

SAINT WORSHIP/VENERATION IS NECROMANCY

Summary: The Apostle's Creed talks about the communion of saints. Communion of saints mean the dead communicate with each other. It makes no sense to say that spiritism or necromancy ONLY means communication between the living and dead. ANY communication between the dead as well is spiritism. In Spiritualism, you have a spirit guide who contacts other spirits for you.

In séances and invoking the saints you claim the power to make them listen. In séances you hope you can make them listen but in praying to saints they have to listen. That is the bottom line. In séances you deal with the entity as if it were another human being but with saints you do not - you regard them as beings who can get God to do the opposite of what he wants to do. Spiritualism and Catholicism claim to benefit from good entities yet you hear Catholics saying the saints are good and that justifies having a relationship with them beyond the grave. Also nobody claims to know how the entity hears your demand or prayer. Spiritualists and Catholics say it is down to forces that we cannot test or examine or understand so they are unknown. They say all they know is that the forces are not normal or part of everyday existence in the sense that a telephone is. They agree with the occult which says that we know there are forces there and that we seem to be able to harness them but we do not know what they are. It does not follow that if your prayer reaches a saint that even if God does deliver prayers that it was him.

The reasoning behind invoking saints is that God supposedly loves them more than you. The reason Catholicism says Mary is the best person to pray to is for God loves her more than any creature. So he helps you not for your sake but theirs. To be happy with that is to show that you do not care if God values you as a person regardless of what you do. You just care about what you want from him. And how little must God love you before it can for all intents and purposes be called hate? This is definitely all black magic.

AN IMAGE

If you have a friend and tell that friend you will spend your time with them and you want them only and do not want to meet their family or friends or pets for you want them alone that will be a sign of obsession not friendship.

If you have a friend and tell that friend you will spend your time with them and you want them only and do want to meet their family or friends and pets for you want to express your affection by welcoming and respecting the things that matter your friend that will be a sign of true friendship.

Catholics say the first is the way Protestants approach Jesus.

Catholics say they do the second thing and boast that they know what a proper relationship with Jesus means.

WHAT IS NECROMANCY?

Necromancy is calling up the dead or talking to them to get information they have access to. Christianity has always taught that necromancy is a sin and an act of black magic.

Some rituals for necromancy are full of devotion to God. But they are still necromancy. God is only introduced to make the necromancer feel good about the dark deeds he is performing. The Church condemns the rituals. Necromancy is necromancy whether done in the name of God and love or not.

People do believe that God allows contact with the dead such as he allows with the living. That does not make their necromancy in any sense justifiable. But nevertheless, there is a misguided respect for God. There is no respect in the kind of necromancy that calls for prayers to the dead to get them to influence God. The dead can only influence God if they are wiser than he is.

CATHOLIC NECROMANCY

Roman Catholicism accepts necromancy as part of its religious devotion but it refuses to admit that it is necromancy. The give away is how the saint is spoken to as if she or he were in the room and hearing and seeing the person praying. That is pure ghost stuff and magic.

Roman Catholicism teaches that you can pray to the angels and the saints and get guidance from them. The religion says

that sometimes prayer is easier to pray to a saint directly to God. Clearly, the Catholic just wants to honour a saint in the place of God and that is why they find praying to a saint easier. Pagans used the same excuse to avoid praying to the main god.

The Church says praying to the saints and angels is really praying to God for they have nothing of their own only what they have got from God. But if when Catholics pray to a saint, such as Mary, then why don't they make that clear? They would pray, "Mary I praise what God has made you and in doing so I honour him. You have no power of your own and I ask that God may bless me through your agency." But they do not. Instead they go, "Hail Holy Queen Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope."

The Church lies that it simply asks saints and angels to pray for it. If it believed in doing that it would pray, "Angels and saints of God pray for me." Instead it prays to them as if they were gods and could hear all their problems and understand what to do as if they had the knowledge that God has about all that is going on.

The angels and saints can pray for you without knowing you have invoked them. Talking to them as if they can hear every word is really treating them as if they were the God who knows all secrets.

Spiritualists who are under a good measure of Christian influence will say that the spirits that guide them and inspire them and to whom they pray depend entirely on God to do these things so that it is really God who deserves all the honour. Yet Catholicism condemns them as turning to spirits and not God. Catholicism has to forbid spiritualism for Catholic tradition and the Bible do it but then it goes and creates a thinly disguised form of it to practice itself.

The Catholics say that praying to saints and angels is not ignoring God or Jesus but rather addressing them through a saint. They say praying to the saint is honouring God in the saint not the saint himself or herself so it is another way of praying to God. If that is true then the saint does not help us at all, its only God who does the helping. They say that if the saint personally helps you it is because God gave them his power to do it with so it is really he who is helping. This denies the Catholic doctrine that the saints help us with their intercession. If God does what a saint asks him to do, it does not follow that the saint was a cause. God is supreme and so the real cause was just God's choosing to do it. If God is perfect he will do good if we ask and will not need a saint to ask as well. Praying to the saints undermines the goodness of God. To claim you can use a saint maybe to do what God won't do is in fact to call upon the saint to try out ungodly powers.

As we know, necromancy is calling up the dead or talking to them to get information they have access to. The appalling book, *Born Fundamentalist, Born-Again Catholic*, accepts Webster's definition of necromancy as trying to find out about the future from the dead (page 162). This book is attempting to dispel the Evangelical Christian complaint that Catholics praying to saints is necromancy. It is trying to dispel it on the basis that the Catholics are not trying to divine the future by praying to saints. To do that it uses a false definition of necromancy. But clearly necromancy is not just calling the dead up so that you might know the future from them but the act of communicating with the dead itself. That is what is wrong with the practice. It can't be anything else. The communicating is a bigger element than the wish to know the future. It is not calling up the dead to learn something that is the problem - it is the calling up of the dead. If calling on the dead is right, then it cannot be wrong to call on them to tell you the future for they don't have to tell you anything.

Christian doctrine says that only God knows the future. This, in itself, does not forbid you to call up or call on spirits to hear their predictions for they see things and know things and plans we don't though they might not know all the future. They invisibly listen in on world events. They could give you accurate predictions based not on seeing the future but on the way they see things are headed. God might tell them the future. If God knows the future, he might tell a spirit all about it and the spirit might then tell us.

The dead might not be able to tell you what they know. An evil spirit might pretend to be the dead person you are talking to. You might want to know something about the past or the present and not the future at all. All these considerations show that the book is taking us for fools and it gives the impression that it is okay to call up or call on the dead as long as it is not about the future which is ludicrous.

No matter what *Born Fundamentalist, Born-Again Catholic* says, about necromancy being bad and calling up the dead to be told the future it cannot see this as wrong. Would it not be necromancy to go to bed praying that St Rita will appear in a dream to tell you something about the future?

Calling on the dead to reveal something is as much necromancy as calling the dead up to visible appearance or whatever. You are still dealing with the dead. Necromancy can take the form of asking the dead to appear or asking the dead to speak to you without appearing. Or it can take the form of asking the dead a question and asking them to give a sign in reply. For example, "If Charlie loves me let me see two ravens tomorrow." Roman Catholicism tends to go for the latter kind. Catholics are always asking for signs from saints. For example, they ask St Anthony to help them find things and they believe that if he does that then he does it chiefly as an indication of his kindly power and the effectiveness of invoking the

saints.

If it is true that saints are only believed in for the sake of the miracles they do, then saint worship is not about honouring decency. Does a saint just exist for doing miracles? The Church has to say yes! The saint does miracles but must be a miracle of holiness too! The Church says that only God's grace, his miracle power to heal the heart of natural evil, makes saints.

GOD FORBIDS NECROMANCY

What could be wrong with necromancy when you want God to send a dead person to tell you things in your dreams? That is not bypassing God but honouring him, it would seem. But nevertheless the Bible - which he wrote according to the Christian faith - sternly forbids necromancy.

Necromancy is forbidden by God and is to be understood as any attempt to make supernatural contact with a being that is not God. God said we must love him with all our powers and all our heart and mind so if he has a supernatural revelation for us he will appear in some form to us himself to keep things direct and in homage to the commandment banning necromancy. Why not when he can do it himself? Anything else would be spurious.

The Church says that to honour the saints is to honour God for it is God who has made them saints and the powers they have are his powers. The Hail Holy Queen prayer goes, "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears." Catholics pray to saints the same way they do to God. But they claim they are really honouring God in doing so for it is God who the prayers and honours are ultimately meant for. If that so, then why do even they frown on somebody who says that masses should be offered to the Blessed Virgin Mary or at least in her name? Why can't the Church say, "Mary, we offer you the body and blood of Jesus Christ sacrificed for our sins and we ask you to wash us in his precious blood." It can if this is just honouring the God who is in Mary. They know fine well that their excuse that honouring the saints is honouring God doesn't work.

Why the lies? The Church herself wants to engage in necromancy and adores it so much that she wants to enjoy it without getting the condemnation she deserves.

THE CHOICE

If you honour God when you honour the saints, why can you be seen to be possibly honouring the saints when you pray to God? Protestants don't honour the saints directly but they believe they honour those saints in Heaven who love God by honouring the God these saints adore so much. The saints love God so much that they are pleased and delighted and indirectly honoured when others adore him too.

Protestantism. To honour the saints is to honour God but not by praying to them. To honour God is to honour the saints.

Roman Catholicism. To honour the saints is to honour God through praying to them. To honour God is to honour the saints.

Two alternatives. It makes more sense to honour God without praying to the saints for that honours the saints anyway. He is closer to them than even they could ever be to him. God loves the saints more than the saints could ever love him. He is better than them. He is more honoured by going to him directly than by going to him indirectly through the saints. If you honour the mother you go to her directly and you don't honour her baby in the guise of honouring her.

SAINTS ARE GLORIFIED DEMONS

The Devil then was behind the apparitions of the saints and of Jesus and answers the prayers made to the saints. Roman Catholicism is an occultic religion steeped in black magic for those who believe in the Devil and see that saint-worship is incompatible with respect for God. Believers just run after saints for the miracles saints supposedly do – they don't care if they are doing God's will or not. From a Christian point of view, Roman Catholicism has no excuse for God says his Spirit will guide people out of such practices if they want to listen to him. It is the successor to the sorcery system that was once Babylon. God will reject it totally even though it prays to him because this prayer is intended to get him to increase devotion to the faith including the evil in it so the prayers are blasphemous.

CONCLUSION

The Catholic Church is an occultic religion. The Bible says that speaking to the dead and looking for their help is necromancy for only God should be approached for help. The Catholic Church prays to the dead. It seeks visions from the

dead and asks them to do miracles if they are in Heaven so that it can canonise them as saints. The Church is provoking God for he says he will punish such sins severely and with hellfire forever.

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