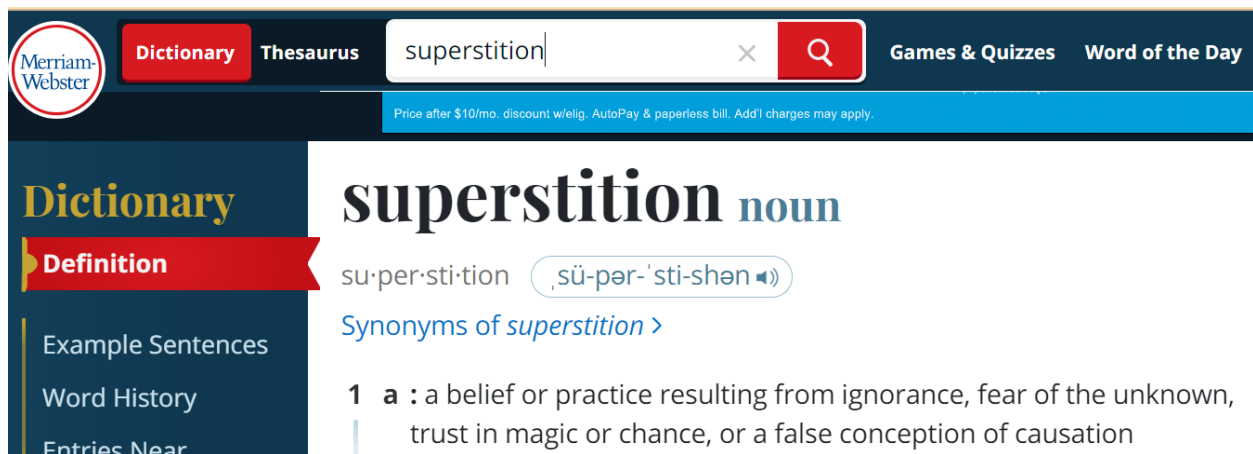


SUPERSTITION and LUCK Pt.1: WITCHCRAFT, FATE, FORTUNE, DESTINY

I'm going to lay a quick foundation about what superstition and luck really are. As I get into this sermon you may be surprised by some of the things that are superstitious in nature. You may find that you believe in some of these things and didn't even realize it or really think about what it actually means.

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Both definitions pointed us to magic which is witchcraft. Superstition and witchcraft are intertwined. Witches cannot perform witchcraft without the help of a demon. It is the same with superstition. As Pastor Erustus had said to me years ago, "when a person is superstitious they are very reverent to demons."

In my Vines dictionary it refers to superstition as relating to paganism where they were reverent to deities and where they feared in a reverent way, demons and

pagan gods. That's it in a nutshell. Superstition is worship of demons which are false gods, they are fallen angels. This is idolatry against God. God alone is The True God and He alone is to be worshipped.

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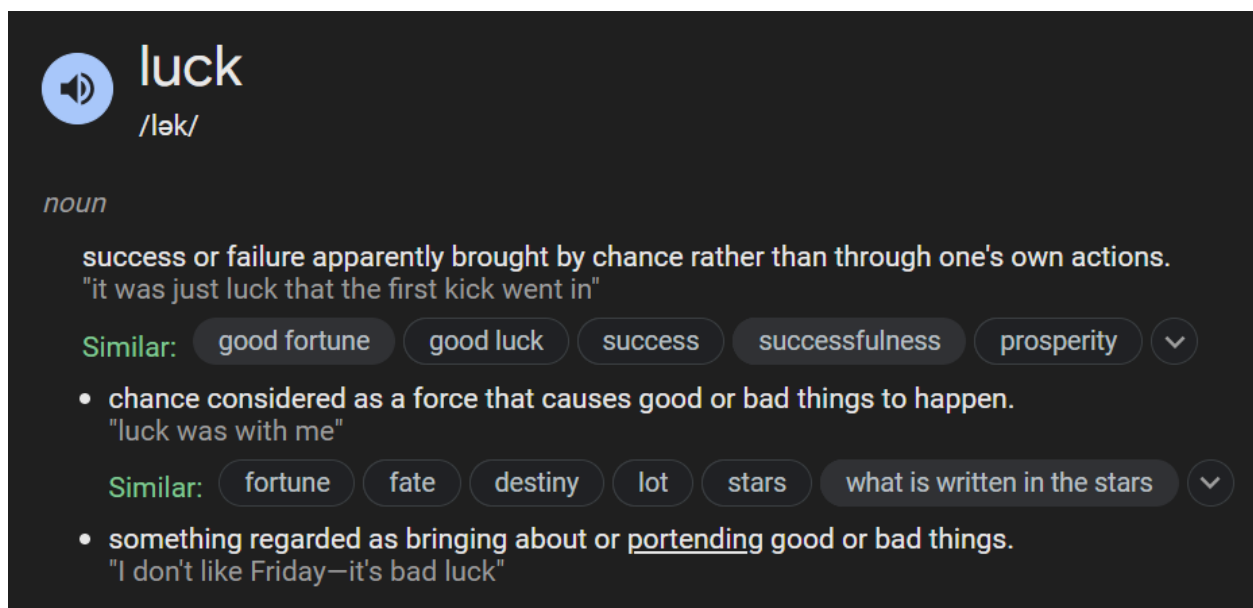
What is the first commandment? Do you know? Let's read it from Scripture:

Exodus 20:3 - Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Martin Luther called out the Roman Catholic church on many false teachings but he also remained true in many ways to catholicism. One sacrament Lutherans hold to is confession of sins to a man on this earth in order to obtain absolution.

Being superstitious is looking to a supernatural power that is not God and in doing that, holding belief in various superstitions you are honoring demons, you are participating in idolatry against God. That is to say you have other gods besides God alone.

Something else that goes hand in hand with being superstitious is believing in luck.



The image shows a digital dictionary entry for the word "luck". It features a speaker icon for pronunciation, the word "luck" in a large font, and its phonetic transcription "/lək/". Below this, it is identified as a "noun". The definition states: "success or failure apparently brought by chance rather than through one's own actions." and includes the example "it was just luck that the first kick went in". There are two "Similar:" sections. The first lists "good fortune", "good luck", "success", "successfulness", and "prosperity". The second lists "fortune", "fate", "destiny", "lot", "stars", and "what is written in the stars". Two bullet points provide further context: "chance considered as a force that causes good or bad things to happen." with the example "luck was with me", and "something regarded as bringing about or portending good or bad things." with the example "I don't like Friday—it's bad luck".

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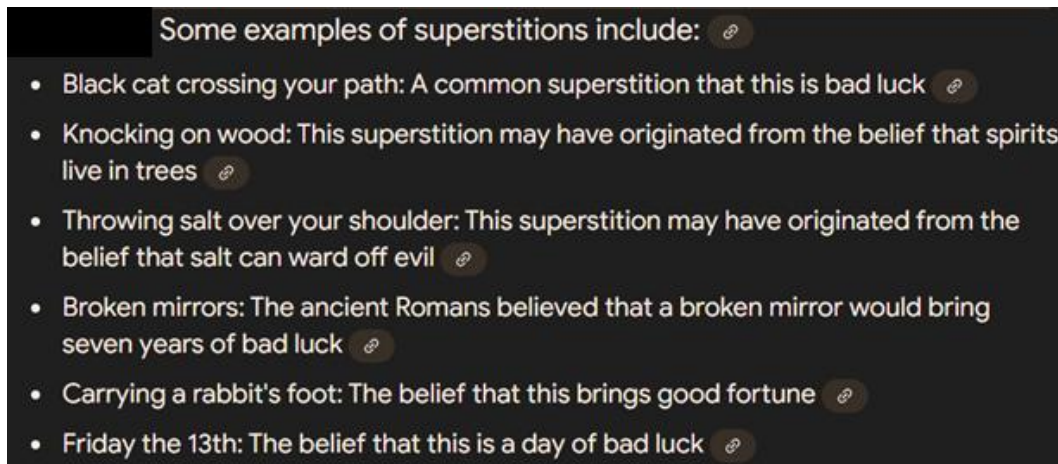
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When you believe in luck, you are not trusting God alone to bless your life. You are looking to another supernatural power to show favor on you. The luck has to come from somewhere, something or someone has to make it happen.

Let's take a look at a few superstitions:



Black cat crossing your path: A common superstition that this is bad luck.

Knocking on wood: This superstition may have originated from the belief that spirits live in trees.

Throwing salt over your shoulder: This superstition may have originated from the belief that salt can ward off evil.

Broken mirrors: The ancient Romans believed that a broken mirror would bring seven years of bad luck.

Carrying a rabbit's foot: The belief that this brings good fortune.

Friday the 13th: The belief that this is a day of bad luck.



More examples of superstition and luck: Breaking a mirror brings 7 years of bad luck, if you find a 4-leaf clover you will have good luck, horseshoes are supposed to bring luck, stepping on cracks in the pavement on a floor brings bad luck. We had a rhyme when I was little, step on a crack and break your mother's back. Walking under ladders is supposed to be bad luck and the same with opening umbrellas inside, a black cat crossing your path is considered unlucky. A lot of people believe bad things happen on Friday 13th.

You may not have given these things very much thought but there is a supernatural belief tied to these things. If you walk under the ladder, who is going to make the bad luck happen? If you break a mirror, who is going to keep that bad luck happening in your life for 7 years?

Those who are superstitious believe in a supernatural power in the spirit realm that is going to back up the superstitious belief. These beliefs have been handed down to us. If you really believe you will get bad luck for opening an umbrella up indoors, then you will never do it. Something is controlling you, your thoughts so that you don't do it because you believe things will go badly for you. So you are obedient to a demon because God isn't going to do anything to you just because you open an umbrella up indoors. But for an unbeliever who is superstitious, a demon can very well cause bad things to start happening in that person's life.

If you believe black cats walking in front of you are bad luck you will do everything you can to avoid black cats. Your beliefs show up in your actions and the spirit realm knows what you believe and when you believe in these things, then demons have power over you because you are believing in witchcraft. If you

believe finding a 4 leaf clover will bring you luck, who is causing the luck to happen. You are believing in powers to perform these things in your life and these powers are demonic, they are not godly. God does not deal in the realm of good luck or bad luck.

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I learned this when I was a kid, that crossing your fingers meant that whatever you agreed to or said, you didn't have to keep your word. As Christians, we know this is not godly. God expects us to be like Him, we are to keep our word and be trustworthy. He commands us not to lie.



Where did we ever get the idea that crossing our fingers meant good luck? This guy is looking up as if he's hoping for God to come through for him in whatever it is he's hoping for. We communicate with God through prayer, not this type of non-sense. This is based on superstition and has nothing to do with God. As Christians we really should not even use the word luck we should just tell people we hope they succeed or that God will move and answer their prayer or that we will pray for them and their situation. Luck does not pertain to a Christian's life.

Haven't we all heard of athletes who believe they are winning or having a lucky streak and so they don't change socks or shave etc. The belief is that if they do it will break the streak. Professional athletes have bowed to satan and are demonically talented. They are used to influence those that idolize them to be just like them and think like them. To keep those that idolize them away from Jesus and from belief in God. They know their changing their socks or shaving has nothing to do with if they win or lose but the common person usually honestly believes in this stuff and incorporates it into their own lives.

How about "lady luck" and those shooting dice in Vegas blowing on them for good luck.



Here is the goddess known as “lady luck” otherwise known as Fortuna. She is the Roman goddess of luck, fate and fortune. She is not the only goddess of these things, but one of several.

Isaiah 65:11 – (God is speaking to Israel here): But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget My holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

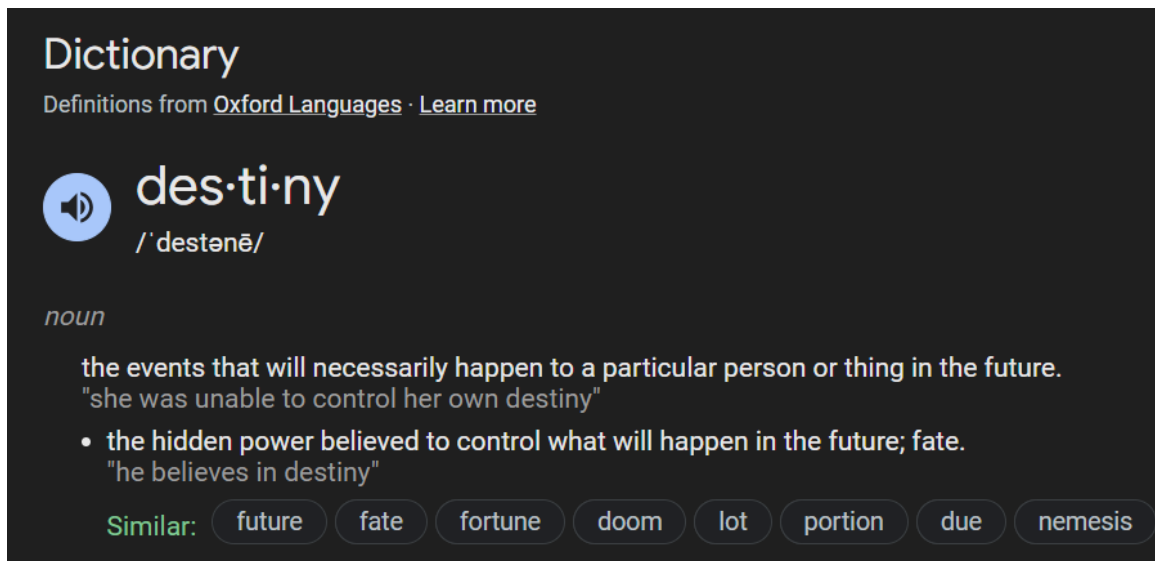
False gods are referenced in this verse and we don’t even pick up on it today because of how our translations are written and because we are not familiar with all the names of pagan gods. The table being prepared for that “troop” is actually a table or altar with offerings for the god Gad who was a Syrian god of fortune. You could associate that with good luck. The drink offerings to that “number”, number being the god meni or mani called the numberer who is Cush. Meni was a god of destiny.

New Living Translation

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So we clearly see the Israelites were involved in pagan worship, idolatry, worship of the fallen angels and all of this is against God.



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Isaiah 65:12 - Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

Because they were worshipping the fallen angels of fortune and destiny God said He was going to fight against them by bringing an enemy with a sword to kill them. God was to be their God and He said He called to them but they did not answer. He spoke but they did not listen but they just kept on doing their

wickedness right in front of His face and even right in His temple. He sent His prophets to speak to them but they would not listen and repent. God is merciful but He has a point where enough is enough and then He will pour His judgement out.

CLOSING

God is the Master of your fate. He does not move or act by chance or luck, He has a plan and purpose for your life.

Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

The KJV is all torn up with the Mandela Effect on this verse. Let's look at the NLT.

New Living Translation

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Ephesians 2:10 - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We are God's masterpiece, He created us to do good things for His glory. Long ago, He planned the good works that He wants each one of us to do. God moves with purpose not by chance or happenstance.

PRAYER

Martin Luther and Catholicism

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheranism#:~:text=%5BChrist%5D%20submitted%20to%20the%20law,gifts%2C%20but%20only%20His%20gifts.>