

# IS HYPNOSIS BIBLICAL



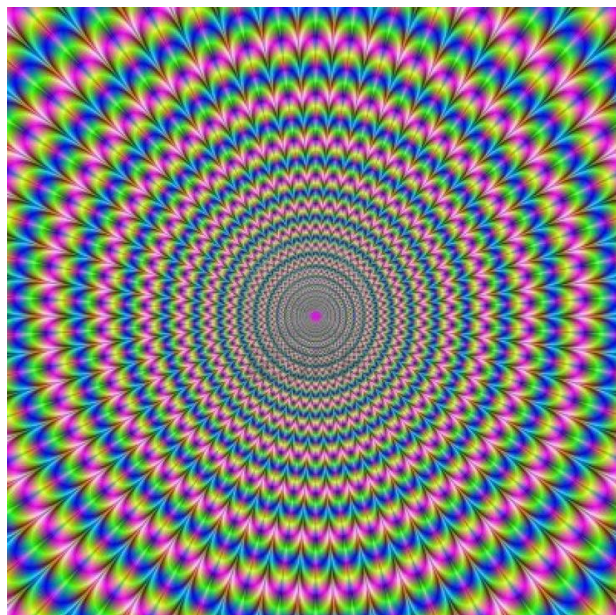
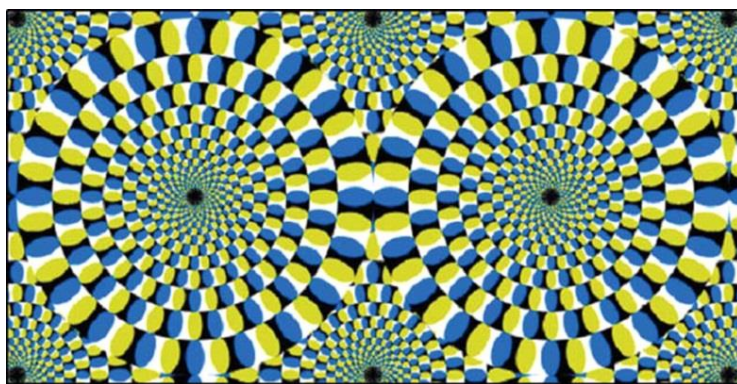
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I was asked: “Does anyone have any scriptural evidence against hypnosis?” In particular:

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Leviticus 20:27, “A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.”

1 Samuel 28:7, “Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.”



1 Samuel 28:8, “And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.”

1 Chronicles 10:13, “So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;”

2 Chronicles 33:6, “And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.”

Isaiah 19:3, “And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.”

Isaiah 29:4, “And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.”

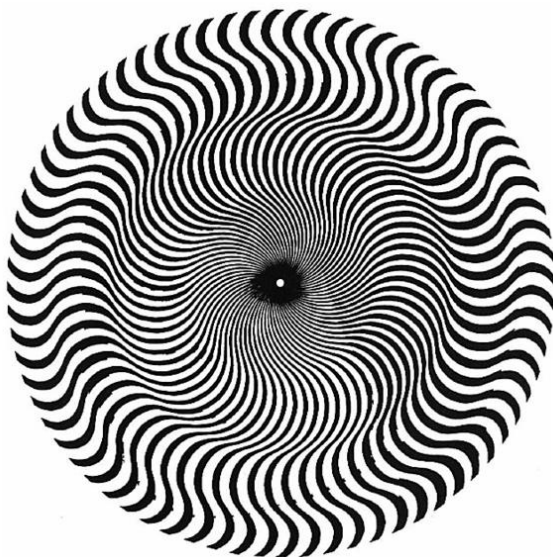
## Associational words:

A Psychologist practices Psychology; a Psychiatrist practices Psychiatry: What do these WORDS mean? Psyche: 5590 ψυχή psōo-khay': (from 5594 ψύχω psōo-kho'; a prime verb; to breathe (voluntarily but gently; thus differing on the one hand [from 4154 πνοή pneh'-o: to breathe hard i.e breeze: - blow, breeze, blow.] a reduction of temperature by evaporation: to chill, wax cold.) breath, i.e. implied: spirit: Soul. They are messing with your SOUL, MIND, and the YOU inside! The passive state to an altered state.

## History of Hypnosis:

(For the whole story see: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal\\_magnetism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_magnetism))

“Animal magnetism (French: magnétisme animal; Latin: magnetismus animalis) is a term proposed by Franz Mesmer in the 18th century. The term 'magnetism' was adopted by analogy, referring to some interpersonal and general effects of reciprocal influence and/or entanglement he observed.[1] Mesmer attributed such effects to a supposed 'life energy' or 'fluid' or ethereal medium believed to reside in the bodies of animate beings (i.e., those who breathe). The term is translated from Mesmer's magnétisme animal. Mesmer chose the word animal to distinguish his supposed vital magnetic force from those referred to at that time as "mineral magnetism", "cosmic magnetism" and "planetary magnetism". The theory became the basis of treatment in Europe and the United States that was based on non verbal elements such as gaze, passes (movements of the hands near the body accompanied by intention of the operator), and mental elements as will and intention, and that sometimes depended also on "laying on of hands." It was very popular into the nineteenth century, with a strong cultural impact. From some of the practices of animal magnetism branched out hypnotism, spiritualism, New

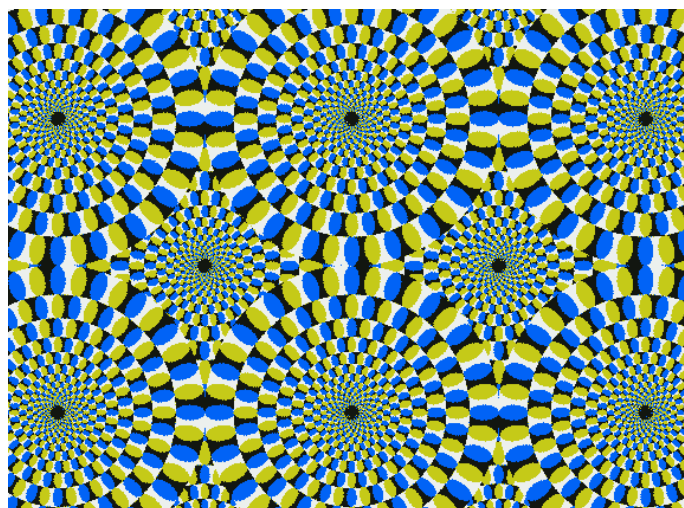


Thought, so called "magnetic healing", and parapsychological research. Some forms of animal magnetism continue to be practiced, especially in continental Europe, even today (2013). In France, for example energy healers (that are seen as different from spiritual healers) are still called "magnétiseurs".

After 1784, and following the workings of Puysegur, who developed "magnetic somnambulism", the words "animal magnetism" were also being used for the concepts relating to the phenomena of "somnambulism" that de Puysegur firstly described; in this case in English the expression is even more misleading, in that "mesmeric state" or "mesmeric sleep" is used to define the state of somnambulant consciousness developed through the help of the magnetizer. In this case the term mesmerism, even if validated by use, contains an anachronism. In fact, even if Mesmer acknowledged the state as somnambulism, it wasn't he who produced it, and moreover he has never claimed to have discovered it. He simply considered it as one of the many

manifestations (crises) in which animal magnetism could manifest itself but did not consider it as a specific state. And it is a paradox, but the term animal magnetism and even more so "mesmerism" found in English literature, are instead more frequently used to indicate techniques utilized neither by Mesmer nor his theory, but for indicating this kind of somnambulism and this specific somnambulist state.

Léger instead of "mesmerism" proposed the name "Psychodunamy" or "power of the soul." Léger renamed all the appropriate operations, the verb being to "dunamize," etc. So he dismissed "animal electricity" (Petetin), "mesmerism," "pathetism" (Sunderland), and "etherology" (Grimes). In renaming the phenomenon, however, Leger did not revise the characteristics attributed to it. L  ger was not the only one in proposing other names for the phenomena of mesmerism.



Abb   Faria was one of the disciples of Mesmer who continued with Mesmer's work following the conclusions of the Royal Commission. In the early 19th century, Abb   Faria introduced oriental hypnosis to Paris. Faria conducted experiments to prove that "no special force was necessary for the production of the mesmeric phenomena such as the trance, but that the determining cause lay within the subject himself;" in other words, that it worked purely by the power of suggestion.

Hypnosis originates from the practice of Mesmerism, being an attempt at what the surgeon James Braid described as "rational mesmerism". Braid based his methods of hypnotism directly on the practice of Mesmerism, but applied a more rational explanation for how the process worked. The term "hypnotism" was coined and introduced by Braid.

Hypnosis did not replace mesmerism at the end of the nineteenth century, but still existed alongside it. In fact, magnetism, and its variants, continued to be defended by serious students during the late nineteenth and into the twentieth century. Ideas, similar to the concept of animal magnetism, are still with us in many guises."

## Word studies:

Soul: OT

05315 נֶפֶשׁ neh'-fesh: a breathing creature, vitality, bodily or mental, ghost, heart, mortally, one, own, person, will, (spiritual) body, life, soul.

05397 נֶשֶׁמָה nesh-aw-maw': a puff, wind, angry or vital breath, divine inspiration, intellect, an animal blast, breath, inspiration, soul, spirit. (notice that the word inspiration has the word spirat (spirit) inside of it.)

05082 נְדִיבָה ned-ee-baw': (feminine of 05081 נְדִיב naw-deeb': [from 05068 נָדַב naw-dab': to impel; hence to volunteer (as a soldier, to present spontaneously; offer freely, be give, make, offer self, willing -ly.) voluntary, i.e. generous; hence, magnanimous; as noun, a grandee {sometimes tyrant} free, liberal {things}, noble, prince, willing {hearted}). Prop. Nobility, i.e. reputation: - soul.

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Spirit: OT

07307 רוּחַ roo'-akh: from (07306 רוּחַ roo'-akh: root: prop. To blow, i.e. breathe; to smell, to anticipate, enjoy: - accept, smell, X touch, make of quick understanding.) wind, by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; fig. life, anger, unsubstantially, by extens, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being, air, anger, blast, breath, mind, spirit, tempest, (whirl-) wind (y).

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Spirit: NT

4151 πνεῦμα pnyoo'- a current of air, breath, blast, a breeze. Fig: a spirit i.e. (human) the rational soul, vital principle, mental disposition, etc. or the rational soul: vital principle, mental dispositions, etc. superhuman: an angel, demon, or (divine Godhead) God. Holy Spirit, ghost, life, spirit, (+-) mind.

5326 φάντασμα fan'-tas-mah: show; (phantasm) i.e. spectre: spirit. Mat. 14:26, Mark 6:49)

## What does the Bible actually say about these things?

Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

1 John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

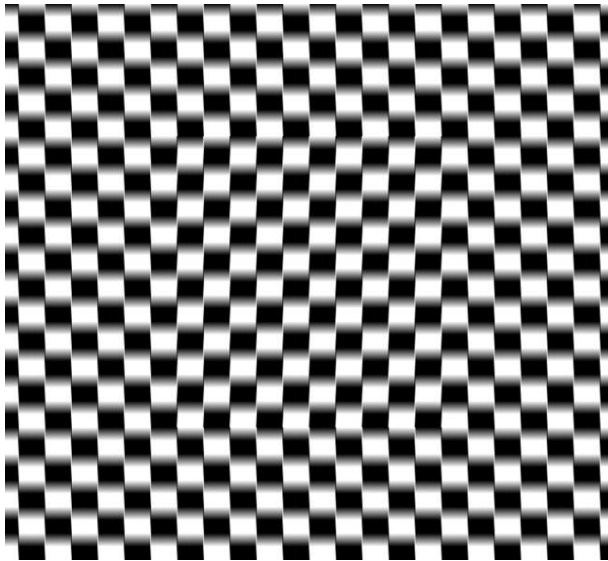
1 Corinthians 15:45, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Hebrews 10:39, "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

Psalms 49:8, "(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)"



Romans 8:23, “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”

Proverbs 4:23, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

1 Timothy 4:16, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

Hebrews 3:12, “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”

2 Peter 1:19-21, “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

Leviticus 19:31, “Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.”

Isaiah 8:19, “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?”

Colossians 2:8-12, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

So is hypnosis biblical? Yes in a bad way: it is a form of brain washing: hyp & nosis:

Hyp: hype or hyper: is a very excitable or nervous temperament: hyperactivity.

Hyp: hypo: is “beneath” or “below” as in a hypodermic needle: below the skin. Also as in Hypothetical which is assumed by hypothesis: which is an educated guess; as under the threshold of fact.

Nosis: Gnosis is the common Greek noun for knowledge.



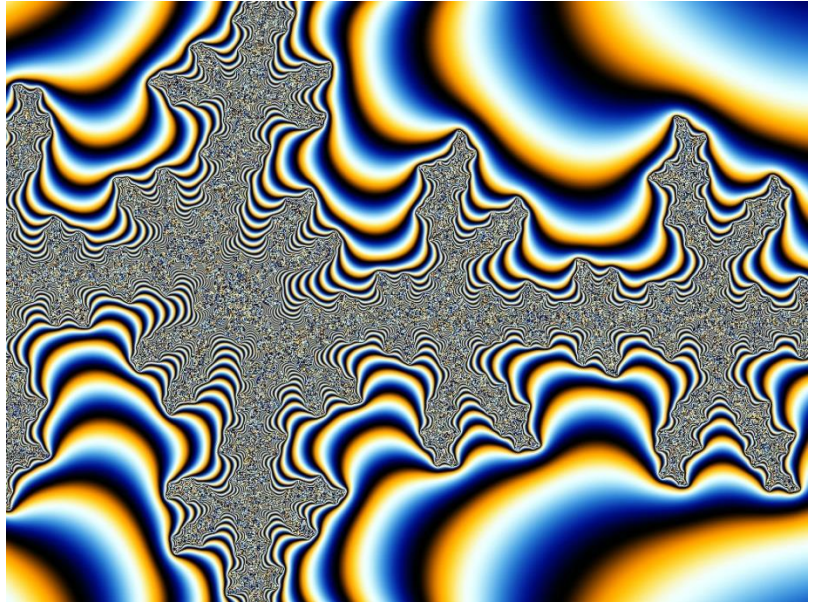
Why would you trust your psyche (soul) to someone engaged in guesswork about knowledge? A person that is guessing about knowledge without knowledge would be an Agnostic. An Agnostic is a person, who holds that the existence of the ultimate cause, as God, and the essential nature of things are unknown and unknowable, or that human knowledge is limited to experience and therefore there are no absolutes.

Ask your “practitioner” do they believe in absolute truth? The opposing idea is all truth is relative.

Hypnos: The god of sleep from Greek mythology; Hypnos was the god or spirit (demon) of sleep; he resided in the land of eternal darkness beyond the gates of the lake of fire.

Trouble with hypnosis would include sleep depravity, sleep apnea, sleep paralysis, and other sleeping disorders. You should guard yourself from any form of hypnosis as this involves at some level or another devil activity and opens up spiritual doors to such involvement.

The very fact that this was brought up as a question, begs to question the motive behind it. Is there a spirit behind hypnosis or behind the hypnotic state of mind? For this please look up “the gods” and “familiar spirits” in your Bible. Also you might want to look at and especially: Deuteronomy 32:16-18, “They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.” There is a connection between these devils and gods and idols.



If there are devils in the idol, then there are devils in many things that are not physical as they are spirits: 1 Timothy 4:1-5, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils**; Speaking **lies** in **hypocrisy**; having **their conscience seared** with a hot iron; **Forbidding** to marry, and **commanding** to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them **which believe and know the truth**. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For **it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer**.” The point being that the seducing spirits and doctrines of devils are of the same mind: to deceive.

Notice: the lies in hypocrisy. There’s that hypo again! As a deception or like hypothesis unknown as fact. Think about it: by their own admission, their word for there so called science is hypnosis. Unknown Knowledge: By such science, what are they doing to you? Are they placing their familiar spirits in your without your knowledge? How would you know if they are inducing you into a form of sleep?

Jude 1:4, “For there are certain men **crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and **denying the only Lord God**, and **our Lord Jesus Christ**.”

Romans 1:18-25, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness**; Because that which may be known of

God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so **that they are without excuse**: Because that, **when they knew God, they glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful; but **became vain in their imaginations**, and **their foolish heart was darkened**. **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools**, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **Who changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

1 Timothy 6:20-21, “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, **avoiding profane and vain babblings**, and **oppositions of science falsely so called**: Which **some professing have erred concerning the faith**. Grace be with thee. Amen.”

Ephesians 5:11-12, “And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather **reprove them**. For it is **a shame even to speak** of those things which **are done of them in secret**.”

Any form of hypnosis is demonic, satanic and a false science.

It is better to err on the side of caution when dealing with devils, Satan and his devices.

