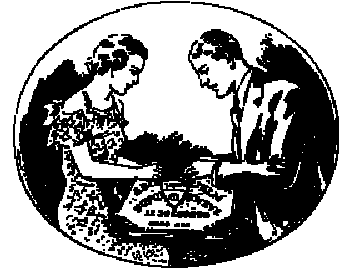


The Rise of Spiritualism & the Occult

“Mediums and Satanists and Wiccans, Oh My!”

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The Rise of Spiritualism and Occultism in America

- 1692 - Salem Witch Trials, decline of Puritanism. 150 arrests, 31 tried and convicted, 19 hanged.
- 1848 - March 31st the Fox sisters, Margaret and Kate, hear “raps” of “Old Splitfoot”. Sets off a wave of seances in America and Britain.
- 1847 - Andrew Jackson Davis publishes, *Principle of Nature, her Divine Revelation and Voice to Mankind*. Fifty editions follow.
- 1859 - Charles Darwin, *Origin of the Species; The Descent of Man*, 1871.
- 1863 - National Spiritualistic Association formed to unite like minded groups.
- 1875 - H.P. Blavatsky establishes the Theosophical Society.
- 1893 - Cora Richmond lecture, *Presentation of Spiritualism*, given before the Conference of Religions in Chicago.
- 1880-1920 rise of biblical Higher Criticism. Denies the Bible’s credibility and the biblical account of the creation of man.
- 1904 - Aleister Crowley receives “astral” instructions. [*Magick in Theory and Practice*]
- 1919-1949 Alice Bailey makes thirty year pact with KH to be her Master. Automatic writing attributed to KH influence.
- 1931 - *Dracula* released in theaters starring Bela Lugosi. The era 1965-1975 saw over thirty *Dracula* movie clones.
- 1939 - *Wizard of Oz*, overshadowed by *Gone With the Wind*, makes magic, witches, etc. family fare.
- 1944 - Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations formed amid an ecumenical era.
- 1960's - Episcopal Bishop Pike has seance with Arthur Ford in effort to contact his departed son.
- 1964 - Premier episode of *Bewitched* entitled, “I, Darrin, take this Witch, Samantha.” The series ran through 1972.
- 1966 - April 30th Anton LaVey forms Church of Satan in San Francisco. The year proclaimed year one, Anno Satanas.
- 1967 - Rolling Stones release an album entitled, *Their Satanic Majesty’s Request*. Their next album featured the song, “*Sympathy for the Devil*.”
- 1968 - Roman Polanski’s movie *Rosemary’s Baby* stars LaVey as Satan. The Beatles explore TM and LSD. Timothy Leary advocates, “*Tune in turn on, drop out*.”
- 1969 - LaVey publishes *Satanic Bible* [30+ re-printings] followed by his *Satanic Rituals and The Compleat Witch*. Sharon Tate murdered by Charles Manson’s disciples.
- 1970 - The group *Black Sabbath* releases an album by the same name featuring lead singer Ozzy Osbourne.
- 1973 - *The Exorcist* is released. [Note: The video version is still banned in the UK]
- 1974 - the American Council of Witches publishes their *Principles of Belief*
- 1975 - Alice Bailey’s injunction to go public with “The Plan.” The New Age explosion is traceable to this date.
- 1976 - *The Omen* is Released.
- 1980 - Marilyn Ferguson publishes, *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, a New Age primer and catalogue which become a popular college text.
- 1983 - Constance Cumby publishes, *Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*, an early Christian response to the rise of the New Age Movement.