

DID YOU KNOW THE USE OF TOBACCO IS ROOTED IN IDOLATRY?

THE BATTLE WITH CIGARETTES

Deliverance from cigarette smoking is a difficult thing to achieve. Believers often fail to realize how it is used to hinder spiritual progress. Most readily acknowledge smoking as a bad witness and example, and that we should respect our bodies as the temples of the Holy Spirit.

This habit is far more spiritually restrictive than it might seem to be. Only after deliverance from it and time spent in a smoke-free atmosphere, does the breaking of the spiritual as well as the physical bondages of smoking begin to be plainly evident.

A powerful ruling spirit of Depression is associated with smoking. The smoker will receive no significant or lasting deliverance from him, for he feeds this spirit daily. The joy, zeal, and spiritual sharing activity God purposes for His children is dampened and dulled for the nicotine addict. He exists in a continuous, mildly narcotic state of mental heaviness which will limit his participation. Repeated failure to break the habit often leave devastating guilt and shame problems behind.

Spirits of Confusion and Mind Control introduce psychological hindrances and a spirit of Heaviness. Being forced to be in a smoke-filled atmosphere can also affect non-smokers with these same spirits to a degree, depending on their tolerance and susceptibility.

A medical clinic which tested people for allergies to nicotine, found that, although some show such an allergy, they still smoke several packs a day. Their bodies require the systematic response induced by the introduction of nicotine. This means that the effects of the habit, such as elevated blood pressure, or chemical change, are considered normal by their body. This then would be an allergic spirit which craves nicotine!

There are also claims that the desire for nicotine heralds a true need of the body for another substance or mineral which it is not receiving in adequate amounts. Children eat dirt, crayons, chalk, glue on books, etc. This has been proven to be an abnormal demand for absent minerals in their body.

For deliverance workers, this means, that in some cases at least, we are no longer dealing with the spirits normally associated with smoking (Craving, Addiction, Nicotine, Puffing, Smokestack, Cigarette, etc.) but an allergic spirit which desires nicotine. Removal of this spirit might well make it possible for the body to return to normal, minus the nicotine.

Since it could be an allergy, perhaps an object in the home locks the allergy spirit in place (**Annihilating V2, pg. 107**).

The Grand Pipe or Pipe of Peace was first observed among the Indians of the upper Mississippi country by the French. They called these pipes "Calumets". According to the

Indians, those behind the pipe possessed power to make the world a better place in which to live.

There was a ritual associated with the pipe and the underlying idea was a bond of brotherhood. The presence of the Calumet or Pipe of Peace was to cause a softening of hearts and unite those present in a binding pledge to a bond of friendship. It was not only a symbol of peace and brotherly love but a “charm” to compel it.

The entire world learned of the use of tobacco from the Indians. Smokers today are paying silent and unconscious tribute to the ancient aboriginals. Historically the Calumet was considered a sacred pipe to offer smoke to the demon gods above and below. Tobacco was looked upon as a sacred plant and burning it brought favor in the eyes of the gods. Even a member of an enemy tribe who entered a house and smoked with the host, was guaranteed protection and safe conduct when he left.

Several Indian tribes burned incense for a purifying medium or an acceptable offering to the unseen. Some eastern tribes did not smoke pipe in a sacred ceremony but burned the tobacco in a small fire. This smoke offering was believed to ascend to the powers to whom they prayed.

As the use of tobacco as an offering to the gods continued, it was rolled in corn husks, the predecessors of modern cigars and cigarettes. Inhaling the smoke was incorporated into the rituals and both the smoke and the aroma continued to have a serious place in the religious rituals and ceremonies. **(Copyrighted by Win Worley - Used by permission).** In the preceding article on the origin and use of tobacco for human consumption, you may be thinking, what does the information from history have to do with GOD and the Bible? There is scriptural help to put this human consumption of tobacco in the light of SIN with the revealed facts of history.

Maybe you are in a similar position as I was, (I was ignorant of the historical facts of the origin of tobacco and it’s use in the Indian peace—pipes and the incense fires). There are few families that are not affected by tobacco, either themselves or some member who is in bondage with the addiction to the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes or cigars, snuff, pipe—smoking, or chewing plugs of tobacco. The Word of God is powerful, enabling us to STAND and PERSEVERE to the overcoming of this sin.

It seems that all the helpful information contained in history books, World Books, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, and other sources, we Christians stay ignorant to many of the enemy’s devices to ensnare us and hold us in bondage and thus hinder our growth and walk in the Holy Spirit of God. So many with the thinking “that doesn’t apply to me” yet with evidences and results to “abundant life” speaking otherwise. *“Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.”* Lam 3:40—41

I purchased the book “Eradicating the Hosts of Hell” by Win Worley, at a campmeeting held at Lake Hamilton Bible Camp, Ark. and began to read and study to confirm the information given in the book. In my research to confirm the preceding article which appears on page 27 of the book, I found some added information which I relate to you. Columbus found the Indians smoking and it was stated, he and others watched with surprise and wonderment.

If you will do some research on the history of tobacco you also will find out these things and more besides.

At the time of the Pilgrims and early settlers this land of America was considered a wilderness and the inhabitants were Indians and these Indians were non—believers in Jesus Christ and were thought of as heathens in the vast difference to their way of life and the early settlers way of life and the purpose of them being here in search for religious freedom.

To refresh your memory on the history of the settling of the United States, remember, our forefathers were considered intruders, thus many wars and battles with the Indians over this intrusion, and many Treaties were made to assure peace between the Indians and the settlers.

The American Dictionary by Noah Webster, (1828) gives the definition of the word “calumet” — *The calumet is used as a symbol or instrument of peace and war; the calumet of peace is used to seal or ratify contracts and alliances; Reader’s Digest Encycl. Dict. defines “calumet” — A tobacco pipe used by American Indians in ceremonies, to ratify treaties.*

One history reference book said, “some of the Indians smoked the tobacco pipes to their sun-god and blew the smoke to him”.

Another reference book related the sources of illness in the Indians to “witches who flew through the air disguised as owls to poison their victims”. The protective practice against these witches was to cut their limbs and cleanse themselves of bad blood; and the use of “the old man’s tobacco” was to, “avert spirits of the dead”. Both of these are sources of witchcraft and are prohibited by GOD.

There were many peace—treaties signed and sections of land assigned to the Indians in the history of our early government representatives. These Treaties were sealed with a ceremony of smoking the Calumet, or peace-pipe with the Indians. Many of the peace-treaties have been broken and this brought rightful displeasure from the Indians toward our government and resulted in the Indians putting curses on the land.

The truth about tobacco and it’s use in the calumet or peace—pipe ceremonies shows us that the smoking of the peace-pipe with the Indians that our government officials did was an actual “offering of sacrifice to demon gods”.

In the light of the scriptures which follow you will see that this is a national sin, it is a “sin of our father’s” being brought down upon the children unto the third and fourth generations; it is a personal sin of every person who uses tobacco in some form, because it is accepting the ways of the heathen. The use of tobacco has gone unchecked and has been acceptable in the body of Christ, and most ministers felt they had no scripture to identify the use of tobacco as sin. Witchcraft, idolatry and the offering of sacrifices to heathen gods was and is an abomination to Almighty God.

Pipes for smoking tobacco have their origin in these heathen patterns, they are the work of men’s hands to honor evil and should have no place in the born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who is living to become an overcomer in the kingdom of GOD. People continuing to use tobacco in any form are offering their bodies on an altar for demon-gods, it is burning incense to some heathen deity. The use of tobacco does not honor GOD; HE does not receive unholy offerings, therefore it is to demons.

Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are warned in scripture to “give no place to the devil”, “to Resist (not join) the devil and he will flee”; to “put on the whole armor of GOD and be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”, (not participate in the wiles).

With this beginning of historical facts, let’s continue with the Word of GOD, and HE begins with obedience: In Exodus 20:1—17 are the commandments which are still to be obeyed today, “no other gods”, “make no images” then “visiting the iniquity upon the children”.

In Exodus 23:1-33 some quotes, “*Thou shalt not raise a false report; put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness*”, “*thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil;..*”, “*Thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous*”. These instructions were given to the children of Israel as guidance to their possessing of the land. “*I will set thy bounds*”, “*I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand*”; “*Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods... if you do*”; “*it will surely be a snare unto thee*”.

In Exodus 24:1-18, verses 4-8 some quotes, “*Moses told the people all the words of the LORD:... “Moses wrote all the words of the LORD... “the people said, “we will do all the LORD has said”, “they sacrificed peace offerings unto the Lord, Moses took the book of the covenant and read, “Moses took the blood, and put it on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words”, they made a covenant with GOD and it was sealed with blood that they would be obedient to HIS WORD: We do the same when we receive the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; but most Christians are not taught this, and do not realize what a covenant is and this could be the reason we are reaping so many of what is called sickness (but called curses in Deut 28 verses 15—68) in the body of Christ, the blessings are in obedience.*

Again in Exodus 34:1—17, some quotes, “*Moses proclaimed the name of the LORD,... “not clearing the guilty....visiting the iniquity, (which means lawlessness) upon the third and fourth generations,...”* verses 12—17 warns against making covenants, (agreements) with the inhabitants of the land, “*lest it be a snare*”, “*they were to destroy their altars and images*”.

GOD is a forgiving God, also merciful and gracious, but we often reap the results of disobedience. The children of Israel received forgiveness and restoration from falling prey to the heathen ways and sinning against GOD, read Lev 17:1—9, verse 7, “*and they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto demons to be a statute forever throughout their generations.*”

In 1 Cor 8, this whole chapter is on “*things being offered unto idols*” verse 9 mentions,” . . . *liberty of yours become a stumbling—block to them that are weak*”, in a way our children and grandchildren are weak, in that they are not yet adults and do what they see others they trust doing, verse 11 says the weak could perish; verse 12, “*But when ye so sin (this instance refers to offering sacrifice to demons) we are sinning against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ*”; We are to LOVE the Lord Jesus Christ and the brethren, which is HIS Body.

Romans 14:19—21, “*to follow after peace and the things which edify one another, and not to destroy the work of God... not anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*”

Do we love Jesus Christ and the brethren enough to obey these scriptures?

Our children are deceived into this tobacco habit and many live in households as wife, husband or child and are weak and offended by the use of tobacco and as the article stated, evil spirits can be transferred in such an atmosphere, resulting in many being in bondage and suffering because of transference of demons and they are hindered in spiritual growth and know not the hindrance area.

11 Cor 6:14—18, this scripture asks some questions,.. *“what communion hath light with darkness?.. “What concord (harmony) hath Christ with Belial? (demon) “What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of living God,...come out....be ye separate....touch not the unclean thing:” Chapter 7:1 “Let us cleanse ourselves,...perfecting holiness in the fear of God”*. Do we have any fear of God?

11 Cor 6:16, mentions an agreement, ...you have to make an agreement or you would not be a user of tobacco; agreements are covenants; this would mean we have broken our covenant with God and made one with an idol if we are a Christian and a user of tobacco in some form; this sacrificing to heathen gods was an abomination to God and brought a curse. We would need to repent, break the agreement and ask God to lift the curse.

Is not the use of tobacco unclean? All that brown juice and catarrh that coats the lungs, arteries, and nasal passages, all the smelly spittoons, the many ashtrays; one could say, the ash tray is an invite to accommodate a user to “light-up-a-sacrifice” to his demon-god.

The use of tobacco is sin! Romans 6:23, *“the wages of sin is death”*.

How many of us need to repent of our participation of having given as gifts cigarettes, snuff, cigars, pipes and pipe tobacco, chewing plugs to someone we knew was a user of tobacco?

Bro. Win Worley has often quoted “another layer to come off”. We found this true in our prayer group.

The effects of tobacco could be the physical cause of much sickness in people, depression, Webster’s Dictionary gives several meanings of depression; *decline in business; withdrawal - which means no response, to draw back; syn. lose ground; backslide; about face; taking leave from a position gained; besides a mental heaviness; Dictionary said to compare manic—depressive-psychosis which is insanity; and alternates with excitement; meaning it comes and goes.*

In receiving deliverance from tobacco one would need to remember to cleanse himself from spirits of death, cancer of lungs, throat, lips; from the eyes, nose and ear passages; emphysema; arteries and glands that could be affected by the addiction to the narcotic; sleepiness and drowsiness; cleanse your hands that have handled it; ask forgiveness for all involved from the grower to the user.

According to 11 Cor 10:5 the use of tobacco is a stronghold in our thoughts, in the body of Christ, and in our nation. Come on spiritual warriors, let’s battle and bring this stronghold down under the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are several passages of scripture exhorting children of God to be “holy” to be “perfect” “peace and holiness, without which no man shall see God”.

Leviticus 20:26 *“And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am HOLY, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine”*.

John 17:17, Jesus prayed, *“Sanctify them through thy truth”*. 1 Cor 1:1, *“to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus”*.

1 Cor 6:11 *“Ye are washed... ye are sanctified,... ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus by the SPIRIT of our GOD”*.

Eph 5:25-27, *“church is to be sanctified,... no spot, wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy,... without blemish”*.

Hebrews 13:12, *“Jesus suffered without the gate, that HE might sanctify the people with his own blood”*.

The word sanctify means to be separate, or to be set apart.

In Numbers 33:50-56, “the Lord spoke unto Moses, (concerning possessing the land) verse 52, *“drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures... molten images, tear down all their high places: dispossess them”*. Did GOD mean for them to do this?

There are only two supernatural powers in the world, GOD’S and satan’s. Some may say, well there is man, yes, but the scriptures teach the carnal mind is enmity against God; the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God; “sowing to the flesh reaps corruption”; so Christians must be led by the Word and Spirit of God or what they do is not acceptable unto the Holy God.

I do not think born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ need to give glory to the demons by putting demon pictures, heathen gods, and heathen temples of worship in Christian literature. Most Christian literature seems to be patterned after the worldly magazines, full page pictures of those ministering with just the right expression on their face while praying, or singing or preaching and turn the page to find a full page picture of a heathen god or temple, who gets the glory? *“All that is gain to us is loss to Christ”* Phil 3:7. My understanding of Christian literature is that it is published with offerings given by God’s PEOPLE TO EVANGELIZE AND TEACH God’s principles so to be set free to walk and grow in the kingdom of God. Yet if editors and publishers are confronted by someone giving them the Word of God on the subject of, “not to be like the world”; “lust of the eyes” “pride of life” they will ignore you not realizing that the “mind control” spirit of the system of the world is already taking precedence over the word of God in their publications. Most of these publications ask in every edition for gifts of money, and some will possible mail out begging letters for more money in between regular issues of their publication.

Some of these people need to think on their covenant with GOD, What is their covenant? Who is in control of our thoughts? Do we prove to the world that we are a “people sanctified, set apart, severed, and holy unto GOD?”

John 8:32, says, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

John 14:6, Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”*.

The dictionaries and encyclopedias refer to tobacco as being poisonous and a mild narcotic, so this has no nutritious value to the body, in fact medical science and other sources have publicized that tobacco is detrimental to health and this type of information is to be on all products of tobacco. World Book quoted over twenty years ago that more than seven million dollars a day is spent on cigarettes not counting other uses. The U.S. government now subsidizes the tobacco industry.

Let us obey Psalms 18:31-41 to the fullest: “no turning back”. Some quotes from that Psalm:

“GOD girdeth me with strength”, “He teacheth my hands to war”, “Thou hast given me the shield of thy salvation (deliverance)”, “I have pursued my enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn against till they were consumed”, “Thou had girded me with strength unto the battle”, “I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets”.

Verse 46 too, *“The LORD liveth; and blessed be my ROCK; and let the GOD of my salvation be exalted”.*

1 Cor 10:11 This is an account of the children in the wilderness and then says unto us, *“Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come”.*

Verse 14, *“Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry”.*

Verse 20, *“But I say, that the things which the heathen sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with demons”.*

Would you believe we are living near the end of the age?

This information could be applicable in working with people having used marijuana, hashish, or other forms of drugs, and they are seeking help in deliverance.

Might even be applicable in regards to involvement in other heathen ways, gods, goddess, festivals, like Halloween, Valentine, Easter, Christmas, rock music, curios, curious arts.

If it isn't from GOD through HIS Holy Spirit then forsake it.

Also remember to confirm and check it with the Scripture. It may seem there is much on Idolatry in this article and rightly so. Idolatry has control in much of the body of Christ's thinking.

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