

Review: William Schnobelen, *Wicca - Satan's Little White Lie*, Chick Publications, Ontario, 1993.

It is clear the author has had substantial experience in witchcraft, giving credence to the book.

Internal inconsistencies in Wicca's moral code and the logical absurdity of its beliefs are dealt with well (especially the chapter on reincarnation).

Reading this will place Christians in a better position to identify and thwart increasingly neo-pagan influences in the world.

For a 'white' witch reader it will demonstrate the irrefutable linkages to Satanism and the devil.

This is William's account of being drawn into witchcraft with his wife and practicing for sixteen years before being saved by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wicca (pn. 'wicha') is a religion whose adherents worship a Goddess (with many pseudonyms such as Diana, Ashteroth (with variations), Cerridwen, Kali, Isis, Aphrodite and Cybil) as well as a hunter God of the Underworld called the Horned One (or Pan, Artemis, etc.) The Goddess is a front to draw Wiccans into worship of the Horned One (Lucifer and the devil). Wicca is pantheistic meaning there can be no external creator God or Gods *to the natural realm*.

The central creed of Wicca is "an it harm none, do what ye will". This conflicts with another core tenet called the Rule of Three. Whether good or evil is received it must be returned to the giver threefold, meaning causing harm can be 'righteous' which contradicts the above.

There are different levels of Wicca in different schools. William was an adherent of the Alexandrian (i.e. Egyptian) or Gardnerian School (named after an occult writer Gerald Gardner whose material, along with Aleister Crowley, permeates most of Wiccan literature). It goes to great lengths to disassociate itself with Satan labelling him as a 'Christian invention' stating Wicca is the oldest religion on the earth, having its origins in European Celtic nature

worship. No historical evidence exists to support the claim of Wicca being anything but a neo-pagan religion.

In regards to Satan as a Christian invention, the author points out a chief entity of evil is mentioned in the Old Testament (refer Genesis, Job, Ezekiel, Isaiah) as well as all other cultures/religions of the earth.

Wicca also seeks to disassociate itself from drug use, animal sacrifice, use of blood in religious rites, sex/orgy rituals and any such practices which would render offence to public sensitivities, thereby tarnishing its image. The author points out beginners are taught this as truth, but after time are introduced to such practices as a means of achieving 'higher levels' of esoteric knowledge and power. Accounts are given of many Wiccans ending up divorced, suicidal or insane.

The witch's wheel or eight paths of realisation is taught in the Book of Shadows: Sex Magic, Trance, Dance, Rituals, Cords, Meditation, Scourging and Drugs.

There is white magic and left hand magic (dark side). White magic may involve love spells, dark demon summoning/possession via homosexual practices and drug use.

Reincarnation beliefs are taught and may be syncretistic with astrology (i.e. one reincarnation per sign, or per sign and by each sex before attaining perfection). Animal reincarnation is excluded, differing with Hinduism. The end state of existence is achieving godhood (Gn 3:5). Fallacies are pointed out well, including population growth (one solution proposed being a stock of extra-terrestrial souls), (negative) fatalistic outcome of 'downwards' reincarnation, real world example of India (stronghold of this belief system) as one of the poorest nations rather than rich and full of highly enlightened and moral person.

Symbolism includes the pentacle, a symbol containing individual symbols. These symbols include a pentagram, inverted pentagram, two vertical and opposing crescents (breasts of the goddess), circle and upward facing crescent (Horned God) and inverted triangle (dark energy).