



### About Witcheraft...



The following is an excerpt from an interview with a Teen Challenge student. The names and places have been kept hidden for the protection of our students and families.

Q: Describe your first Satanic meeting?
A: "When we first got there, I saw a table full of every kind of drug imaginable, and prostitutes for afterwards. The members of the church drew 2 circles and a pentagram,

and placed a person at each of the 5 corners.

They placed me in the middle of the circle, and told me not to leave or I would be unprotected. They began chanting in Hebrew: 'Satan, fill our hearts.' While they were chanting I looked over at my friend. He began to levitate, and smoke rose from the ground; that's when I knew this was for real. They asked if there was anyone I was mad at, and told me to bring a picture for next time so we could pray curses against them."

#### Q: How were you initiated into the Satanic church?

A: "I had to cut my finger and pour out my blood into a bowl. Then, I signed a contract in my own blood, giving my life over to Satan. If I left the Satanic church, Satanic justice would be served. My life would be at risk."

#### Q: What would your Satanic coven do?

A: "We met every other week to pray against Christian church groups. After a few months, I was assigned to my first Christian church. It was my job to get to know the people in the church and identify the ones who were not 100% sold-out for God. Then at our meetings, we would pray for Satan to visit those people and put doubt in their minds. Many missions trips were ruined because of our work."

#### Q: How effective were your Satanic 'prayers'?

A: "Very effective. For example, one night a girl from the local church confronted my girlfriend about dating me. This made me so angry that I went home and drew a Crow's Foot and Pentagram. I put a picture of the girl on the symbols and commanded the demon to attack her. The next day she told me she had felt driven to kill herself, but her scissors were too dull."

## About Halloween...

#### Q: What does Halloween mean to the Satanic church?

A: "Halloween is a day totally set up for Satan. It's our biggest recruitment day of the year, so we usually meet a couple days beforehand to pray for an abundance of people to be out on the streets. The more people who go out dressed up like demons, ghosts, witches and goblins, the more glory Satan receives."

#### Q: What evil things would you do on Halloween?

A: "We would have people put curses over candy and place jewelry with demonic symbols in Trick or Treat bags. When the kids take it willingly, it opens the door for demonic attack. Kids would be sick for weeks after Halloween. Drug dealers were out in full force. We would all try to recruit at least one person to come back to the Satanic meeting. Usually, we would just try to impress them with different displays of demonic power, like levitation and casting spells."

#### Q: Which Halloween experience was the scariest?

A: "Different moons require different sacrifices. One Halloween, we received a letter from the head church in San Diego with blood and a crow's foot on it. This meant that there had to be a human sacrifice. The leader of our group walked over to an older, unimportant man and handed him a knife, saying: 'You know what you need to do.' The man took the knife and split his stomach open, letting his intestines spill out on the ground. He screamed in agony, and as he fell to his knees he cried out, 'Satan, take me home!' We would never sacrifice a Christian, because that would bring glory to God. It would be disgusting. Satan was our God, and we wanted all the glory to go to him."

#### Q: What made you want to leave the Satanic church?

A: "I began to question Satan's power when our plans would be wrecked by my Christian mom. We would plan something for months, then my mom would find out about it and somehow stop it with her prayers. I couldn't understand how this tiny woman could stop the whole Satanic church. Then when people started dying, I really wanted out. The suicide rate in our town went out of control, and kids began killing their parents. I was haunted by images of that Halloween when Satan required one of his own to die. I couldn't understand why Satan would want to kill his own people."



#### What different sects of Satanic Churches believe:

- 1. Satan will defeat God in the apocalypse.
- 2. You will receive 10 times the pleasure for your sins in hell.
- 3. Everyone is going to hell anyway, why not do as much evil as we can?

This Teen Challenge student's testimony of involvement in the occult is not an isolated incident. A recent poll taken by the Star Tribune showed that about 25% of people in our community are "mystical believers." These are people who are more likely to believe and participate in witchcraft through horoscopes, Tarot cards, Ouija boards, and other demonic activities.

One of the goals of the Satanic church is to make evil cute and cuddly. They are accomplishing this goal through games such as Pokemon, Dungeons and Dragons, Majick, and Ouija boards. Television is full of shows about witchcraft including Sabrina and Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Popular childrens' books like Harry Potter have real demonic spells included. Secular music is becoming increasingly evil. Marilyn Manson has Satanic altar calls at his concerts. Much of what our society reads, watches, and listens to is demonically influenced.

Teen Challenge combats these lies in the Name of Jesus. The battle lines are clearly drawn. We war not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world (Eph. 6:12). Do not be deceived. The battle is real, and there is victory in Jesus Name.

Signs to watch for in your children:
Staying in room alone
Dressing in black (fingernails, lipstick)
Body piercings
Friends (who do they reflect?)
Demonic symbols on jewelry & clothes
Music (Marilyn Manson, Godsmack, Korn)
Books (Majick, Harry Potter)
Unusual scars and burns on right hand

#### About Grace...

II Corinthians 5:17 states, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old is gone, the new has come."

On October 3, 84 Minnesota Teen Challenge students were baptized, publicly confessing Jesus Christ as their Lord and personal savior. They were bound by sin, but each one has

been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. The old is truly gone, and the new has come. The following are tes-

> timonies to what God has done in the lives of several Teen Challenge students.

"After six years of binge drinking, emergency room visits, days of blackouts, 3 suicide attempts, a failing marriage and failing

two secular treatment programs, I came to Teen Challenge. It has been awesome here. I have never wanted to leave. I am getting baptized today to tell God that 'I am back'"

-Teresa

"I've been addicted to drugs and alcohol since I was 18. I was baptized as a baby without my recollection. It means every-



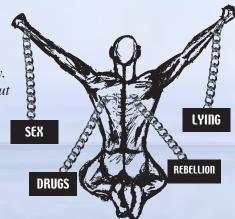
"I've been shot, stabbed, ran over, and left for dead. This (Teen Challenge) is my last hope. I was a modern day Jonah, but God is bringing me into the knowledge of what he will have me to do. I can't run anymore. Today, I go down submerging, killing the flesh. I'm killing the old me, and I share life today with the resurrection power."

-Aaron

"I have no more fear. Before, I was always angry at God. Now God is awesome. Before I was baptized last month, the Lord gave me a vision of who I was. I had chains all over my back and in my arms. The chains had rings of sex, drugs, lust, and the occult. They were going into my skin

and holding me down. When I went into the water, God showed me the chains were ripped out and healed instantly. I felt so clean coming out of the water. I felt pure white. I don't have to look for God anymore, He is with me all the time."

-Drawing by a Teen Challenge student

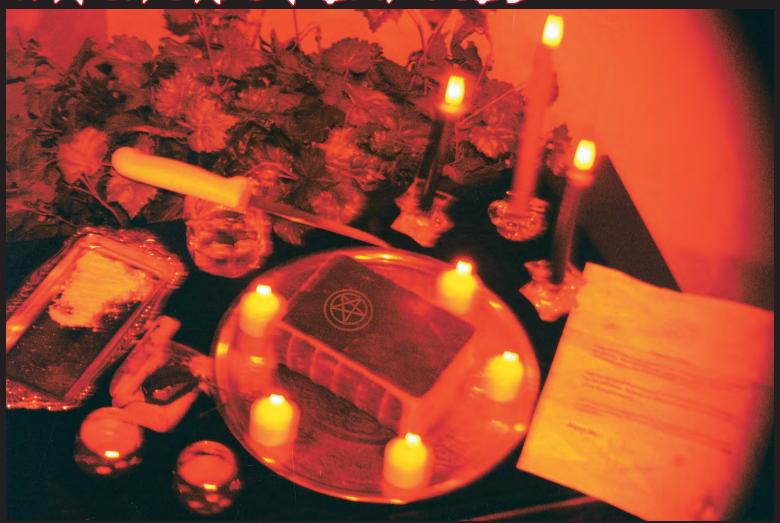


#### How to protect against demonic attack in your home:

- 1. Take all demonic items to a church leader and burn them.
- 2. Anoint demonic items with oil and throw them away.
- 3. Anoint doorways and windows with oil.
- 4. Pray in unity with your family.
- 5. Anoint your children with oil and pray over them.
- 6. Ask forgiveness for bringing evil material into your home.
- 7. Believe 100% in Christ- no compromise!
- If there's a question over certain items, it's probably wrong. If it doesn't glorify God, then why have it?



# WITCHCRAFT EXPOSED...



... THROUGH THE EYES OF A TEEN CHALLENGE STUDENT

<u>Nover</u>	<u>mber Choir Schedule:</u>	
11/4	Crossroads Covenant Church Forest Lake, MN	9:00 AM
11/11	Servant of Christ Lutheran Church Champlin, MN	8:15/9:30/ 10:45 AM
11/11	Grace Lutheran Church Apple Valley, MN	6:00 PM
11/11	Trinity Evangelical Free  Lakeville, MN	6:00 PM
11/18	Cornerstone Assembly of God  Austin, MN	8:15/ 10:45 AM
11/18	Salem Lutheran Church St. Cloud, MN	8:30/9:45/ 11:00 AM
11/18	Bethany Baptist Church  Duluth, MN	10:30 AM
11/25	Zion Baptist Church Minneapolis, MN	11:00 AM
11/25	Ellendale Assembly of God  Ellendale, MN	10:00 AM
11/25	Bethel Baptist Church St. Paul, MN	7:00 PM
11/25	Howaste Shakopee, MN	10:30 AM

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The Teen Challenge *Maintenance Department* needs your help. We are currently in need of professional volunteer help in the following areas:

1. Construction

2. Plumbing

3. Repair

4. Roofing

5. Carpentry

If you or someone you know is qualified in these areas, please contact us at 612-373-3366.

II. The *Women and Teen Girls' Program* is in need of the following items. For donation information, please call 612-373-3366.

Nordic Track Equipment

2 Stair climbers

4 Exercise Bikes

4 Treadmills

Women's Underwear Towels/Washclothes

Pool Table/Ping Pong Table

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# **Letter from the Director**

Executive Director Rich Scherber

Hosea 4:6 states: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Our

children are being desensitized to the evil and corruption all around them. Music continues to scream messages of hate and violence. Pokemon is loaded in demonic symbolism and evil power. Majick cards are based on supernatural power and teach witchcraft. Television glamorizes and glorifies sex. Everywhere around us, compromise is normal, evil accepted, and the mention of Jesus Christ hushed.

These 'games' are pure and simply divination. Deut. 18:12 states that those who practice such things are 'detestable to the Lord.' We are called to be blameless before the Lord and abstain from even the appearance of evil. God is calling us out to be separate. He is wanting to return for a pure and spotless bride, without stain or wrinkle.

It is time for the Christian community to take a stand. The truth must be told, and 'the truth shall set them free.' Teen Challenge is an essential tool used by God to rescue those whose lives have been destroyed by Satan.

Your partnership with Teen Challenge is imperative! It is through *your* support that teen and adult students are finding freedom in Jesus Christ. We, at Teen Challenge have been greatly effected by the recent events. Since September 11, our donations are down nearly 50% from last year.

Our student population is the highest it has ever been. Teen Challenge continues to grow at a staggering rate. We need you now more than ever to bring deliverance to the captives.

I am looking for 500 new Teen Challenge partners who can support the ministry with a donation of \$100/month or more to meet the *current needs*. Please join me today to rescue one more soul from Satan's grip.