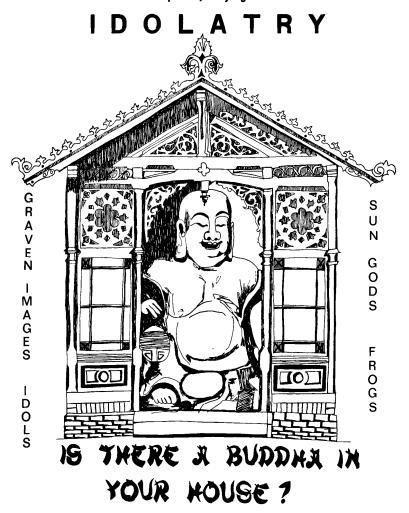
"Confounded (confused) be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship Him, all ye gods." Psalm 97:7



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IS THERE A BUDDHA IN YOUR HOUSE?

In the past few years we have had many deliverances which involved people who had Buddha gods or various other images in their homes such as owls, frogs, statues, or voodoo dolls, etc. These seem like harmless little statues to have around but they bring in darkness, depression and witchcraft spirits. God says in Deuteronomy 5:7, "Thou shalt have none other gods before Me."

One day a lady phoned us for the cassette tape, "Youth and Children's Deliverance" by Derek Prince. (This tape is a must for every adult if you wish to learn about deliverance. Order from: LHBC, Po Box 21516, Hot Springs, AR 71903 - Donation of \$6.00) We mailed the tape to her, then she phoned again for prayer in behalf of her little son who was about five years old. Her conversation went something like this:

"Every night, around midnight to 2:00 AM, our child wakes up screaming. Coming between his sobs and his shudders are the words, 'See! See!"

They passed it off as a nightmare at first but night after night it would continue to occur. He would shake with fear and have to sleep the rest of the night with his parents.

After the phone conversation we invited them to a prayer group which we attended. The meeting went in a different vein and no time was given to pray with them. Afterwards, as we walked to our cars, we stopped in the street, held hands in a circle and prayed for an answer to their problems. We then thanked the Lord for the answer and said goodbye.

The next morning while washing dishes a strong thought came into my mind in the form of a question. "Did you ask those people if they have a Buddha in their house?"

My mind answered, "No, I didn't." Then I realized that the Holy Spirit had really asked the question. Quickly I ran to the phone and tried to get their number, only to hear that it was unlisted. I remembered that I had jotted down their name and phone number on my desk pad at the office.

Monday morning held an expectancy for me. Was that question really the Holy Spirit or was that from my mind? I opened the office door and looked at the doodling on the pad. There, hidden among the scribbles, I found their name and phone number. Dialing seemed so slow, and then came the soft hello on the other end of the line.

"This is Erma Miller. May I ask you a question?" I blurted out.

"Surely," was her answer.

"Do you have a Buddha in your house?"

"Yes, we have a beautiful piece of art, a large statue in our front hallway. We bought it in Saigon while we were there working for the Government."

"You will have to get rid of that statue. That is the problem with your little boy," I explained.

"We can't do that. It was very expensive. My husband would never break it up, but he might sell it."

"Do you want to cause a problem in another home with another child?" I asked.

After a long pause the answer came: "No," she said, "Oh, no, I don't."

Then I explained to her that Buddha was a false god and that when they brought this idol into their home a demon came with it. At night it would walk into the young lad's room, awaken him, and make itself visible to him.

Needless to say, she and her husband talked it over for a day or two, then smashed it to pieces. When they phoned us to tell us what they had done we told them to also pray and ask the Lord Jesus to forgive them. Then they should stand and denounce Buddha spirits in every room in the house and command the enemy to leave their home in the name of Jesus.

The best part of the story is that God honored their prayers, forgave them and the child slept all night from then on. Praise the LORD!

The next week at a ladies prayer group I shared this incident. After I finished, one of the ladies spoke up and said that years before she and her husband had gone to the Buddhist temple in the Los Angeles area and bought their souls for a dollar each. They received certificates and a small statue of Buddha and brought them home. They were told that this would save them from hell.

This lady always had a dark shadow about her and had trouble keeping the victory even though she had received the Holy Spirit. We had prayed for her many times but she never quite got through to a real victory over depression. After she denounced and destroyed the certificate and statue she began to walk in victory and still was when we moved from California.

Recently, we prayed for a lady who had gone to Chinatown and purchased a small Buddha statue. She considered it a piece of art but, I am sorry to say, satan takes this very seriously. Her troubles were manifold, both in marital relations and sickness in her body. She began to lose so much weight that she had to be admitted to the hospital because she could not eat.

Another case is that of a five-year old boy who was brought to us for prayer. He had visited his father who was a Buddhist chanter. When the child returned home he acted retarded and all his hair fell out. When he would look at us, it would be with such defiance that we knew that he was in need of deliverance from this curse. After intense prayer he was much better in a few days.

Another girl wore a solid gold Buddha on a chain around her neck and came down with a prolonged illness. She was not able to eat and went down to seventy—five pounds in a short period of time. After prayer she appeared so much better. Now, ten years later she is still in perfect health. Praise the Lord!

The worship of Buddha in America has come in from Eastern religions and philosophy. It brings with it the antichrist spirit which attacks the mind. Practicing meditation invites this spirit in and brings millions unknowingly under its control.

In America, Buddhist temples are being erected around the country and prominent citizens are going daily to these temples to pray. They are disillusioned, thinking that it will expand their minds when all the time Satan is lying to them by giving them strange revelations and experiences. He tells them that they will receive great wisdom, when the Bible tells us that if any man lacks wisdom let him ask of God, the God in Heaven.

This practice will lead the meditator into reincarnation and in the end great suffering; however, at first satan will lead them on with thoughts that their health is getting better but they will reach untold suffering, mental sickness, etc.

Be not deceived, if you have any Buddhist idols or literature on Buddhism in your home, they must be denounced and destroyed. The Bible says to burn them. Deuteronomy 7:25—26 reads, "The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing."

The children of Israel were told by God to destroy all the idols of the heathen nations and not to take up with their ways. In their evil rebellious souls they did not listen. It brought death to them and kept them out of the Promised Land. Today it will keep you from God's best. It can also cause sickness and turmoil.

In Psalms 106:34—37 it reads, "They mingled themselves with the (idolatrous) nations and learned their ways and works and served their idols, which were a snare to them. Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons." (Amplified)

Isaiah 31:6—7 says, "Return, 0 children of Israel, to Him against whom you have so deeply plunged in revolt." (God is telling all of His people today to give up their idolatrous ways, repent and return to the true God.) "For in that day, every man of you will cast away (in contempt and disgust) his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which your own hands have sinfully made for you." (Amplified)

Evangelist James Robison relates the time that Cullen Davis, a businessman from Texas, called and told him he was going to give him all his artifacts from the Orient which included jade idols, pagodas, etc., for his television ministry. On his way to the Davis home, Mr. Robison opened his Bible to Deuteronomy 7:25-26 and read the verses. "The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing."

He said to his driver, "We can't accept these idols to sell for TV time. God will not bless us for doing such a thing."

When they arrived Mr. Robison announced to Mr. Davis that he could not accept the gifts, and he shared the Scriptures the Lord had given him. When he heard it, Cullen was touched in his heart by the Holy Spirit and knew that he could not sell them either. Together, they went to the garage and with sledge hammers demolished the artifacts and threw them in a lake. The news media and TV anchor men got hold of the story and the last time I heard, someone was dredging the lake trying to recover the articles and put them back together.

Habakkuk 2:18 reads, "What profit is the graven image when its maker has formed it? It is only a molten image and a <u>teacher</u> of lies. For the maker trusts in his own creations (as his gods) when he makes dumb idols." (Amplified)

God says in Leviticus 26:21, "And if ye walk contrary unto Me, and will not hearken unto Me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins."

If you want to know what plagues are, read Deuteronomy 28. The curses include every disease that there is, including the itch, madness or insanity, blindness, consumption (tuberculosis), fevers, botch of Egypt (cancer), emerods (hemorrhoids), scab, heart trouble, diseases of legs and knees, "AND ALL THE DISEASES NOT MENTIONED IN THIS BOOK." (Deuteronomy 28:61)

Pay particular attention to Deuteronomy 28:58—61: "If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover He will bring upon thee all diseases of Egypt, which thou was afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed."

THIS INCLUDES AIDS. Most cases of Aids comes from disobedience to God's sexual laws or is visited upon the children from their parents.

We are told in 1 Samuel 15:23, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim (good luck images). Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king." (Amplified)

Some good-luck charms are: a rabbit's foot, a four-leaf clover, zodiac jewelry charms, amulet charms to protect against evil, medals, and crosses (worn on the body or carried in the purse or pocket). Some people have a "kitchen witch" to bring them good luck. All of this is witchcraft and idolatry and displeases the Lord.

Another way the enemy comes into the home is through fish aquariums. Often in the bottom of the aquariums will be replicas of Oriental temples such as pagodas which are many-storied Buddhist towers or temples.

We knew a couple who decorated their home in furniture from the Far East. They had many screens with dragons and pagodas on them, lamps and even night lights and switches made like Buddhist temples. They called us there to pray for the husband who had waned away and was very sick. Another minister who was with us told the wife to get rid of all of that. She did not think it made any difference and the husband died a short while later.

Remove owls, frogs, sun gods, statues, and voodoo dolls out of your homes. Frogs in the Bible are typified as unclean spirits. A minister prayed for a boy in our living room for unclean spirits and unclean thoughts. When he was informed about frogs and what they represent in, the Bible, he told me he had a large ceramic frog collection and was going to go home and toss them out. Owls are night creatures and are connected with Halloween celebrations, which is a feast of witches. Christians must have no part with things like that.

If you have Ouija boards, horoscope books or jewelry with signs of the zodiac, good luck charms, books of Christian Science, Jehovah Witness, Mormonism, Unity, Rosicruciaism, Transcendental Meditation, I Ching, Yoga exercise

books, Edgar Cayce, Jean Dixon, Arthur Ford, Ruth Montgomery, Soul Travel, or ESP, denounce and destroy them. They bring curses upon a household because they are all of the occult. It is disobedience to God's Word to have any of these things in our lives and rebellion is as witchcraft.

Remember, anyone that predicts your future or advises your life such as a fortune teller, palm reader or crystal ball gazer is of the occult and must be renounced. Reading cards or tea leaves, analyzing handwriting, consulting a horoscope, or playing a Ouija board is also occult. All of these things are considered spiritual adultery and must be renounced. Then pray to God for forgiveness and seek deliverance.

Karate also is not for Christians. We have a book against Karate entitled **Dragon In The Holy Place**; if you are interested please write for it. Neither is hypnosis, even if it is performed by your family doctor or dentist. It can have no place in a Christian's life. It will bind you and bring oppression and you will be walking with darkness over you. If you want to read more on this subject the following books will help you: **Angels of Light**, **How to Try a Spirit**, and **Exposing the Invasion of the New Age in the Church**.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," says the Word of God in Hosea 4:6.

Please believe me and examine your homes. Hear the Word of the Lord. "Have no other gods before Me."

PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

Dear Father, I come to you today in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I ask You to deliver me. I commit my life to You totally spirit, soul and body. I ask that You take over my life from this day forward.

Satan, I come against you and all your hosts and reject everything you would have for me today. I refuse all the snares, pits and traps you have set to draw me away from the Lord Jesus Christ. I rebuke and resist you, satan, and all your hosts in the name of Jesus.

Father, I ask for Your best in my life today and that Your will and purposes be done in and through me.

Through the blood of Jesus I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's son is cleansing me now from all sin. Through the blood of Jesus I am justified, made righteous, just as if I had never sinned. Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart for God. My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the blood of Jesus. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son. His blood protects me from all evil. Because of the blood of Jesus, satan has no more power over me, no more place in me. I renounce him and his hosts completely and declare them to be my enemies.

Jesus said, "These signs shall follow believers. In My name shall they cast out devils." I am a believer and in the name of Jesus Christ I exercise my authority and expel all evil spirits. I command them to leave me now, according to the Word of God and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

(Scriptures taken from the King James and Amplified Bible)

IDOLS

II Chronicles 33:15, "And he (Manasseh) took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city."

Isaiah 66:3-4, "(The acts of the hypocrite's worship are as abominable to God as if they were offered to idols.)... Such people have chosen their own ways, and they delight in their abominations." I also will choose their delusions and mockings, their calamities and afflictions, and I will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, they did not listen or obey; but they did what was evil in My sight, and chose that in which I did not delight.

Leviticus 19:4, "Do not turn to idols and things of naught or make for yourselves molten gods. 1 the Lord am your God."

Leviticus 26:1, "You shall make for yourselves no idols, nor shall you erect a graven image, pillar or obelisk, nor shall you place any figured stone in your land to which or on which to bow down; for I am the Lord your God."

Deuteronomy 29:16—21, (Strongs 1544 - a log (as round); by implication, idol). "You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations you crossed; And you have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them. Beware lest there should be among you a man or woman or family or tribe, whose (mind and) heart turns away this day from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a (poisonous) root that bears gall and wormwood; And lest, when he hears the words of this curse and oath, he flatter and congratulate himself in his (mind and) heart, saying, I shall have peace and safety, though I walk in the stubbornness of my (mind and) heart (bringing down a hurricane of destruction) and sweep away the watered land with the dry. The Lord will not pardon him, but then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall settle on him; the Lord will blot out his very name from under the heavens; And the Lord will single him out for ruin and destruction from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law."

- 1 Kings 15:11-13, "And Asa did right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father (forefather). He put away the sodomites (male cult prostitutes) out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers (Solomon, Rehoboam, and Abijam) had made or promoted. Also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen mother, because she had an image made for (the goddess) Ashera. Asa destroyed her image, burning it by the brook Kidron."
- 1 Kings 21:25-29, "For there was no one who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord as did Ahab, incited by his wife Jezebel. He did very abominably in going after idols, as had the Amorities, whom the Lord cast out before the Israelites. When Ahab heard those words of Elijah, he tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his flesh, fasted, lay in sackcloth, and went quietly. And the Word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before me? Because he humbles himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his lifetime; but in his son's day I will bring the evil upon his house."
- Psalm 106:35-37, "But mingled themselves with the (idolatrous) nations and learned their ways and works, And served their idols, which were a snare to them. Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons."
- Psalm 115:4-9, "The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not. They have ears, but they hear not; noses have them, but they smell not; They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither can they make a sound with their throat. They who make idols are like them; so are all who trust and lean on them (Psalm 135:15—18). O Israel, trust and take refuge in the Lord! (Lean on, rely on, and be confident in Him!) He is their help and their shield." Isaiah 31:6-7, "Return O children of Israel, to Him against Whom you have so deeply plunged in revolt. For in that day every man of you will cast away (in contempt and disgust) his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which your own hands have sinfully made for you."
- Ezekiel 23:49, "Thus your lewdness shall be recompensed upon you, and you shall suffer the penalty for your sinful idolatry; and you shall know understand and realize -that I am the Lord God."
- Habakkuk 2:18, "What profit is the graven image when its maker has formed it? It is only a molten image and a teacher of lies. For the maker trusts in his own creations (as his gods) when he makes dumb idols."
- Leviticus 26:21, "And if ye walk contrary unto Me, and will not hearken unto Me; then will I bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins."
- Ezekiel 36:24-25, "For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then will (sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you."
- Hosea 14:8, "Ephriam shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered (him), and will regard and watch over him,' I am like a green fir or cypress tree. With Me is the fruit found (which is to nourish you)."
- Isaiah 48:11. "For My own sake, for My own sake, I do it (I refrain and do not utterly destroy you), for why should I permit My name to be polluted and profaned (which it would be if the Lord completely destroyed His chosen people)? And I will not give My glory to another (by permitting the worshippers of idols to triumph over you)."
- 11 Corinthians 6:16, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (Amplified) "What agreement (can there be between) a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I

will be their God, and they shall be My people."

IDOLATRY

1 Samuel 15:23-24, (Strongs 8655 — a family idol, teraphim) "... For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim (good luck images). Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king. And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned,' for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice."

Vs. 35, "... and the Lord repented that He had made Saul king over Israel."

1 Corinthians 10:14, "Therefore, my dearly shun, keep clear away from, avoid by flight if any sort of idolatry (of loving or venerating more than God.)"

Galatians 5:19-20, "Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear - obvious: they are immorality, impurity, indecency; idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness ..."

Colossians 3:5-6, "So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members, those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in gin: sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God). It is on account of these (very sins) that the (holy) anger of God is ever coming upon (those who are obstinately opposed to the divine will) the sons of disobedience."

GRAVEN IMAGES

Deuteronomy 7:25-26, "The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shall not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house lest thou be a cursed thing like it, and thou shall utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it, for it is a cursed thing."

Exodus 20:4-5, "You shall not make yourself any graven image (to worship it), or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me."

Isaiah 42:8, "I am the LORD; that is My name, and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images."

Deuteronomy 7:5-6, "But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire. For you are a holy and set apart people to the Lord your God,' the Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people to Himself, out of all the peoples on the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 27:15, "Cursed be the man who makes a graven or molten image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret. All the people shall answer, Amen."

Psalms 78:58-59, "For they provoked Him to (righteous) anger with their high places (for idol worship), and moved Him to jealousy with their graven images. When God heard this, He was full of (holy) wrath, and utterly rejected Israel, greatly abhoring and loathing (her ways)."

Psalm 97:7, "Let all those be put to shame who serve graven images, who boast themselves of idols. Fall prostrate before Him, all you gods."

Jeremiah 8:19, "Behold (says the prophet), the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people for help because of those who dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her King in her? (But the Lord answers) Why have they provoked Me to anger with their carved images, and with foreign idols?"

Micah 5:13-15, "Your carved images also I will cut off and your statues or pillars out of your midst, and you shall no more worship the work of your hands; And I will root out your Asherim (symbols of a goddess Asherah), and I will destroy your cities (the seats of false worship). And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance upon the nations which would not obey — vengeance such as they have not heard of before."

Exodus 23:13, "In all I have said to you take heed; do not mention the name of other gods (either in blessing or

cursing); do not let such speech be heard from your mouth."

Exodus 23:24, "You shall not bow down to their gods, or serve them, or do after their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them, and break down their pillars and images."

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