



# Bible Study

Acts 16

International Worship Center

# Introduction

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- **Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 Cor. 2:11**
- The devil hates when we **expose** his kingdom.
- The devil hates when we **equip** God's people
- The devil hates when we **enlarge** the capacity God's people





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- We are involved in a **spiritual battle** – therefore if we refuse to fight, we could end up finding ourselves in **spiritual bondage**
- **If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12).**
- **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph 6:12**



# Spirit of Python – Bible Study Outline

- Introduction
- Different Manifestations of the Serpent
- Spirit of Divination or Python
- Characteristics of the Spirit of Python
- Overcoming the Spirit of Python
- Manifestation of Witchcraft in the Church





# Acts 16:11-18

- <sup>11</sup> Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;
- <sup>12</sup> And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.
- <sup>13</sup> And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.
- <sup>14</sup> And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.



# Acts 16:11-18

- <sup>15</sup> And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.
- <sup>16</sup> And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
- <sup>17</sup> The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.
- <sup>18</sup> And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.



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The OCCULT = The  
SATANIC SUPERNATURAL

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# Introduction

- **HORNED HAND (Mano Cornuto):**  
It is commonly depicted on charms and is used as a gesture ward off the evil eye.
- It is used by satanists as the satanic salute, a sign of recognition.
- It is occasionally used by Wiccans as a symbol of the Horned God.



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- Halloween, also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is celebrated every year on the 31st of October by many people all over the world.
- It was at this time of year that people believed the boundary between the worlds of living and dead became blurred, and was when the souls of the dead were said to revisit their homes.



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Visiting the grave of dead revivalist for impartation or Grave Soaking

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- The main intention of Nine Night is to aid the “duppy” or shadow spirit in leaving. It isn’t until the ninth night after death; the spirit leaves for their African homeland permanently.
- If friends and family don’t celebrate the deceased properly, then the spirit will haunt the community forever.



# Introduction

- Entertainment is teaching children that its okay to normal to channel other realms and entities which are ultimately demons









# Black magic surgeon: Doctor Strange brings the occult back to the big screen

Doctor Strange tapped into a fascination with the mystical that was front and center in America when he was created in the 60s – now he casts his spell again

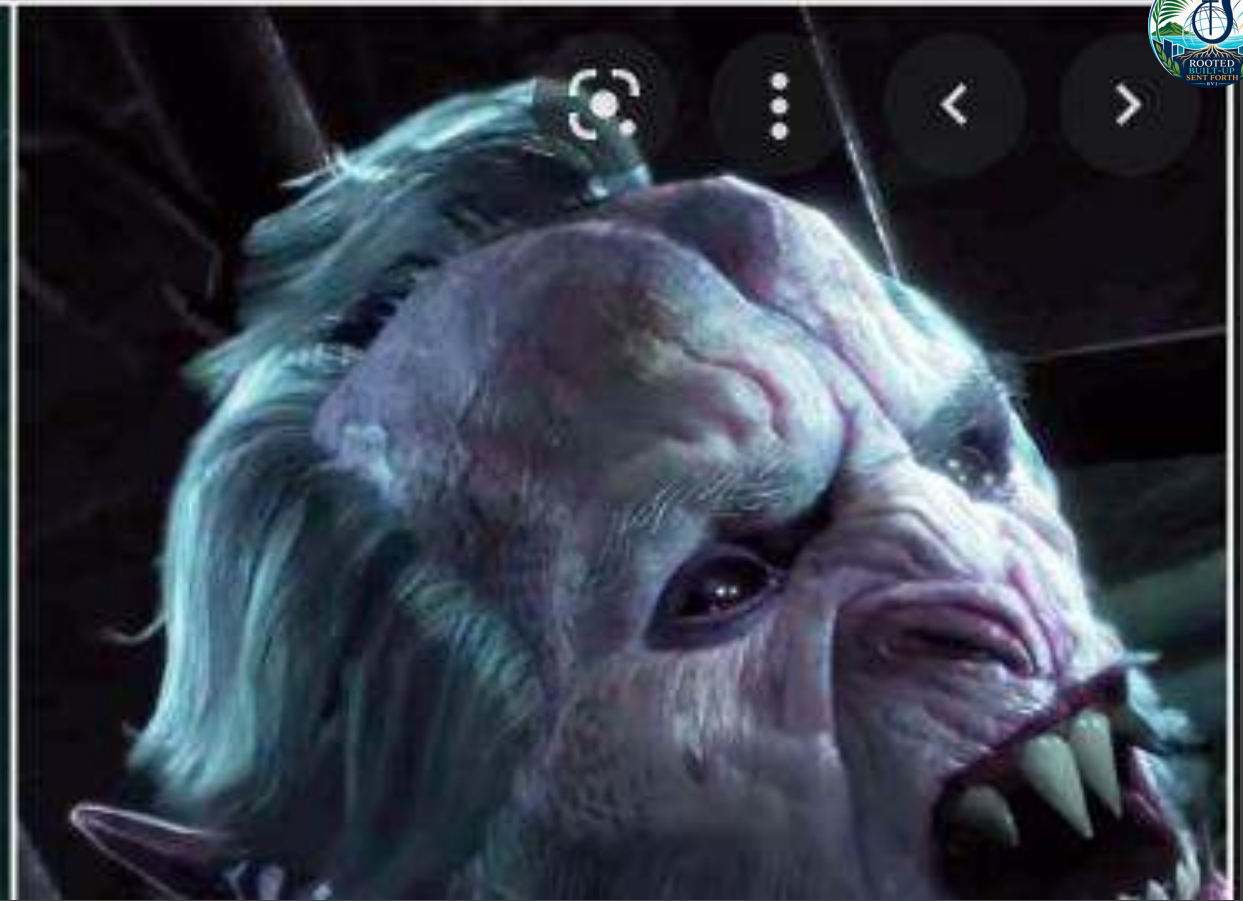
- <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2016/nov/04/doctor-strange-marvel-film-black-magic-benedict-cumberbatch>





# Harry Potter





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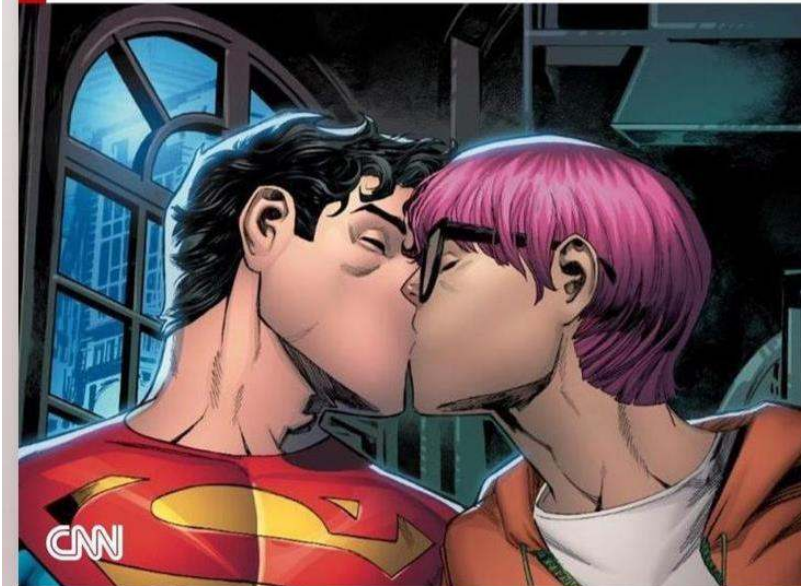
- GAMING INDUSTRY - Today, some of the most prolific games are overtly centered around occult themes.
- In the virtual worlds of 'The Witcher', 'Bloodborne', and 'Dark Souls', players perform rituals based on real esoteric traditions.



Why not create a  
new superhero  
instead!! 🙄🙄🙄🙄



The new Superman comes out  
as bisexual in an upcoming  
comic



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I Just Weak! 🥴





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- Yoga is amongst the six schools of philosophy in Hinduism, and is also a major part of Buddhism and its meditation practices.



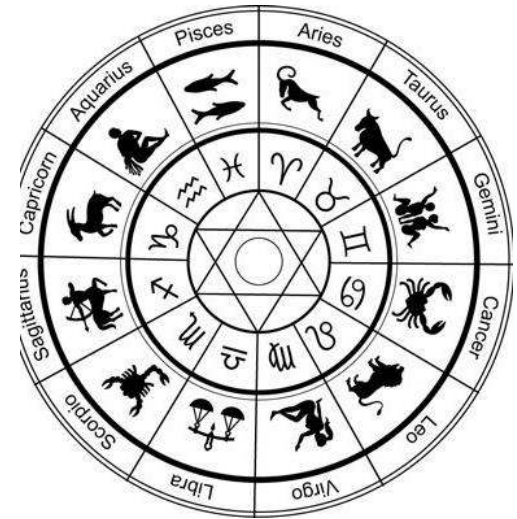
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- Padlocks can be used in love magick , which gains popularity in certain urban areas of the world. This may be so because padlock can be symbolic of an unbroken , firm, steady bond.

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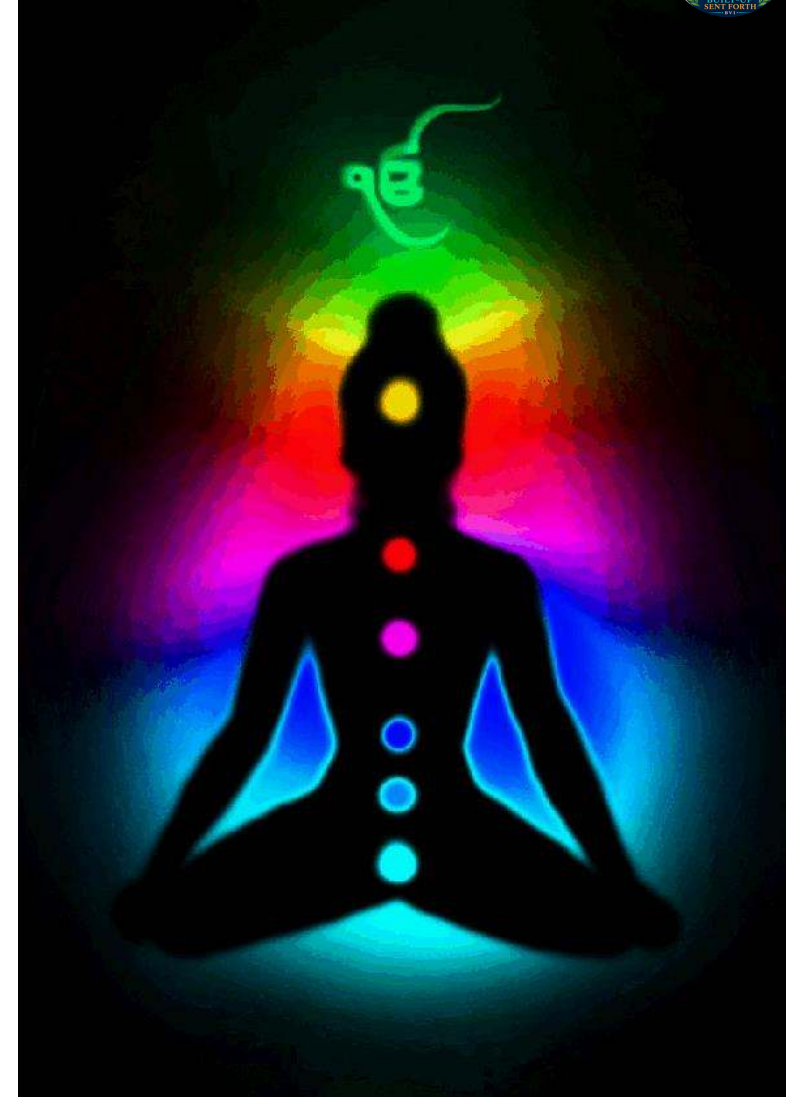
- Astrology is the “interpretation” of an assumed influence the stars (and planets) exert on human destiny.
- According to astrology, the sign you were born under, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, or Capricorn, impacts your destiny.





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- Kundalini ( “coiled one”), in Hinduism, refers to a form of divine energy (or shakti) said to be located at the base of the spine (Muladhara).
- False Holy Spirit In Church





# Introduction

- False religion is closely related to the occult. Both promise what appeals to us all—peace, power, knowledge, access to God.
- They claim to direct us to the light, but they actually entice us into darkness (Prince)

## OPEN DOORS TO CURSES:

### **Disrespect for parents (Deuteronomy 27:16)**

“Cursed is anyone who dishonors their father or mother.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”



# OPEN DOORS TO CURSES:

## **Injustice to weak and helpless (Deuteronomy 27:18-19)**

“Cursed is anyone who leads the blind astray on the road.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

<sup>19</sup> “Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”





# OPEN DOORS TO CURSES:

## Occult (Deuteronomy 27:15)

“Cursed is anyone who makes an idol—a thing detestable to the LORD, the work of skilled hands—and sets it up in secret.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”





# OPEN DOORS TO CURSES:

## **Illicit or unnatural sex, incest (Deuteronomy 27:20-23)**

<sup>20</sup> “Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his father’s wife, for he dishonors his father’s bed.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” <sup>21</sup> “Cursed is anyone who has sexual relations with any animal.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” <sup>22</sup> “Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” <sup>23</sup> “Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his mother-in-law.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”



# OPEN DOORS TO CURSES:

- Anti-semitism (Genesis 12:3) – <sup>3</sup> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
- Accursed objects (Deuteronomy [7:26](#)) - Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.





# Avoid Spiritual Desensitization



Deception is what helps  
the enemy stay concealed



Deception opposes truth, sows doubt and disbelief, breeds pride and enmity, hardens hearts, and destroys faith.



Distraction  
opposes focus.  
“You can’t see  
what you’re not  
looking for,”



“When principles that run against your deepest convictions begin to win the day, then battle is your calling, and peace has become sin; you must, at the price of dearest peace, lay your convictions bare before friends and enemy, with all the fire of your faith.” Abraham Kuuper

# RE-Sensitization (Hunter)

- RE-pent
- RE-new
- RE-move
- RE-tain
- RE-peat



Behold, I give unto you  
power to tread on serpents  
and scorpions, and over all  
the power of the enemy:  
and nothing shall by any  
means hurt you. Luke 10:19