

Some quotations from An Exorcist Tells His Story by Fr. Gabriele Amorth. Fr. Gabriele Amorth is the Chief Exorcist of Rome. He has performed hundreds of exorcisms over many years.

"It is amazing how often the Bible warns against witchcraft and sorcerers, both in the Old and New Testaments. Scripture warns us that witchcraft is one of the most common means used by the devil to bind men to himself and dehumanize them. Directly or indirectly, witchcraft is a cult of Satan. Those who practice any sort of magic believe that they can manipulate superior powers, but in reality it is they who are manipulated." p. 143

"Mediums and spiritualists invoke powerful spirits or the souls of the dead, without realizing that they have given themselves body and soul to demonic powers. Even if it is not immediately evident, those powerful spirits always use their minions for destructive purposes. When man is separated from God, he is poor and unhappy..." p. 143-144

"The worst magic of African origin is based on *witchcraft*- whose aim is to harm others through magic- and on *spiritualism* which intends to contact the spirit of the dead or superior spirits. Spiritualism is practiced in every country and among all peoples. The medium is the intermediary between spirits and men, lending his energy (voice, gestures, writings, etc.) to the spirit who wants to reveal himself. It may happen that these spirits- who are always and only demons- will possess some of those who participate in the seance. The Church has always condemned seances and participation in them. We never learn anything useful by consulting Satan." p. 149

"Thus we see everyone- young and old, women, laborers, professionals, politicians, and actors- seeking the "truth" about their future. This sort of crowd will always find another crowd: sorcerers, soothsayers, astrologers, card readers, prana therapists, and fortune- tellers of all kinds. Those who turn to them are motivated by chance, or hope, or desperation, or as an experiment. Some become victims, others remain bound, still others enter into the closed-end circle of sects.

What is behind all this? The ignorant believe it is only superstition, curiosity, fiction, fraud; in fact, it generates large sums of money. In reality, magic is not only a silly superstition, something without basis; it is also a recourse to demonic powers to influence the course of events or to manipulate others for personal profit...Although its forms are many, the result is one: to distance man from God in order to lead him to sin and spiritual death." p. 144

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