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Are Witches Satanic?

First of all, lets establish one thing. According to the Bible all that is not of God on this earth is under the domain of Satan. That includes you and me. While you and I may not literally be Satanic, we are under his influence. In fact, this is the very reason that Jesus Christ died for us – to redeem us (or purchase us) from Satan's power and kingdom, and put us in God's kingdom under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:5-6

*The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. [6] And he said to him, "I will give you **all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.***

(Adam and Eve have given all Earthly authority to Satan by the way).
Jesus calls Satan by his authoritative title:

John 12:31

*Now is the time for judgment on this world;
now the **prince of this world** will be driven out.*

John 14:30

*I will not speak with you much longer, for the **prince of this world** is coming. He has no hold on me,*

Why Jesus came to die?

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Since the wages of sin is death (Jesus paid that exact price) to redeem us or purchase us:

Psalm 74:2

*Remember the people you **purchased** of old, the tribe of your inheritance, whom you **redeemed**--Mount Zion, where you dwelt.*

Psalm 106:10

*He saved them from the hand of the foe; from the hand of the enemy **he redeemed them.***

Isaiah 44:22-23

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have **redeemed you.**"*

Isaiah 52:3

*For this is what the Lord says: "You were sold for nothing, and **without money you will be redeemed.**"*

Isaiah 62:12

*They will be called the Holy People, the **Redeemed of the Lord**; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.*

Luke 1:68

*"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because **he has come and has redeemed his people.***

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." [14] He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

1 Peter 1:18

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,

So, with this little introduction we see that unless it is of God, ALL things are under Satan's influence. The only way to get out of that is to accept the free gift of Salvation that Jesus provides and offers as a free gift.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So what does the Bible say about Witchcraft?

Leviticus 20:6-7

" 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.

[7] " Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God.

Isaiah 8:19-22

When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? [20] To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. [21] Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. [22] Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

Galatians 5:19-21

*The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, , and the like. I warn you, as I did before, **that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

So it is obvious that God is against those who not only practice this, but also those who even consult them.

But what about those who say we aren't worshipping the Devil, we worship the earth (remember who the earth belongs to – Satan)?

This is officially classified in two ways other than what it is:

1. **Animism** – From the Latin word anima, which means soul or breath – God is part of all and is an impersonal spirit.
2. **Pantheism** – That God is part of everything (rocks, plants, humans and animals) in that it is the force and law of the universe.

Animism

Merriam Webster Dictionary –

Main Entry: **ani•mism**

Etymology: German *Animismus*, from Latin
anima soul

Date: 1832

1 : a doctrine that the vital principle of organic development is immaterial spirit

2 : attribution of conscious life to objects in and phenomena of nature or to inanimate objects

3 : belief in the existence of spirits separable from bodies

Animism is most prevalent in the USA today in the New Age Movement and the Wiccans. The major religions of the world (outside of Christianity, Jews and Moslems) view God as an abstract, impersonal force that is unknowable (Hinduism, Buddhism). The result is that a spiritual void develops and the human being, deprived of a tangible relationship with his actual creator gravitates towards filling this spiritual gap with personal spirit-beings. Hindu's filled the gap with 330 million intermediate gods. The New Age fills this void with the theory of evolution which says that ultimately we will all become Gods and that some have in the past (including Jesus Christ they say) and that the search for Extraterrestrial beings is the search to contact those spirit-beings. Gailyn Van Rhee, an expert in animistic religions estimates that " at least 40 % of the world's population is animistic." (source: Annual Statistical Table on Global Mission: 1994, International Bulletin of Missionary Research, January 1994).

Why is it popular?

Because it infuses the sacred into reality! It offers a way for people to cope with one's everyday needs and problems by invoking the abstract to manifest itself in physical ways, hence the practice of pagan rituals, magic elixirs and contact with spirit guides etc. According to Animism, the spiritual realm with which we deal with consists of both personal

spirit beings, and an impersonal spiritual energy. Invoking those spiritual forces on the behalf of human beings is the big draw of this religion. That and of course, man has always loved being able to bring God down to his level. Power is another element that creates its draw. If humans can somehow get " the god's" to do our will, that gives us power.

In the definitions printed above we see that the first two definitions are ANTI-God as revealed in the Bible. In regards to the last one;

3 : belief in the existence of spirits separable from bodies

The Bible has always called them demons. Therefore, Biblically speaking, any religious system that uses the doctrines of animism would be anti-God and demonic – regardless of how it is played out in the real world. In other words, the religion holds to the tenants of Satanism without expressly being Satanic.

Pantheism

Merriam Webster Dictionary –

Main Entry: **pan•the•ism**

Pronunciation: 'pan(t)-the-"i-z&m

Function: *noun*

Etymology: French *panthéisme*, from *panthéiste*

pantheist, from English *pantheist*, from *pan-* +

Greek *theos* god

Date: 1732

1 : a doctrine that equates God with the forces and laws of the universe

2 : the worship of all gods of different creeds, cults, or peoples indifferently; *also* : toleration of worship of all gods (as at certain periods of the Roman empire)

We can quickly see that Pantheism is Anti-God since it equates (#1 above) their god with the forces and laws of the Universe. It is one with the universe rather than the creator of the universe. This is in direct opposition of;

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Because it tolerates all religions (which explains one of its attractions), it is also in direct opposition of the identity of Jesus Christ (#2 above):

Romans 14:11

It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' "

Philip. 2:11

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

So Pantheism and the New Age movement, which is Pantheism and Animism, dressed up for the 90's and the millennium, is Anti-God from the Biblical standpoint.

And the Wiccans or modern day Witches. How does all this relate to them?

There are more registered witches in France than there are Catholic Priests (source: " what's going On, Bryant Myers, MARC newsletter, Monrovia Ca. Sept. 1994).

Wiccans. embrace the tenants of both Animism and Pantheism and so they are by doctrine, Anti-God. Interesting is that while Wiccans tell you on the one hand that they are not Satanic, when you search the

Internet for information on Wiccans you are sent to " The Witch's Web". Their insistence that they are not satanic stems from the fact that they do not feel they worship the concrete, finally the Bible describes as Satan. Although they regularly call on his Demons (spirit guides) and worship Satan's domain-the earth. A further search reveals a site dedicated to answering your questions about Wiccans. Here is that information posted verbatim:

WICCAN WAYS HOMEPAGE

(<http://home.rmci.net/wakenna/>)

BY

WAKENNA

Greetings and blessed be. I am very glad that you have stopped into visit. I hope that you find that which you seek. I dedicate this site to the Goddess.

Wicca or **Witchcraft** is both a religion and a way of life. The word 'witch' is old English for 'wise one' or 'to bend'. Because Wicca is a practical religion most Wiccans do not conform to what society calls normal. Wiccans meet monthly at the Full Moon because it is the high point of psychic power. However, this is not the only times that we meet.

Groups of Wiccans are sometimes called covens, and we can meet just for discussions at any time. Most meet about once a week. There are also eight festivals that are celebrated around the year.

The Triple *Goddess* or the triple aspect of the *Goddess* is still respected today by Wiccans. *

The Pagan Celtic year is based on 13 lunar months. The months are named after trees and plants, the trees are those found in the Ogam Alphabet. The ancient pagan citizens counted nights rather than days, so they would celebrate the festivals the night before.

*The *Goddess* called above " *The Triple Goddess*" started at the Tower of Babel (Mother Goddess/son religion.) and is the exact counterfeit of the Trinity (Satan, Mother/Goddess and Son – hence TRIPLE) and continues on today.

The Mother/Goddess was first worshipped in Babylon when Semiramis, the wife of Nimrod (whom God called a "mighty hunter" in Genesis 10:9, not because he was a distinguished marksman but because he was a hunter of souls), declared herself the "Queen of Heaven." She and her son (also named Nimrod) were declared to be the first of the MAN-GODS, or reincarnated souls. She demanded human blood sacrifices and declared that her son was the man-god. Babylon was the center of trade in those days and the Mother/Goddess religion was exported to all the countries where Babylon traded. In Babylon she was worshipped as Ishtar (to whom we owe the name EASTER, which was a pagan holiday devoted to the goddess) and Astarte; as Asherah and Aheteroth in Israel and Canaan; as Diana and Artemeus in Ephesus and Asia Minor; as Cybele in Rome; as Isis in Egypt; as GAIA in Greece; and Kali in India. **Her Phoenician name was Europa**--which may be a clue to Europe's "end times" role as it pertains to Biblical prophecy(as you can see, Europe is named after the Goddess). In Israel, Nimrod was venerated as Baal; in Egypt he was called Soirees and his son Horus. Every time the Israelites went chasing after other gods it was to this religion (the golden calf worshipped by the Israelites after the Exodus in the Bible can be traced to Isis in Egypt).

It is interesting that the very first collective human act after the flood is recorded as man building his tower to the heavens, apparently looking for their "star gods," or those who "from heaven to earth came" (the Nephilim that had disappeared after the flood). The entire root words

for the names of the goddess above are derived from the word STAR (even Job 38:4-7 refers to angels as Morning Stars and Satan is called Star of the Morning in Isaiah 14:12).

It is no accident that we flippantly refer to earth as "Mother Earth." As part of the New Age movement, this worship of the goddess is growing extremely fast today. In addition, a movement is underway in many so-called "Christian" denominations to rename the God of the Bible to a she (Sophia) and worship her.

So we see that despite their insistence that they are not Satanic, the reality is that they are completely satanic – following Satan's first attempt at false religion and specifically referenced in the Bible.

If you go to the " Wiccan Educational Resource Network Homepage" it will open with the following mission statement:

**Promoting Understanding And Tolerance of Witchcraft
Through Education**

Going to www.crystalinks.com will take you to a site filled with information from Wiccans validating this paper.

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