

# Signs & Symptoms Of Involvement In Satanic / Occult Practices<sup>1</sup>

## PHYSICAL SIGNS

1. Symbology of Satan on clothing or skin, such as: 666, inverted cross, tatooring of demonic groups and symbols, crescent moon with five stars, pentagram with goat symbology
2. Dominant clothing in colors of black, red, and purple
3. Physical signs of abuse, including self-mutilation or dismembering. Drug use.

## EMOTIONAL SIGNS

1. Isolation from family and peers-spending hours alone
2. Extreme fear at times-sense of omnipotence at other times
3. Depression with suicidal ideation
4. Obsessed with religiosity
5. Extremely rebellious attitude coupled with need for immediate gratification
6. Enjoyment of cruel or abusive behavior.

## BEHAVIORIAL SIGNS

1. Desire for extreme privacy with personal items and self.
2. Chanting-speaking in different language sounds (sometimes Scripture recited backwards.)
3. Carrying Anti-Christ items, such as inverted crosses, Satanic bibles.
4. Reading material about occult practices, witchcraft, New Age phenomenon.
5. Extreme involvement with heavy metal music to the exclusion of any other music or entertainment.
6. Involvement with peers using drugs and satanic practice.

## Warning Signs of Occult Involvement

1. Views videotapes excessively, especially of horror, heavy metal music.
2. Involved in drugs or sexual activity.
3. Heavy into fantasy games. **Note:** Fantasy games have no rules or guidelines. They encourage creativity without boundaries. The player loses the boundary between reality and fantasy.
4. Excessive computer interest.
5. Greeting with left hand horn signal.
6. Wearing only silver jewelry, will not wear gold jewelry. **Note:** Gold jewelry is considered a Christian metal.
7. Phone calls asking for someone other than your child's name. Caller may be asking for your child and using their satanic name.
8. Obsessed with death.
9. Writing essays and reports on death and/or the occult.
10. Changes in bedroom. **Note:** A bedroom changes as the child changes. Some will have pentagrams, other symbols taped or painted on floor under the carpet or bed. Candles and occult objects will be hid away Room painted black.
11. School Locker containing satanic items.
12. Gender confusion.
13. Fearful. This is due to willful or unwillful confession of all past sins for cleansing. This is taped and used against them if they try to leave the group.
14. Unreasonable feelings of paranoia directed toward authorities.
15. Drug interest, especially the use of hallucinogens.
16. Depressive personality.
17. Wearing pale make-up, dyeing hair black.
18. Draping hair across the left eye.
19. Listening to black metal or heavy metal music groups with occult lyrics, symbols or references to occult worship.
20. Fingernails of hand painted black. Left hand nails longer than right hand. **Note:** The left side of body represents evil.
21. Pre-occupation with black clothing.
22. Books dealing with rituals, necromancy , Helter Skelter Faces of Death. Videos such as The Believer. Books on Satanism, black magic, or witchcraft (Including Christian material).
23. Mutilation and/or torture of animals.
24. Secretive and isolated.
25. Rejection of friends.
26. Excessive secrecy regarding new friends and activities.
27. Alienated, argumentative or viole nt behavior.
28. Rejection of parental values.
29. Loss of humor.
30. Change of school habits.
31. Left sleeve rolled up by itself. **Note:** This is used in school, malls, etc to signify membership in satanic group.
32. Use of less light and use of candles.
33. Satanic alphabet used on notebooks.
34. Writing backwards .
35. Carrying Book of Shadows. **Note:** This is their most important book of poetry, prose, spells, incantations, meeting places. Usually in a spiral notebook May have another book cover over it.
36. Self-mutilation, cuts on a continual basis. **Note:** Cuts may be on the breast, ankles, and arms. Needle marks use to drain blood for consumption. Take note for marks on left side of body.

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## **THE FIRST LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT**

The **Fringe Level** is the beginning level of most individuals who are drawn into the occult. Most of the activities associated with the fringe level are seemingly innocent. Fringe activities that draw individuals into the occult are:

1. The Ouija Board is used to seek answers for the future and also to communicate with the dead. Dr. Carl Wickland, former director of the Psychopathic Institute of Chicago discovered that his seemingly harmless experience led to insanity with several individuals. The Ouija Board is a fringe snare leading further into the darker realm of the occult.
2. Dungeons and Dragons is one of the most effective, most magnificently packaged and marketed, most thoroughly researched introduction to the occult, according to Dr. Gary North. Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game that teaches demonology, witchcraft, voodoo, murder, rape, blasphemy, suicide, assassination, insanity, sex, perversion, homosexuality, prostitution, Satan worship, gambling, Jungian psychology, barbarism, cannibalism, sadism, desecration, demons summoning, necromantics, divination, and many other occult themes in living color.
3. Palmistry to have fortunes told. Tarot cards to read the future.
4. Watching horror videos or movies that deal with some aspect of the occult.
5. Listening to Heavy Metal Music or Black Metal Music that teaches the darkest side of the occult.
6. Reading mystery or horror books.
7. Keeping up with one's horoscope, having personal charts made and read by astrologers open up a deeper level of involvement.
8. Studying some types of martial arts, interest in ESP, painting or tattoos with occult symbols, dressing in black to gain attention.

**ITEM:** In Jefferson Township, New Jersey, teenager Thomas Sullivan, Jr., stabbed to death his mother Betty Ann, thirty-seven, in the basement of the family's home. Afterwards, he sets the living room couch on fire an apparent effort to burn down the house and kill his father and younger brother. Then he fled and committed suicide by slitting his wrists while leaning against a neighbor's backyard shed. The entire week before the slaying, young Sullivan had been singing a rock song about blood and matricide. Police divulged that Sullivan a talented student, Boy Scout, and outstanding athlete-had been a member of an adolescent satanic group in the area. He was also a fan of metal music, the lyrics of which he recited constantly. Before the tragedy, Sullivan had confided to some friends that he had a vision of Satan, who instructed him to murder his family

## **The Dabbler Level Self-Styled Satanist**

The **Dabbler Level** is a result of the fringe level becoming less thrilling. The dabbler begins to believe in the value system of the Satanism, or the left path. It is the beginning of a belief system of attaining power in their own lives, the power to attain possessions, to control others, a feeling of inward energy never experienced before. This is the beginning stage of using this new power to use fear to control others who are intimidated by the dabbler's activity. If intervention does not occur, they become convinced that this realm of the supernatural is very real.

At this stage the dabbler may have experienced evidence of such reality, and witnessed spiritual manifestations that feel their loneliness. The dabbler begins with a few rituals, burying trinkets and books, experimenting with a few spells and hexes. The dabbler participates in satanic graffiti that is commonly seen on buildings and public places. At this stage the dabbler seeks a group to join in order to make a serious effort to learn more.

## **The Dabbler Level Indicators**

Dr. William S. Logan of the Menninger Foundation, Pete Roland was a "blank slate, waiting for someone to write on it". Roland murdered his friend Steve Newberry in a satanic ritual. Youth will convince parents that their bedrooms are off-limits. Begins often with an obsession for black metal music. **Posters** adorn walls, and tapes are usually listened to with headphones to avoid adult objections to the lyrics. Presence of **books about Satanism or the occult**, such as The Satanic Bible and The Satanic Rituals. Paraphernalia for doing magic such as robes and amulets, skulls and bones. **Black clothing, dyed-black hair, heavy white makeup, black fingernails, and jewelry that include inverted pentagrams, upside down crosses**, as well as goat's heads and the number 666. The **shirts with images of demons and black metal bands** become routine costumes. (Some groups wear their costumes or shirts on the third Thursday of each month, a day Satanists dedicate to the devil.

An **altar** recommended being 3 to 4 feet high, and 5 to 6 feet long. Preferably in a trapezoidal shape. Many teens use a chest of drawers, desk, etc. to substitute for an altar in their room. **Symbol of Baphomet Candles**-The colors vary with different meanings. usually they will be white, red or Black. A **Bell** to be used in the beginning and ending of a ritual. A **Chalice** (goblet) used for the drinking of whatever the ritual call for. A **Sword, phallus, unusual knives, daggers**. A **Book of Shadows** which is a diary of their events and group meetings. Sometimes covered by another book cover to disguise its true contents. Many dabblers use a simple spiral notebook. It may include metal rock lyrics, quotes from the Satanic Bible, backward language, slogans, satanic symbols, grotesque drawings, and suicide notes or elaborates pacts with demons or Satan.