

# The True Dark Lords

## *Modern Day Balaams and the Occult*

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The fictional evil character Darth Vader of Star Wars fame said it best: "You don't know the power of the Dark Side." It is such a shame that many profound truths are often completely dismissed just because they are words from out of a movie. Yet, the Sages of Israel, (in the book, Pirkei Avot) long ago advised us that one who is truly wise learns from everyone, and I might add, from everything, including from pithy lines of dialogue found in famous movies.

Although we all know that the Star Wars character Darth Vader is fictional; nevertheless the evil that he characterized and more so the psychic powers he portrayed do actually have a source in fact here in the real world. There really are "Dark Lords" amongst us. We do not refer to them by names found in movies. They go by other names, some known to us and some unknown to us. While they do not speak about the fictitious Dark Side of Force, they do speak about the actual and real Dark Side, which in Hebrew we call the Sitra Ahra, the Other Side.

The Biblical personage of Balaam (Number 22-24) was one such Dark Lord. He was no man of fiction or legend. There is archeological proof found in modern day Jordan attesting to his existence and to his ominous reputation mentioned in the Bible. Yet, the Biblical sorcerer and wizard Balaam was only one of the many who came before him and after him. To this day many follow in his footsteps and master the arcane powers of the Occult, thus knowing how to use these powers for purposes both benign and nefarious.

Yes, very real Dark Lords do live and walk among us today. Yet, unlike their Biblical counterparts the Dark Lords of today do not advertise and do not make their identities known. More often than not they conceal themselves well with almost impenetrable disguises. Although, they are unseen to the eyes of the masses, they still nonetheless continue the arcane occultic practices and purposes that have been handed down for centuries. If there was ever a real underground secret society of conspirators, rest assured that it is the coven of the true Dark Lords of the Other (dark) Side.

In his day Balaam tried to use the powers of the Occult to curse the Children of Israel. Apparently he found out only too late that the Powers guarding Israel were stronger than the forces he could conjure up. Those Biblical days were miraculous times, when angels walked among men and even animals could be made to speak and be rational. While we think such times are long behind us, little do most realize that very similar type things continue happening to this very day, but not necessarily on the side of holiness.

There are stories reported in the media how upon being caught a murderer might say that he heard voices compelling him to kill. Modern psychologists summarily claim that such voices are coming out of the murderers head and are a form of mental illness. They categorically

refuse to accept the notion that the voices may be coming into his head from an outside source. Who is to say that they are right? Sometimes the information that these psychotic killers provide shows that they are either very well learned in Occult practices or while ignorant of them, still very much subject to their nefarious influence. Many a time psychotic killers are not born such, but rather created to become such over a long period of time due to being subjected to occultic influence and compulsion by some one or some thing that seeks the killer to do their bidding and to suffer the consequences for doing it.

Such stories abound and they all have a scent of occultic involvement to them. We live in a society today that is inundated with interest in the Occult. The most popular movies and television programs deal with topics of vampires, werewolves and demons. Most people have no idea that such entities really do exist and they are certainly not as handsome, pretty or gallant as the Hollywood productions would portray them. Even the occultic method of contacting spirits, entities and demons, the Ouija Board, is sold to children at toy stores alongside traditional children's games. Modern Ouija Boards even come in the color pink especially for young girls. While many might think this cute and benign, those with knowledge and experience with the Occult know just how dangerous such practices can be and see nothing cute about this at all. This is not somebody's idea of a joke, but rather somebody's way of getting innocent children involved with practices that realistically endanger their souls and their mental sanity.

Somebody or some group is "out there" promoting popular interest in the Occult. How curious it is that as we see a rise in the interest and practice of the Occult we see an equal and opposite loss of interest in traditional religion and proper moral values. It is with the loss of such traditional Biblical-based values that has opened the floodgates to an epidemic of drug abuse, alcoholism, sexual promiscuity and perversions, violent behaviors of all sorts and an unusual rise in the number of mental illnesses, emotional disturbances and suicides. The younger one is when they drift away from traditional morals, values and religion, the easier, quicker and deeper one often becomes ensnared in any of these harmful traps. Whether or not any of this is a carefully organized plot by any modern day occultic cabal, we cannot say. However to dismiss such a possibility is also equally wrong.

In Biblical times, when Balaam realized he could not contaminate the Children of Israel with his normal arcane way, he chose instead a devious conspiracy of sexual subversion and corruption. This organized plot, spoken of in detail in Numbers 22-24 caused massive damage to the Israelite nation. We see similar damage being caused today throughout societies that also succumb to sexual subversion and perversions. Should we therefore not wonder, if not investigate if there is a nefarious agent behind our modern societies corruption just like there was in Biblical times?

Whenever there is widespread moral corruption in human society, rest assured that the enemies of humankind are not too far away. Granted there have always been social problems and forces that seek to corrupt moral values, but it is rare that such forces take over a society and destroy the whole thing from within. Yet, we see this very thing happening all around us today. This growing perversion and subversion is not a normal course of events. Things on this scale do not just happen on their own, without direction or cause. Something is behind it and most of us do not want to know just who or what this is.

Just like the spirit of Moses lives on in all those who study his Torah, similarly the spirit of the evil Balaam lives on in all those who embrace the Occult. This is why, like Balaam before them, most modern Occultists are viciously anti-Semitic. Just like Balaam hated Israel, Torah and the power of holiness that defeated his evil magic, so too do modern Occultists seek to break the back of Torah, Judaism and the Jewish people.

**What these agents of evil hate is G-d, His Word and anything associated with it, Jewish, Christian or otherwise.** This may explain why with the demise of traditional religious beliefs and values in many parts of the world we see an equal rise in anti-Semitism coming out from those same contaminated communities.

We cannot deny that the Occult is real and we should never deny the dark and sinister power that the followers of the Other (dark) Side possess. They are indeed real and they are indeed powerful, but those who cling to Torah and who live by the Biblical message have nothing to fear from them. For like the Children of Israel in Biblical times God has instructed us in ways and practices to keep ourselves safe from such nefarious influences.

Not for naught were Biblical commandments ordained by Heaven and later augmented by the Sages of Israel. Heaven revealed to us through prophetic revelation the true nature and mechanics of how the Occult operates. The commandments we received on Sinai were specifically designed to keep us safe from physic attacks and all from other forms of occultic penetration.

The Biblical story of Balak and Balaam proves this outright. For once certain members of the Children of Israel allowed their sexual desires to override the standing commandment of no sexual contact with foreign women, not only did sexual promiscuity begin to spread like a disease within the camp, actual physical disease followed immediately on its heels. One lapse of judgment led to the deaths of numerous individuals, not all of whom might have been involved in the sexual promiscuity. If only the few had safeguarded themselves, all would have been safe. Yet, once the few opened the doors to psychic attack, then everyone fell into danger.

Yes, the “Dark Side of the Force” has its real-life counterpart in the Other Side and those who master its manipulations. What their agenda and goals are is not really relevant to us. They can have all their plans, conspiracies and agendas. We can never stop them from trying to hatch their malevolent plots. All we can do is to stop them from succeeding. In order to accomplish this we need sincere and honest, moral and good human beings who are focused and strong in resolve and action.

Those who are merely religious on the outside while their discipline and morals are weak are part of the problem, instead of being part of the cure. Such religious hypocrites look good on the outside; they say and do all the right things, but their fundamentalism and superstitious natures betray their true identities. Such shallow people and their weak and emasculated shows of hollow religion attract the Other Side and often become it very first victims.

The Torah teaches us that the malevolent sexual plot concocted by Balaam was not squashed through our prayers and supplications and external displays of fundamentalist religion. Rather, the sexual plot was squashed through the acts of a single man who acted with zeal and manifested the proper deed for that proper moment, which by definition was itself a violation

of the religion. Unfortunately, but the moment required an especially violent response, and that is exactly what Phineas the grandson of the High Priest Aaron provided. He committed an act of zealous murder, a crime for which under other circumstances he would have faced the death penalty for committing.

Were it not that God intervened personally through prophecy to ordain a different fate for Phineas, indeed he would have been subject to the law and sentenced to death for his crime. Phineas, a son of the High Priest knew very well what the law was and what penalty he could face. He was not a prophet; had no mandate from God to act as he did; he had no promise from God that he would be pardoned for his actions. Yet, he acted as he did, with complete disregard for his own personal safety. He acted with resolve and determination to respond to such a serious breach that only a response of such a nature could address. His gamble paid off and came to serve as a role-model for righteous self sacrifice throughout the ages.

Phineas and later the prophet Elijah came to serve as the role-models of righteous zeal against unrighteous foes. Although in both historical occasions acts of violence were used to neutralize the cancerous occultic influence of the times; still this is not a universal Torah message. Like Ecclesiastes 3 states, "there is a time and a purpose for all things under Heaven," there is a time for peace and a time for war. While there is from time to time a need for violent responses to terrible provocations, just remember this, the forces of the Occult also know this.

In order to create havoc and destruction, the true lords of the Other (dark) Side use their psychic powers to confuse the minds of those under their influence, especially the religious fanatics, and get them to act like Zimri all the while believing themselves to be acting like Phineas. This is why we have so much insanity today in the religious communities. It has the suspicious scent of occultic influence upon weak minds. Judging from the almost total lack of Occult knowledge and denial of its existence and powers in these segments of the religious community it is no wonder that we see so many of their members subject to occultic attack and succumbing to so many psychic illnesses.

True children of Israel and children of God's Word must learn the necessary spiritual sensitivities to become able to distinguish the "spiritual" times. We must never mistake the time for peace to be the time for war, nor must we ever mistake the time for war to be a time for peace. Both confusions bring with them disaster. And it is this exact same type of confusion that the dark powers of the Other Side try to promote. We can learn how to clear our mental/psychic vision, but this can only come about once we clear our minds and inner vision from the illusions and delusions that presently block our vision. For this we have the fullness of Torah study, known as PaRDeS and not just the partial, censored forms of learning that are popular today.

The only defense against psychic attacks is for the properly prepared disciplined mind to be housed in a healthy strong physical body. Real Torah observance is centered on real health, both physical and spiritual. One so balanced stands a chance against the ever-menace of the Other Side. Others who allow themselves to be weak in mind or weak in body are prime targets for the Other Side and will not escape psychic attack or the damages that they cause. Being religious only at the cultural or ethnic level is absolutely no defense.

The Other Side sees through religious hypocrisy and is attracted to it more than to anything else. Why not be a wolf in sheep's clothing? The Biblical Prince of Shimon, Zimri was such a man and he was seduced "by the Dark Side." As the Bible teaches, his wanton behavior cost him his life.

Like Balaam, Zimri was not the last of his kind. Religious hypocrites abound and their mere presence serves as a psychic danger to the entire nation. Many like Balaam and Zimri abound, but there are relatively few like Phineas today willing to confront them. As long as we lack the appropriate number of people who embrace the spirit of a Phineas, ready to act according to the needs of the time and place we will have no one to confront the modern day Balaam and Zimri types. Thus the problems of the nation grow greater and not better, to the point where the very future of the nation is itself threatened. Religious hypocrites, fundamentalists and fanatics cannot help anything; they themselves are the problem and in no way can they contribute to the cure. Only those who are truly sincere, healthy inside and out can stand strong at the hour of the greatest testing.

Prophecy states that in the end of days before Mashiah comes that G-d would restore to us his prophet Elijah. Legend tell us of the unique identification between Elijah and Phineas. We need an Elijah today more than ever. Yet, until the real Elijah is revealed, we can all participate in his sacred mission. The prophet states that Elijah's mission is to restore the hearts of the fathers back to the sons, and the hearts of the sons back to the fathers. This is no minor task, but it is something that each of us can contribute to, if we know and understand what exactly it is that we are supposed to be doing.

*Note: For those needing to know more, please read my book, PROTECTION FROM EVIL.*

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