

evaluating spiritualistic phenomena that appear to be genuine.

Finally, Spiritualism and spirit mediumship is strongly condemned in the Bible. Those who in Israel were themselves mediums were to be put to death; those who consulted mediums in Israel were warned that God would cut them off from their people. In 1 Chronicles 10:13 the writer says, "So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the Lord, because the word of the Lord which he did not keep; and also because he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry of it."

Why is Spiritualism so strongly condemned and harshly punished? Because it refuses to be satisfied with God and His revelation, and deliberately seeks secret knowledge from other forbidden sources -- sources that are anti-God and that turn people away from the one true and living God, in whom alone there is truth and salvation, and who alone can give that knowledge which is necessary for life and godliness.

Spiritualism and spirit mediumship turn people from the true God to worship and serve finite, created, and evil beings and powers. Christians are called on to worship the one true God through Jesus Christ, to trust in and be satisfied with His revelation of truth, and to do His will.