

Super Natural

The Danger of Dabbling

Once upon a time only superstitious, unscientific children believed in ghosts, demons, or angels. But new generations have risen up and confessed that not everything has a scientific answer, and there's too much evidence for hauntings, ghosts, spirits, demons, and angels to dismiss it. With the rise of interest and belief comes a rise in dabbling. Is it safe to play with things we don't understand, or are we taking risks in things that my do more than go bump in the night?

Deuteronomy 18:9–13

1. Although there are many areas of the dark supernatural, the four most prominent are _____, _____, _____, and _____.
2. Why it's prohibited – The Light Reasons:
 - (a) Desire to gain “_____”
 - (b) To become _____
 - (c) To discern the _____
 - (d) To assuage our _____
3. Why it's prohibited – The Dark Reasons:
 - (a) An invitation for _____ to enter the _____
 - (b) We're dabbling with _____
4. I am protected when I _____

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll redouble my Bible reading, study, and memorization
- I'll deepen my walk by: DDC or Life Group
- I won't dabble!

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:9–22

Introduction: There isn't a lot of information in the Old or the New Testaments about what we would call the supernatural. With the exception of prophets, miracles, and angels, most of what we know about magick, witches, ghosts, and the like have come to us from myths, fables, and tales. That doesn't make them not true, but it does mean it can be difficult to decide what's "real" and what's "story." However, there are a couple biblical accounts we can turn to. For instance, the first king of Israel, King Saul, banished all sorcerers and mediums from the kingdom, but then in a twist of fate, he turned to a medium to summon a prophet from the dead (1 Samuel 28:3–25). That act didn't end well for the king or for the nation. Dabbling with the supernatural can have unforeseen consequences.

1. Share an experience you've had with the Super Natural.
2. In the exodus account, Moses turns his staff into a serpent and back again (Ex 7:8–12). He waves it to part the Red Sea (Ex 14:21). Later he uses the staff to draw water from a rock (Ex 17:6). How is this fundamentally different than Harry Potter's wand?
3. Read this week's scripture passage aloud. What provisions did God make for hearing from God?
4. Why do you think God is so adamant about banishing magick, sorcery, necromancy, and divination from his faithful?
5. Read Acts 16:16–18. Where did the woman get her supernatural powers from?
6. What do you think could be some of the consequences of dabbling with the dark supernatural?
7. Read Ephesians 6:10–18. What can you do to protect yourself from the dark supernatural?
8. How is St. Patrick's Shield similar to Paul's armor?

Who will you invite to worship with you this week?
