus will soon return at the end of this age is that Spiritual signs will abound. One of the negative spiritual signs is the rise and acceptance of Satanism. Satanism in the form of witchcraft, New Age, and the occult were prophesied to become mainstream, and so they have. Paul writes in [1 Timothy 4:1](#) that *"the Spirit explicitly says that in the latter times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons."*

Take this story, for instance, by *WorldNetDaily* titled "[6-6-Sick: Teens Dismembered in Satanic Slaughter](#)" (September 15, 2008).

"Eight suspects have been detained by police in Russia for the alleged satanic ritual killing — and cooking — of four teens, according to a report in the *London Daily Mail*. Police in the Yaroslavl region northeast of Moscow told the newspaper the victims — three girls and one boy — were stabbed 666 times each, dismembered and cooked on a bonfire in the satanic ritual. Satanists link the number 666 with Satan. The *Daily Mail* said police reported the victims' limbs, hearts and other body parts were severed and dumped in the pit along with a small rodent that was crucified on an upside-down cross. The victims all were described by police as Goths, ages 16 and 17, and authorities said they apparently were forced to get drunk before the murders."

Was that just an isolated incident of Satanism? How about 48,000 people who gather every year on the summer solstice for a ritual burning of a 40-foot effigy of a man in an event called the Burning Man? Meeting in Black Rock Desert in northern Nevada under the guise of an art show, according to their website at burningman.com, participants enter into "an experiment in community, radical self-expression, and radical self-reliance" to "encourage the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources." Such "radical expression" involves naked ceremonial dancing, open sexuality, tarot card readings, earth goddess worship, shamanism, Wiccan counselors and other forms of occultism.



Satanism Repackaged

Satan's goal is to drag as many people as he can with him on his way to Hell. For those who can't stomach his desire with openly flagrant Satan worship, much of today's Satanism is repackaged under supposedly harmless guises such as New Age philosophy, Wiccan earth spiritualism, extreme environmentalism, meditation, yoga, out-of-body experiences and channeling.

Satanism is packaged to our children in seemingly innocuous books like *Harry Potter* and *Twitches*, and television shows like *Totally Raven* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Any children's section of Barnes and Nobles or other major bookstore chain is dominated by books with a magic theme aimed at early indoctrination into the occult. What did those Goth teens who sacrificed their peers to Satan read when they were kids?

The Bible on Satanism

What does God have to say about people who participate in satanic worship? In [Leviticus 19:31](#) God stated, *"Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God,"* and in "[Leviticus 20:6](#), *"I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people."*

And for those who practice Satanism, [Deuteronomy 18:10-12b](#) states, *"Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the*

LORD. "Under the Mosaic Law in [Leviticus 20:27](#), "A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads." God feels that strongly about engaging in any level of Satanism.

The Bible says the ultimate destination of anyone who engages in any form of Satanism will be to become a real "burning man" in the Lake of Fire. Jesus proclaims in [Revelation 21:8 \(NIV\)](#), "But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

So, while Satanism grows in its openness and acceptance in society in preparation for Satan's direct world rule through the Antichrist, those who love what is good can find great solace in Jesus' upcoming and completed victory over Satan.