

Spiritualism in Psychology

“Those who will not stand for truth will soon fall for error. Those who will find good in all evil will soon declare evil of all good.”

Our culture today is permeated through and through with the philosophy of spiritualism and most of us are not aware of it at all. It has come down through educational systems of the world as they cherish the philosophy of the Greek spiritualists. It has come down through the ancient Gnostics of the first centuries after Christ as they strove to unite precepts of the Babylonian Mystery religion with Christianity. It has come to us magnified and blessed by the unholy apostate religion of the Dark Ages. But most of all, it has been exalted and heralded as wonderful scientific achievement in psychology and the so-called ‘mind sciences’.

There are several so called ‘scientific theories’ that have crept into our very churches that have their origins in pagan sorcery! The theories of modern psychology are nearly all based on pagan concepts, not in harmony with the Bible, although some so-called “Christian psychologists” stretch and twist certain texts to try and make these false concepts acceptable to Christians. What are the sources of the “scientific knowledge” people spend years in the universities learning? Well, I’m sure you say that it comes from careful scientific studies that prove it to be true. No—it doesn’t!

Freud, the father of modern psychiatry, was himself a certified neurotic. He developed his theories in an effort to cure his own neurosis but failed, nevertheless, lots of ‘intelligent’ people think his ideas can help them with theirs. He was strongly spiritualistic. Freud stated that anyone who believed in God was insane!

Jean Martin Charcot (1825-1893) was a leading French hypnotist of a century ago. Alfred Binet and Sigmund Freud were two of his famous students. Freud developed his early theories by studying people who were hypnotized. In this way, he could receive information directly from spirit guides; the information that later formed his theories which are today called ‘Freudian psychology.’

Today, hypnosis is used in hospitals for major surgery, in dental offices during drilling and pulling of teeth, and by educational counselors, industrial specialists, and family workers. Hypnosis seems to be reaching out into nearly every sector of society, even coming into the churches, and our own denomination.

Jung, who was once Freud's colleague, got his insight from a spirit guide named ‘Philemon’, who appeared to him as a wise old man, with a white beard and the horns of a bull and wings of a kingfisher. Of course he didn’t believe this was a spirit mind you, he said it was something from the ‘collective unconsciousness’. He gathered many of his concepts from the occult ‘Tibetan Book of the Dead’. He had so much contact with the spirit world that he once wrote a work called, ‘Seven Sermons to the Dead’, which he felt was dictated to him by them. His father-in-law, a Protestant minister, talked to his deceased wife every day. (see ‘The Psychological Seduction of Christianity.’ Dave Hunt, and PsychoHeresy, Ch. 2, Martin and Deidre Bobgan.)

Adams reminds us that Freud called himself "a completely godless Jew" and a "hopeless pagan." Jay E. Adams, ‘Competent to Counsel’ p. 16

A spirit that called itself, Djwal Khul, dictated many books through a lady medium named Alice Bailey. She was called high priestess of the New Age. Among her books was one called "Education in the New Age". Her teachings are behind Dr. Roberto Assagioli, who worked with her in Europe, he is the developer of the theory of psycho-synthesis and the source of the theoretical model widely used in schools. The purpose being to obey the spirit D. K. and "take it back to the children."

Two well known self-help teachers get their input from spirit guides, one a rabbit named 'Corky' and a famous oncologist and surgeon consults with 'George' a bearded long-haired man wearing a flowing white gown and a skullcap. Children are being trained from kindergarten to seek for 'inner guides'. A few years back a whole set of 'biographical' books for children about the lives of famous people, was careful to weave an 'imaginary friend' into each story, making it seem responsible for the person's success.

Helen Schucman wrote "Course in Miracles", widely acclaimed in many churches today, from a spirit who called itself Jesus, and began ordering her one day, "This is a course in miracles, take it down." She tells us on her website that the main purpose of her work is to "provide a way in which some people will be able to find their own Internal Teacher." [Interesting that the real Jesus invited, He never ordered!]

From Abraham Maslow and Carl Rogers, to popular channels like Marilyn Ferguson, theories, teaching methods, self help techniques, and therapies are pouring out upon the world, either directly channeled from demon spirits, or from persons influenced by theories that were. And they call this occult garbage, 'science'!

Do we really think that we can incorporate ideas and philosophies from such sources and make them useful in the Christian life?? But we are attempting that very thing with counselling techniques, 'Four Personality Types' seminars, Self Esteem enhancement programs, Grief seminars, and so on ad-nauseum.

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Psychology has clearly no love for Christianity! Sad to say, the feeling is not mutual. The New Age, Psychology, pseudo-scientific jargon is in our books, sermons, magazines, and conversations, and we are swallowing it hook, line and sinker! What is the result? A subtle turning away from God to the theories of man, an excusing of sin and exalting of self, a weakening faith and increased dependence upon human support amongst Christians, and a booming counselling business carried on by church pastors, and other so-called experts, who point people to man made theories and so the cycle goes on.

Take a look at one theory being taught among us as fact; the Right-brain, Left-brain theory. Everyone knows that is scientific fact, right? Everyone that is, except the scientists whose work the theory was developed from! To them the whole notion that the brain's two hemispheres are split

into two tidy sections; one the center of creativity, the other logical thinking; is simplistic and wrongheaded. It is used as a 'Trojan Horse' to bring occult, spiritualistic techniques such as visualization, meditation, imaging and eastern mysticism into education programs on the grounds that these develop the right side of the brain. But what do the scientist who did the studies say?

"Even on the most trivial tasks our studies showed that everything in the brain was in flux; both sides, the front and back, the top and bottom. It was tremendously complicated. **To think that you could reduce this to a simple left-right dichotomy would be misleading and oversimplified.**" John Mazziotta quoted by Kevin McKean, *Discover*, 1985, p. 38.

"The two-brain myth was founded on an erroneous premise: that since each hemisphere was specialized, each must function as an independent brain. But in fact, just the opposite is true. To the extent that regions are differentiated in the brain, they must integrate their activities. Indeed, it is precisely that integration that gives rise to behavior and mental processes greater than and different from each region's contribution. **Thus, since the central premise of the mythmakers is wrong, so are all the inferences derived from it.**" Jerre Levy, "Right Brain, Left Brain: Fact and Fiction." *Psychology Today*, May 1985, p. 43.

This concept is the source of a lot of social confusion and has resulted in the strengthening of the feminist movement (which is highly lesbian) and has contributed greatly to the breakdown of family structure in these last days. No error is innocent!

Many popular books have been poured out in the recent years promoting, not just female equality, but female superiority. These books are eagerly snapped up by 'restless modern Eves' and the concepts they put forth, although only richly embroidered speculation, are being accepted as fact. This has done much harm in our society at large! Remember that Satan seeks to destroy the gifts of God to man and the family structure is one of those precious gifts.

This article will be much too long if I show too many examples but look at one of the claims these promoters of this 'split-brain' theory make in regard to male and female:

"The female brain is a brain that's not damaged during fetal development as the male brain is. . . . The damage occurs to the male brain during the sixteenth to the twenty-sixth week of fetal development. At that time a chemical bath is given to the left hemisphere and the connecting link between the two hemispheres that reduces the size and number of transmission passages that exist there for what's called lateral transmission. So males simply can't talk to themselves across the hemispheres in a way that a woman does." Donald Joy interview, "The Innate Differences between Males and Females," Focus on the Family Radio Broadcast, CS-099, 1984, 1986.

Now, what does this say about God? That He would have designed the very sex that He declared are to lead out and head up the family, the church and society, and yet arranged that their brains are damaged in utero, while a female is not? This makes the Creator out to be an idiot! But remember; the ones that put forth these books believe in evolution and spiritualism. A lot of these leading feminists are lesbians and many are witches and 'goddess' worshippers. Satan is having a field-day with these feminist speculations.

"Some feminists seem bent on proving that there are no differences. And, other popularizers of pseudoscience, such as Smalley, Trent, Joy, Wright, and Dobson, seem bent on propagating

differences that have not been proven. Underlying their unjustifiable conclusions seems to be a female brain superiority, which certainly appeals to the women who follow them. While the research seems to support some differences, they are not the ones Smalley, Trent, Joy, Wright, and Dobson are promoting. Notice our expression “research seems.” Whenever individuals speak with the certainty of these men in such an uncertain area, caveat emptor! (Buyer, beware!)” *Excerpted from the now out-of-print book Prophets of PsychoHeresy II by Martin and Deidre Bobgan.*

And what about the personality types? Surely that is scientific fact? No; wrong again. Just a modernized version of the Hindu concept of the four powers of nature, fire, air, water, and so on, and the ideas of astrology which came down to us from medieval times. It is interesting that these theories fell out of vogue during the reformation era, when men’s eyes were turned to the sacred Word of God, and the fact that it is springing into popularity again tells us something about our distance from God’s true Word.

They give a convenient Excuse for Behavior, and often those who study this stuff, pigeonhole themselves in a nice spot that makes them feel not too bad at all, as they compare themselves among themselves. The so-called improvements they claim to give to family understanding, too often degenerate into a form of psychological name calling. It is also interesting that books that promote this information are claiming that the personality types are beyond our control, but at the same time they are telling you how to change them. Sort of like Satan first saying we can’t know for sure what God means and then giving Eve some inside info on God’s very thoughts.

“Another reason for the ‘four temperaments’ popularity may be their fleshly appeal. Those who encourage Christians to utilize the four temperaments for spiritual growth consistently warn against using temperament weaknesses as excuses for behavior. Unfortunately, that is a great temptation—to move from “understanding” why I act a certain way to “excusing” sinful behavior because of “my temperament.” Whenever sinful behavior is relabeled “weaknesses,” there is a dwindling sense of responsibility and a gnawing sense of being trapped in helplessness. Once resigned to one’s weakness, one may attempt to “make up” for that “weakness” by developing and focusing on the so-called “strengths” of the particular temperament one thinks he has.” *Four Temperaments, Astrology and Personality Testing Chapter One, Martin and Deidre Bobgan.*

“The four temperaments and other personality type systems did not originate from Scripture. They are part of that philosophical/psychological pool of man-made systems and personal opinions, which attempt to explain the nature of man and present methods for change. Christian authors promoting the four temperaments and similar typologies base their ideas on unproven psychological theories and subjective observations which are based on neither the rigors of scientific investigation nor the rigors of exegetical Bible study.” Idib.

One of the most amazing ideas to catch on in Christian circles, amazing because it is the dead-opposite of the teaching of Christ in the Bible and all through the Spirit of Prophecy, is that our emotions have to be expressed, and that to control them is to cause ourselves some kind of terrible damage. Again, what does this say about God; in that He would make us in a way that we have to do this and then forbid it to be done?! Again the tempter’s voice echoes with a kind of leer—“Yea, hath God said?”

“Prior to the last twenty-five years, people were encouraged to use self-control. The advice and encouragement was for internalizing rather than externalizing anger. Now, however, everyone seems bent on self-expression rather than self-restraint. And, psychologists have supplied reasons, justifications, and just plain excuses for letting it all hang out. One of the most prevalent reasons they give is that it is good for you. Thus, our society has moved from an era of restraint to one of release under the rubric of health and personal happiness.” *Prophets of Psychoheresy I* by Martin & Deidre Bobgan 1989 Chapter 17.

But what does true research actually show?

“The psychological rationale for ventilating anger does not stand up under experimental scrutiny. The weight of the evidence indicates precisely the opposite: Expressing anger makes you angrier, solidifies an angry attitude, and establishes a hostile habit.” Tavis, “Anger Diffused,” *Psychology Today*, November 1982, p. 33.

Christian friend, everything necessary for our salvation is to be found in the Word of God, the precious Bible, and God’s messenger to His last day people has given a lot of additional light to us. Why do we have to search the dried and cracked cisterns of the world for a drop of moisture when fountains of living water flow for us? Why do we gather up the teachings of infidels and atheists and their demon friends and present them to people as truth, when they are denied by the only Truth we can really count on, the Bible?

“The great men of earth will then understand that they have surrendered mind and heart to ensnaring philosophy which pleased the carnal heart. Hope and grace and every inducement had been held out by One who loved them, and gave his life for them, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, but they refused the love of God. Their lofty opinions, their human reasonings, were extolled; they declared themselves sufficient in themselves to understand divine mysteries, and they thought their own powers of discrimination were strong enough to discern truth for themselves. They fell an easy prey to Satan's subtlety, for he presented before them specious errors in human philosophy, which has an infatuation for human minds. They turned from the Source of all wisdom, and worshipped intellect. The message and the messengers of God were criticized and discarded as beneath their human, lofty ideas. The invitations of mercy were made a jest, and they denied the divinity of Jesus Christ, and derided the idea of His pre-existence before He assumed human nature. But the tattered shreds of human reasoning will be found to be only as ropes of sand in the great day of God” *Signs of the Times*. 1895-03-07

Now let’s ask the Psychologists themselves what their aim is: Author Mary Pride delved into the early issues of the noted journal *Psychology Today*, and here's what she found. In the second year of the esteemed periodical (1969), she found them state one of their missions to help man "face our inner experiences without the guidance of traditional dogmas, ritual, or patriarchal authority—the foundation stones of Judeo-Christian religious experience. Left without collectively sanctioned God-values and moral absolutes, we are compelled to erect our own morality, arrive at our own faith and belief, and discover our own meaning to our own existence." There you have it from the horse’s mouth as it were!

The Bible has proven itself true in many ways, it has never failed us and never will; these theories

cannot even be substantiated. Throw them away, and seek the living Word and the Living God for psychological advice!

The fundamental difference between real Christian Counseling and Psychology is one of direction. Psychology looks within for solutions: Christianity looks to HIM for solutions. This difference in direction is the all-important factor between Truth and Error—between Heaven and Hell.

Ellen White predicted that near the close of time personal counseling would go beyond constructive advice. A corrupt form of Psychology would come into popular acceptance. On the surface it would appear harmless and good. Underneath the veneer of healing, an incredible harm would be done. She said that psychology would become satanic in character. It would invade and corrupt the very work of God. There are Seventh-day Adventists Psychiatrists who believe that religion should not be brought into their practice. (See Spectrum, Vol. 17. Number 3)

"Satan has come unperceived through these sciences and has poisoned the minds of thousands and led them to Infidelity. He is well pleased to have the knowledge of these sciences widespread. It is a plan that he himself has laid, that he may gain access to minds and influence them as he pleases. . . , And while those devoted to these sciences laud them to the heavens because of the great and good works, they are cherishing and glorifying Satan. Through the channel of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism (hypnosis), he (Satan) comes more directly to the people of this generation, and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the close of probation." *2 Selected Messages 351 (Circa 1907)*

Ellen White is *not* specifically pointing at the Psychology of her time, but points to the Psychology, which would be practiced before the close of probation. This is an end-time prophecy and applies to us today. In unmistakable words God has forbidden one human mind to meddle around in the mind of another. This opens the door to demonic deception.

Spiritualism is the source of psychological ideas; we can see the parallels in this concise outline of Spiritualism. "Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that "each mind will judge itself;" that "true knowledge places men above all law;" that "all sins committed are innocent;" for "whatever is, is right," and "God doth not condemn." The basest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men, "It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home." Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself." Education, pgs. 227, 228. Here are the items listed:

1. "Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods";

The topic of sin and sinners is very unpopular these days, both in the world and in the church. The pride of man seems to increase in exact proportion to the abounding iniquity. And this idea of the 'godship of man' in spiritualistic philosophies such as evolution etc. leads to man taking upon himself to play God to just the degree his sphere of power allows him to. For some it is only by being a tyrant to his family for others it allows them to destroy whole populations of 'inferiors'.

2. "Each mind will judge itself;" "God does not judge"

Anyone seeking to point the path to righteousness and warn against the inroads and dangers of

sin is quickly informed he is being 'judgmental' and 'critical'. We need to come to grips with the fact that the message the 'hour of His judgement is come' is referring to our time. This is the time referred to in the parable when the King comes in to see the wedding guests.

3. "True knowledge places men above all law;"

Satan's war from before the world existed, had been to do away with God's moral law. He is still active teaching people that while moral laws may have been good for the infancy of the race (or the church) we no longer need them as we have such great knowledge and have out-grown such infantisms.

4. "All sins committed are innocent;"

Psychology tells us that all people always perform to the very best that they understand to be right. This also gives us the idea that while something may be wrong for you, the same thing may be fine for me as I see it differently. After all, we each have to decide for our own selves what we think is right for us. No Ultimate Authority; the very idea of an absolute authority, a clear standard of right and wrong, sends modern man into raging temper tantrums.

5. "Whatever is, is right,"

Here we find those in the world and spiritism who claim that good and evil must exist in balance and some great overall pantheistic intelligence guides the universe so that whatever happens is just what needs to happen. So when I feel the urge to go over and rape my neighbor's wife or kill somebody, this is fine because some superior intelligence sees that this is best.

In the church we see this as 'Don't point out anyone's sins, even in the kindest way, because God will teach them Himself if He wants them to know that. After all, He is God and can do as He pleases.' Sorry, the Bible does not hold out any such sophisms. God does not step in and do what he has placed the responsibility on us to do. If we don't fight against the inroads of wickedness in our families and churches, we are judged as partakers in that wickedness.

6. "God doth not condemn."

We have among us the 'God does not kill' philosophy. This is the same as saying God is a liar and reflects Satan's first premise, "Yea, Hath God said?" The world is looking on God as a jolly Santa, that promotes fun and frolic and indulgence and is so loving, that you never have to worry about being lost. His threatenings are just to keep us in line. Brothers and sisters, while it is true that God loves each one of us, this will not save us from being destroyed, if we fail to take hold of the provisions of salvation in God's chosen way. The same God that allowed the fury of wrath against sin to fall on His innocent Son, to open a way of escape for you and me, will certainly wipe from His Universe those who despise His covenant and refuse to be redeemed.

7. "It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home."

Spiritualism has a watered-down, nebulous hereafter it promises to its followers assuring them of their immortal future. The wickedest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men, "It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home."

Our God is a consuming fire! He will destroy sin! He is working right now to remove sin from our

lives through the ministry of Jesus in the Most Holy Place. All power that we need is available to us now to have all sin eradicated from our lives, but God does not do this without our co-operation. If we cling to sin and refuse to give it up, we will sin until Jesus comes, and we will be consumed by the fire of His presence.

8. "Desire is the highest law,"

Never before has such a generation of people been so tuned into, 'Doing your own thing,' 'Indulge your deepest desires', 'Pamper yourself, you deserve it,' 'Take yourself out for a treat', 'Don't let your obligations to others interfere in your life', 'You have to be free to live your own life'. This self-indulgence mentality is behind many divorces and the neglect of God-given responsibility to family members. But over the decadent clamor, the voice of God is still sounding like a tolling bell; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." It was pride and a high 'self-esteem' that changed the highest angel into the evil devil.

9. "That license is liberty,"

The philosophy of today tells us that we should never seek to teach or control the lives of our children, they are to be left to choose their own way because each person has an inside link to all the knowledge of the universe and knows what way is best for himself. Pray tell, then why does the Bible emphasize to us to 'train up our children' in the right way? Why did it not say, 'Let them be and they will grow up in the right way?' "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Ecclesiastes 8:11.

10. "Man is accountable only to himself."

Much the same as above but this is the concept that causes wordings to scoff at the idea of Judgement Day and the church, while it does not go quite so far as to scoff at judgement, reasons it all away in flowery fantasy. (See #2)

What legacy are we reaping from our love affair with the spiritualist theories of modern psychobabble? We have woman confused on their roles; men who are taught to idolize their personal parts; children who feel they must do their own thing; parents who are afraid to train or instruct because they might do damage; people who believe that children should be raised by psych-experts and not by parents; youth fresh from college who feel that their degree gives them wisdom to direct the lives of others; pastors who try to use Ericsonian hypnosis to manipulate the laity; people whose only conversational ability consists in discussing and analyzing their friends and family by the latest psycho-fad; and all the while Satan is laughing at us, the Holy Spirit is grieved and the angels of God are weeping. Want real answers? Get back to the plain, solid, inspired counsel of God in the true Authorized Bible and Spirit of Prophecy!

Remember: "Truth does not mind being honestly questioned; But a Lie does not like being challenged!" Persecution always comes from the Lies attacking the Truth!