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## The History of Black Magic

We all fear what is unknown to us. We fear the dark because we cannot see the beauty that is enveloped by it. When fear spreads through a group of people, they gather together and instinctively show anger towards those who appear different to them. Hitler and his group of Nazis make a very good example of what happens to people when they are enveloped by fear and ignorance.

The colonial invasions of countries and the resulting destruction of cultures by defamation are another example of fear based living. Most pagan cultures had to suffer because of this denigration of ancient cultures and ways of living by people who considered themselves "superior" by race or color. In fact, these conquerors were actually ignorant and clueless of the reason why they came to live on this beautiful planet.

"Wicked magic" dates back to the time when civilization began. Magick is neutral which means that whatever we do cannot be "categorized" as good or bad. What is good for one may not be good for another, so who can say what is good and what is evil?

Although I don't believe that black means evil and white means good. Think of the five white poisons (white sugar, white butter, white flour, white fat and white salt) and ponder on the fact that you wouldn't be able to see the stars if it wasn't a "black" night. So all colors are invaluable in this Universe and none of them are better. If still in doubt, ponder over a box of crayons!

The term "black magic" may have been formed because most people fear the dark and it was in the dark that ancient witches had to work. When you have the kings and queens of England (ignorant as they were) and the pope after you for working a simple spell, there wasn't any other time for magick. J

Or it could be that all magic started in Africa and the colonialists, in their religious fervor condemned all magick as black magick. During the dark ages, no one made any distinction between good and bad magick; everyone except for Queen Elizabeth I whose





mother was "suspected" to be a witch. As a child, she probably knew that an interest in astrology and spirituality does not mean that a person is wicked.

The view taken by the Vatican since the early Middle Ages was that witchcraft in all forms was evil. They believed that spirits were all evil and to even summon a spirit meant that we were consorting with the Devil, a character that Christianity invented.

About 25,000 years ago, when people settled in ancient Africa, Mesopotamia and ancient India, magick was accepted as a source of comfort and healing as well as spirituality. Africa is the cradle of civilization and it was from here that magick spread to other countries. It flourished well until the colonialists came in and started their religious tirades on devil worship. They also created and spread the fear of Voodoo, which was the African culture's beautiful and elegant way of distance healing.

Voodoo is the best example of ancient magick. At a time when people could only communicate long distance by the use of drums, the herb healers and witch doctors of the tribes came up with a healing method that could be communicated only through the spirit. This magick was very efficient and soon was used not only for healing, but also for hurting others. As mentioned earlier, Magick is just a tool. The person using it and influencing it is the one who makes this magick good or evil.

There are evil people and good people in this world. As people realized the power of magick, they started using it to effect revenge, jealousy, anger, sickness, etc. Little did they know of the devastating effects of using magick to hurt others. Maybe they even died without realizing the return of their karma (actions).

It was in India that the principle of Karma took shape. Hindus still follow magickal prayers and request the assistance of multiple deities for many rituals. Black magick did not thrive in India because everyone is taught lessons on the law of Karma at an early age. There still exists ways in which to hurt others using magick. But the ones who perform such magick also get ready for the punishment which they know occurs sooner or later.

Black magick spread from Africa to the islands in the West Indies and to South America. It merged with some of the magickal cultures and even Catholic principles to form other forms of witchcraft such as Santeria. Candles were incorporated around this time. Later this form of magick spread to North America, where it is called Hoodoo.

None of these magickal traditions are harmful by nature, and all of the magickal traditions may be used to evoke harm in others. The rituals in some of these traditions included spells using human body fluids, hair, nails, blood, etc and although this made the magick even more powerful, it scared a lot of people who didn't know why these were being used and for what purpose.





Menstrual blood and Semen along with sweat, spit, placenta, etc are used for certain rituals. The very mention of these biological parts may evoke fear in a lot of people.

Sometimes the rituals are performed at midnight near crossroads and may involved birds, animals, blood, animal organs, etc. Many of these rituals have been replaced by visualizing the above items using the mind. For example, instead of a black pigeon, a witch can get a black candle or make a black stuffed doll and assign it the identity of a black pigeon. For ritual purposes, they are no different.

There is no reason to worry about black magick. If you think your life has been affected by black magick, why not try a spell to protect yourself and to send back the energies where they came from? This way, you will not be hurt and the person who performed any evil spell against you will be facing more than a triple dose of its after effects.

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