

King Saul practiced Necrolatry? Do you?

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

Necrolatry is the worship or excess reverence of the dead. Dead means, “without life.” Nekros is the Greek word that we translate “dead.” God’s Word states that if someone has died, they will remain dead until the resurrection of the dead (1 Thess. 4, Rev. 20). Yahshua Christ was the first born from among the dead. (Col. 1:15, Rev. 1:5, I Cor. 15:20). By seeking the dead, we allow ourselves to be deceived by Satan as King Saul was. The belief that some part of a dead person exists in a place called heaven, purgatory, limbo or hell is based on pagan religions.¹ Poor bible translations have also encouraged this pagan belief that has become part of Christianity. God takes necromancy very seriously. “And as touching man or woman, when there shall be in them a familiar spirit (0178), or the spirit of an circle, they shall, surely be put to death” (Lev. 20:27).

The Apostles’ Creed states, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” The phrase “resurrection of the body” is not in the Word of Yahweh. The phrase “resurrection of the dead” is in the Word of Yahweh. Most Christians use the word dead as an adjective, as the Apostles’ Creed does. For example The Apostles’ Creed statement implies the resurrection of the *dead* body. Why? Because they believe that a person never dies, only his body dies. The Word of Yahweh speaks of, “the dead,” this word is used as a noun over 101 times in the New Testament. The dead have no life. When Yahshua raised Lazarus, he did not say, “I will raise Lazarus’ dead body.” Lets look at John eleven.

This is what the Word of Yahweh says. “Lazarus, our dear friend, hath fallen asleep; but I am going, that I may awake him. But Yahshua had spoken concerning **his death**; Yahshua, therefore, then, said unto them, plainly,—**Lazarus, died**; Martha, therefore, said unto Yahshua—Lord! If thou had been here, **my brother had not died**; Yahshua said unto her—Thy brother shall rise. Martha said unto him, I know that he shall rise, in the resurrection, in the last day. Yahshua said unto her—I, am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, even though **he die**, shall live again! Mary, therefore, when she came where Yahshua was, seeing him, fell at his feet, saying unto him—Lord! If thou had been here, **my brother had not died**. But, some from among them, said—Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that, **this one also, should not have died**? And, these things, having said, with a loud voice, he cried out—Lazarus! Come forth! **He that was dead** came forth, bound feet and hands with bandages, and, his face, with a napkin, was bound about. Yahshua said unto them—Loose him, and let him go.” The person Lazarus died and was raised from the dead.

Now I will insert the idea of a “*dead body*” in the place of “the dead.” “Lazarus, our dear friend, hath fallen asleep; but I am going, that I may awake him. But Yahshua had spoken concerning his *dead body*; Yahshua, therefore, then, said unto them, plainly,—Lazarus’, *body has died*; Martha, therefore, said unto Yahshua—Lord! If thou had been here, my brother’s *body had not died*; Yahshua said unto her—Thy brother’s *body* shall rise. Martha said unto him, I know [*that he is in heaven*] that his *dead body* shall rise, in the resurrection, in the last day. Yahshua said unto her—I, am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, even though his *body dies*, shall live again ! Mary, therefore, when she came where Yahshua was, seeing him, fell at his feet, saying unto him—Lord! If thou had been here, my brother’s *body had not died*. But, some from among them, said—Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that, this ones *body* also, *should not have died*? And, these things, having said, with a loud voice, he cried out—Lazarus *dead body*! Come forth! His *dead body* came forth, bound feet and hands with bandages [*and Lazarus left heaven and reentered his dead body*], and, his face, with a napkin, was bound about. Yahshua said unto them—Loose him, and let him go.”

Many Christians believe that Lazarus was in Heaven at the time Yahshua raised his body from among the dead. Lazarus must then reenter his body and leave Heaven. This concept is what occurs with demons not humans. Demons are unclean spirits looking for a body, human or animal, wherein they can dwell and operate from (Luke 11:24-26, Mt. 8:31,32). A human cannot be separated from his body. Demons can, however use a person’s body and imitate a dead person. “And it came to pass, as we were on our way unto the place of prayer, a certain damsel, having a spirit of Python, met us,—who, indeed, much gain, was presenting unto her masters, by divining” (Acts 16:16). She probably was a necromancer.

Necromancerⁱⁱ or familiar spirit is the Hebrew word “owb.” “But, when they say unto you—Seek ye unto the necromancers (0178) and unto the wizards, who chirp, and who mutter, Should not a people seek, unto its God? In behalf of the living, *should it seek* unto the dead” (Is. 8:19)? King Saul is a good example of a person who needed help but went to the wrong source. “Then Saul enquired of Yahweh, but Yahweh answered him not,—neither by Dreams, nor by the Lights, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants—Seek me out a woman that owns a familiar spirit (0178), that I may even go unto her, and enquire of her. And his servants said unto him, Lo! There is a woman that owns a familiar spirit in En-dor... Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up for thee? And he said, Samuel, bring thou up for me... And Samuel said unto Saul, Wherefore hast thou disquieted me, by bringing me up? And Saul said—I am in sore distress, for, the Philistines, are making war against me, and, God, hath turned away from me, and answers me no more—either by means of the prophets, or by dreams, therefore have I even called for thee, to let me know, what I am to do” (I Sam. 28:7-15). Was Saul talking to Samuel by way of the woman who had a demon? No! Samuel was and is dead. Satan and his workers were performing the supernatural conversation. Then what about Elijah, Moses

and Yahshua that appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration? This was a vision (Mt. 17:19). Visions like dreams can be used by God to relay a message and are not to be confused with necromancy.

Poor Bible translations have also helped to contribute to the idea that the dead are alive in some other form. The phrase, “from the dead” should have been translated “from among the dead”ⁱⁱⁱ or “out of the dead.”^{iv} The Greek phrase, used 47 times, is “ek nekros.” Ek is a primary preposition denoting origin (the point whence action or motion proceeds), from, out (of place, time, or cause). Nekros is properly one that has breathed his last; lifeless, destitute of life, without life, inanimate. “But, now, hath Christ been raised from among [ek] the dead [nekros],—a first fruit of them who have fallen asleep” (I Cor. 15:20). If Christ has been raised from among the dead then the dead are still dead. Christ is the first fruit from among the dead.

Ministers of God can and do make mistakes and sometimes very serious mistakes. This does not mean that they are evil but that they are deceived. “And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of Yahweh,—like David his father... But, the high places, removed he not,—nevertheless, the heart of Asa, was blameless with Yahweh, all his days” (I Kings. 15:11-14). Asa was doing God’s will in some areas but not in other areas. We should not practice a minister’s wrong teaching but instruct him in the Word of God. If they refuse the Word of God then they might not just be deceived but they are deceiving. For example, a TV minister, which has done some wonderful things, shares testimony that he has talked to his dead sister in Heaven.^v He said that his dead sister gave him information to relay back to earth. This is necromancy. A believer praying to Mary for help is necromancy. Mary is dead as also is the TV minister’s sister. Who is then alive in the spiritual world? There are God, Yahshua, Satan and their helpers. If you’re talking to someone, who has died, besides God or Yahshua then you are talking to Satan. Satan does appear as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14). He is a deceiver. “And the great dragon was cast out,—the ancient serpent, he that is called Adversary and the Satan, that deceives the whole habitable worldt” (Rev 12:9). Remember the famous words, “And the serpent said unto the woman, ‘Dying, ye do not die’” (Gen 3:4). King Saul was deceived, by demons, as are all people who communicate with the dead. Don’t be a necromancer. The dead are not alive but are asleep awaiting the resurrection. For more information on the dead, read I Corinthians 15.

ⁱ Read, “Does Hell exist in the Bible” by Chuck Cunningham

ⁱⁱ Usages of “owb” (0178) are: Lev. 19:31, 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:11; I Sam. 28:3,7,8,9; II Kg. 21:6, 23:24; I Chron. 10:13; II Chron 33:6; Job 32:19; Isa. 8:19, 19:3, 29:4

ⁱⁱⁱ Rotherham’s Emphasized Bible

^{iv} Young’s Literal Translation of the Holy Bible

^v How you can be led by the spirit of God.