


SUPERSTITION and LUCK Pt 4.: UNLUCKY 13, FENG SHUI, ODDS and ENDS, FATE, DESTINY, IDOLATRY






UNLUCKY NUMBER 13


Last week we saw a clip from The Andy Griffith show where Andy asked Barney if the number 13 bothered him. Barney said he was not crazy about it but it doesn't bother him. Then Andy asked him what he would do if he was going to take a trip and fly on an airplane and they gave him seat number 13. Barney said if that was the only seat available he would just fly the next day! That's a perfect example of being superstitious about the number 13.



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Ancient Greek mathematics: The number 12 was considered good, while 13 was considered bad.

The fear of the number 13 is called triskaidekaphobia. Some cultures and institutions have adopted their practices to avoid the number 13, such as:

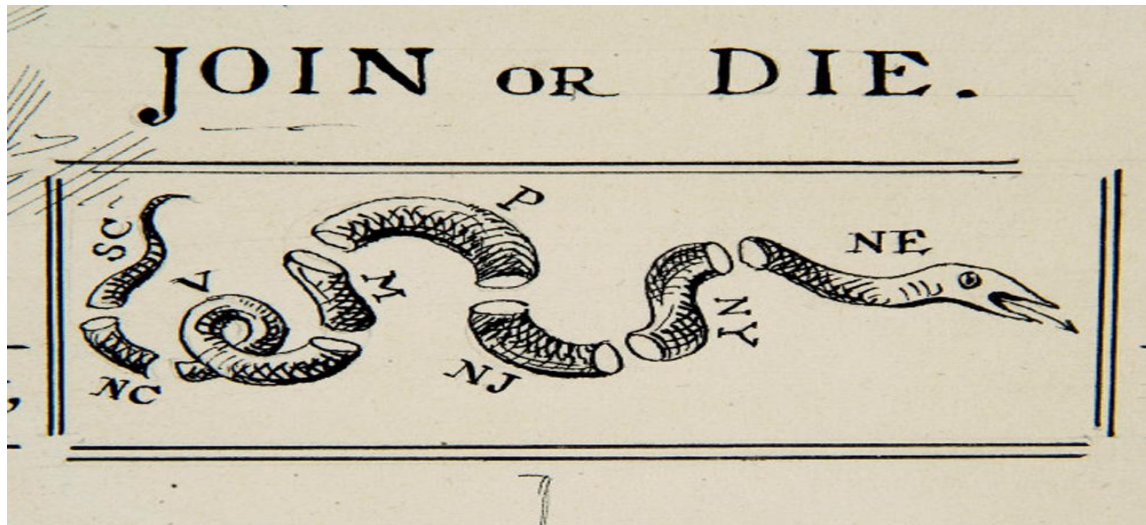
Hotels: Many hotels do not have a room 13.

Tall buildings: Many tall buildings do not have a 13th floor.

Airlines: Some airlines do not have a row 13 on their planes.

Vehicle registration plates: In Ireland, the government modified the registration plates for vehicles registered in 2013 to read “131” or “132”.

However, some cultures, such as the Ancient Egyptians, considered the number 13 to be lucky. If the ancient Egyptians liked that number, then it is associated with satan because he was the god they served and one of his names in Egypt was amen.



Listen to this: In Benjamin Franklin’s “join or die cartoon,” a snake cut into eight pieces represents the Thirteen Colonies. The cartoon was published in The Pennsylvania Gazette in 1754 and again during the American Revolution. The cartoon was based on the superstition that a snake would come back to life if its pieces were put back together before sunset.

The rattlesnake became a symbol of the Thirteen Colonies after the cartoon’s publication.

So we see another connection of 13 with satan because he is called the “old serpent” in Revelation **(12:9, 20:1-3)**. He used the snake to deceive Eve in the garden and cause the fall of mankind, and all the nations and cultures that worship or have worshipped serpents and serpent gods has all been in worship of him.

Witches are often associated with the number 13, which is said to have originated from an old wives’ tale about a coven of witches meeting under a full moon:

Freya, a goddess of The Norse, she is a false goddess of love, fertility, and sex – she joined a coven of witches under a full moon, making their number 13.

In pagan times, 13 was a sacred number because it corresponded to the 13 menstrual and yearly moon cycles. Witches get into anything that has to do with blood and they do perverted things with it. They use menstrual blood in their witchcraft and spells.

In mythology, witches often meet in groups of 13 under the cover of night to cast spells and make potions. A group of witches is called a coven, and although some consider 13 to be ideal, any group of at least three can be a coven.

There are 13 controlling families in the illuminati. The luciferians love the number 13.



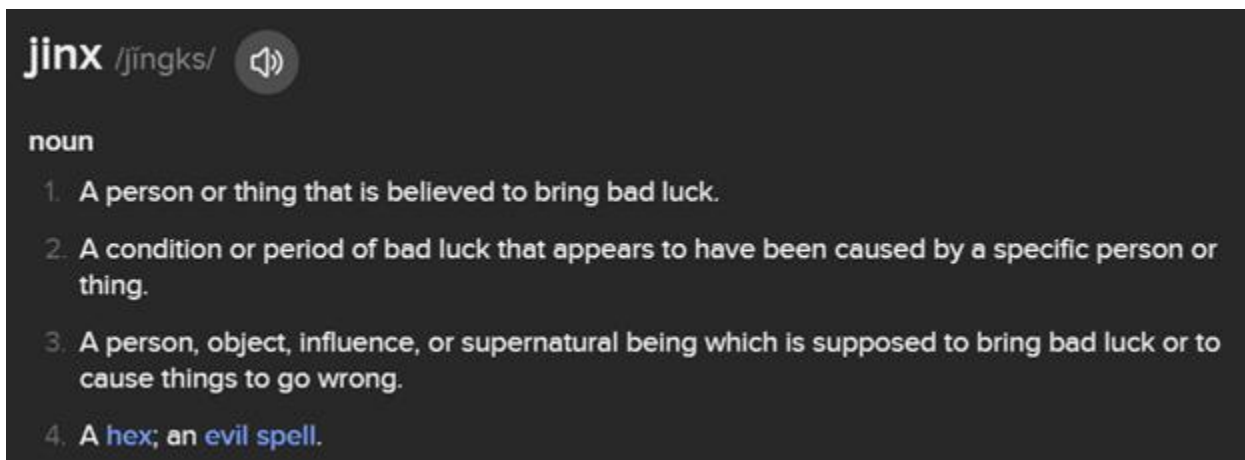
In tarot, the number 13 is the death card. Yet another link to satan because he is the god of death, of the bottomless pit. See the all seeing eye of lucifer here as well.

The occult uses numerology and gematria which is witchcraft dealing with number meaning and power. New Age has angel numbers and they spin 13 as having a good meaning.


As Christians we do not place any belief in the power of numbers or associate any meaning to a number. This is not found in Scripture. Numbers do not hold any foreboding for us or any luck or fortune. The occult has linked the number 13 to satan but that holds no meaning for us because we are not in the occult and we belong to Christ.

ODDS and ENDS

I saw an episode of Andy Griffith where there was a man in town that they believed was a jinx. They thought he was bringing bad luck.



The image shows a dark-themed dictionary entry for the word "jinx". At the top left, the word "jinx" is written in a bold, white font, followed by its phonetic transcription "/jɪŋks/" and a speaker icon. Below this, the word is identified as a "noun". A list of four definitions follows, numbered 1 through 4. The first three definitions are in white text, and the fourth definition, "A hex; an evil spell.", is highlighted in blue text.

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noun

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To ward off the bad luck that the man was bringing into the town, Barney started doing a bunch of superstitious stuff and one of the things he did was to rub Opie's head because Opie has red hair and that was supposed to ward off bad luck.

Kennedy has red hair and when she was a baby people were always commenting on her pretty red hair. My hair dresser told me that Mexican people want to touch a red headed baby even if just on the toe because it is supposed to bring good luck. I didn't find much on that but I did find all sorts of crazy Mexican superstitions, way too many to go into but here are a few:



To rid yourself of fear eat a piece of sweet bread.

No, to rid yourself of fear, get born again, born from above.

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

God says all through His Word for us to fear not for He is with us. **(Isaiah 41:10)**
He never said go eat a piece of bread! Lol These are the things that those who don't know God are doing and believing in.

2nd one - Eclipses can cause deformities in babies. Perhaps one of the darker Mexican superstitions is that eclipses can cause deformities in babies. If you are pregnant in Mexico and there is an eclipse, you need to wear a safety pin at all times.

Ideally it needs to be fixed to your shirt/dress as close to your belly as possible. If not, you risk your child being born with a cleft palate.



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These are just part of God’s creation, they are not lucky or unlucky.

Genesis 1:24-25 – And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*.

Some believe that the creeping things mentioned are worms, insects and reptiles. So it seems the lady bug was created on day 5.



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God created trees on day 3 and that included fruit trees.

Genesis 1:29 - And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (food).

How many of you guys have fruit bowls in your homes? Are you wealthy yet? What non-sense.



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Again, God created all the animals. We were in a peaceful state with all the animals until the fall. Man was initially given dominion over the animals but at no time does Scripture ever say that animals bring blessings on our lives or bring bad things into our lives. God is The One Who blesses us when we live in obedience to Him. A figurine of anything is not going to protect you – ever. Jesus is our Savior in every way.

FENG SHUI

Some consider feng shui to be a superstition or magic. Feng shui is a practice that aims to harmonize physical structures with the life force or chi, to achieve harmony with the natural environment. However, some of the beliefs and practices associated with feng shui are considered superstitious, including:

Mirrors - Placing a mirror on the opposite wall of the front door is said to cause disturbances in the family. Some believe that mirrors reflect good fortune out of the home.

Beams – A beam crossing the center of a space is said to create adversity that affects the occupant’s health, wealth, and careers.

Woks – Hanging a wok on a wall is said to deflect bad energy.

House height – A house taller than others around it is said to bring bad luck to its owners.

House location – A house located at the end of an alleyway is said to have extremely poor feng shui.

Road in front – A road bending towards the front door is said to bring bad luck.

First room – The first room one sees upon entering a house should not be the kitchen or the bathroom.

Bedroom – A bedroom should not have too many corners, or peace within the family will breakdown.



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Feng shui was banned as a superstition in China after the communists took power in 1949, but it has since seen a revival.

All of this feng shui business reminded me of something I'd heard before about stirring energy into your food. In witchcraft, witches believe that stirring your food clockwise attracts positive energy while stirring counterclockwise banishes negative energy. Notice witches believe this and this is superstition. Superstition is a form of witchcraft.

In one episode of The Andy Griffith Show, Andy and Barney were taking a trip on business and Aunt Bee stopped them before they walked out the front door and told them to both step out on the right foot so that all would go well.

*Please play from 14:45 to 16:08 and from 21:20 to 22:56 – Let's watch this clip from The Andy Griffith Show. In this episode, a woman (whose family are mountain folk and they practice and believe in folklore) she did a ritual and then claimed that now Andy must marry her. He doesn't want to marry her so Barney gets a book on Mountain Folklore looking for a way out of the marriage. STOP

Barney and Andy are trying to figure out a way out of this marriage for Andy. So Barney says he wants to take another look in the book. Andy says that's not going to help anything. But Barney looks anyway. Barney reads: put a willow chip under a dog's head while he's dreaming – then put it under your own head - you'll have the same dream. Barney says, "I didn't know that." Andy just looks at Barney like he's crazy. Then Barney reads: If a rider dressed in black riding east to west on a white horse in the light of a full moon passes a bridegroom he is cursed and the union is cursed. Then he says hmmm. Andy then wants to see the book and reads it over for himself. Andy says, that's it Barn! Barney is confused and doesn't get it. Then Andy explains how they can act out this whole thing in order to get Andy out of the wedding. / Then Andy sees Barney riding a white horse down the street but he is going the wrong way. Andy says, "That's north to south". Then we see Barney trying to control the horse. Then Dudley Walsh runs out and professes his love for Charlene and wants her back. She is hanging on to

Andy and telling him it is too late. They are arguing because he's been looking at another girl. Then Andy interrupts and says he thinks he hears something important. Everyone stops to look and sees Barney dressed in black on the white horse riding east to west. Then Charlene tells her dad it is "the curse of the white horse." Then everyone slowly backs away from Andy because they all believe he is cursed. Dudley starts saying "serves you right, serves you right, the white horse knew – Charlene's and my love will never die." Then you see a sigh of relief on Andy's face. *(about 3 min's)


<https://rumble.com/v4yxe1x-divorce-mountain-style.html>

Now they really went overboard here making folklore seem outlandish and making us laugh in the process. Folklore or folk belief is the same thing as superstition. Because the word superstition has a negative connotation sometimes people use the word folklore instead – but it is all witchcraft. The Andy Griffith show was made back in the 60's and actually has many episodes that deal with superstition and even witchcraft. The tv is satan's platform and he will show the truth but usually in a way so as to make you think it is no big deal or it's just a joke or just entertainment or that it won't hurt you to believe in whatever is being presented.

LUCK, FATE, DESTINY

I want to touch on this again.

The Fates

The three Fates, Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos, represented the cosmic forces of fate and time. Clotho spun the thread of human fate, Lachesis dispensed it, and Atropos cut it, determining the individual's moment of death. The Roman equivalent of the Fates are the Parcae. 

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Remember in part one we read in Isaiah (Isaiah 65:11-12) where the Israelites were worshipping the gods of fate and destiny. They had forgotten God and were not serving Him obediently. He said the judgement for this was that He was going to assign them to the sword to be slaughtered.

God holds the number of our days, not false gods of fate and destiny.

Job 14:4-5 - Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one. Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with Thee, Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

New Living Translation

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Verse 5 in NLT:

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When you belong to Christ, God is in control of your life and how long you live and no one else and especially not the fallen angels.

IDOLATRY

Again, when you believe in these things (objects, charms, amulets, talismans, plants, animals, superstitious beliefs etc.) to ward off evil spirits, protect you, bring good luck, or even heal you, you are in sin against God. The sin of idolatry and you are breaking the first commandment. Sometimes we have idolatry going on in our lives and we don't even realize it.

The simple definition of idolatry is seeking to another supernatural power other than God Himself. It is anything you place above God in your life. It can be a thing, it can be a person or it can be a deity. When you read the Old Testament there is a lot of talk about the idols they made for themselves. About carved and graven or molten images that were called idols. Those images were used in their worship to represent the deities they sought after. When they made those

images and bowed to them and worshipped them they were a direct link to the demons the image represented. The image was a direct point of contact with the demon.

One definition of an idol is a false god. The Bible gives us some names of these idols that were worshipped: Molech, Chemosh, Ashtareth, Baal, Belzebug etc. These are false gods, fallen angels and the women they mated with, being worshipped by those that did not love and serve God.

1 John 5:21 - Little children, keep yourselves from idols. (so be it)

In the Old Testament the heathen nations always had images of their gods which they bowed down to. The idol or image was a representation of the fallen angel or false god being served. It can be anything worshipped above God Himself or as a god. We are warned all through Scripture not to participate in idolatry. Listen to what God told the Israelites before they went into the promised land:

Exod.34:12-14 – Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

God is a jealous God because He created us and loves us and doesn't want us to destroy ourselves by serving the fallen angels. He loves us and wants what is best for us and when we obey Him and His Word what is best for us will manifest in our lives according to God's plan for us. He created us to bring Him glory.

Zephaniah 1:4-6 - I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the Chemarims with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship *and* that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham; And them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that have not sought the LORD, nor inquired for Him.

The Chemarims were an order of superstitious men appointed to minister in the service of baal and were as his peculiar chapelens. God is dealing with idolatry here. They had turned away from God, they were not seeking His guidance nor

His blessing. They were pretending to still serve The Lord but truly were serving Malcham. Malcham is the same as Milcom and Molech and one abbreviation the luciferians use for this false god, who is satan, is MLK. Let that one sink in. They called Molech their king and made him their god. God will not accept a divided heart toward Him – you cannot serve two masters. **(Matt.6:24)**

Believing in superstition and luck of any form is also idolatry against God. We are to trust fully in God and serve Him alone. **(Matt.22:34-40)**

CLOSING

We might not look around our homes and see altars to fallen angels or images to them but we are to be mindful of our thoughts and beliefs too. Why do we believe the things we believe, where is the belief coming from, what is it based on? Superstition and the idea of luck are usually just passed down to us by our parents, piers and our society, our culture. God wants us to come out of all that filthiness and believe in Him alone.

Rev.22:14-15 - Blessed *are* they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Sodomites were referred to as dogs in The Old Testament they were male temple prostitutes practicing sodomy. **(Deut.23:17-18)** Idolators, those who purposely worshipped the fallen angels and those who did not dedicate themselves solely to serve and worship God alone will not be in the new heaven or new earth with the new Jerusalem.

There is no way I could possibly cover all the superstitious beliefs and beliefs about luck that are practiced and believed in different cultures around the world. Test the things you believe against Scripture and see if you hold to godly beliefs or if you have any superstitious beliefs you adhere to because if you do, you are practicing idolatry because you believe in another power that is not God. Ask forgiveness, repent and live a righteous life. I hope this sermon series has been an eye opener to be mindful of the things you believe in. God will not share you with another.

PRAYER

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