# DISCOVERY 2000

# The Christian and the occult

Psychic phenomena are currently getting a lot of exposure

Music

Television The X-Files ...

Print Media Psychics, horoscopes

#### What is a Christian

Believes Jesus is Son of God, Saviour and Lord Romans 10:9,10 (1093) Loves God with all their heart Matthew 22:37 (959) Listens to him John 10:27 (1038)

### Why is the occult wrong?

It is listening to the wrong voice Isaiah 8:19, 20 (661)

# Warnings against mediums and spiritists

Leviticus 19:31 (112) Against mediums and spiritists

Leviticus 20:6, 27 Note how strongly God feels about this

Deuteronomy 18:10 - 15 (184) It is all about listening

Isaiah 47:13 (704) Astrology

1 Timothy 4:1 (1141) They will make special efforts in the last days.

# Who are they in contact with?

- 1. God? Unlikely since He condemns the practise
- 2. Could it be to the dead? Ecclesiastes 9:5 (644) They don't know anything
- 3. The Devil in disguise? Revelation 16:13, 14 (1185) the aim to deceive.

### Spiritualism openly attacks the doctrines of Christianity

"Our spiritual progress is only the net result of our own efforts, and our sins cannot be forgiven or remitted by the vicarious atonement of a Saviour"

Ernest Thompson, The History of Modern Spiritualism p.12

"Does Spiritualism recognise Jesus as one person of the Trinity, coequal with the Father, and divine in the sense in which divinity is unattainable by other men? The unequivocal answer is: No. Spiritualism accepts him as one of many savior christs, who at different times have come into the world to lighten its darkness and who by precept and example the way to life to men. It recognises him as a world savior, but not as 'that only name' given under heaven by which men can be saved."

Dr B F Austin, The ABC of Spiritualism, Q17

The specter of spiritualism is haunting parish priests ... consequently they attack us. This opposition must be overcome by constant propaganda, education, organisation and a militant spirit of certain victory"

Ernest Thompson, The Teaching and Phenomena of Spiritualism, P101.

## God reveals his will through prophets and through Jesus

Amos 3:7 (889)

Hebrews 1:1,2 (1147)

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 (1144)

Daniel 2 Given by the prophet after the psychics and astrologers have failed

Hitler turned to mediums to win the war. They could not help him God's word stood