

CRYSTAL HEALING, TALISMANS, AMULETS

God added luster to His creation when he made thousands of different types of precious stones and gems. Even before the creation of this world the Bible tells of God's creation of decorative stone:

...every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (Ezekiel 28: 13, 14)

At the time of Exodus from Egypt and building the sanctuary in the wilderness, explicit instructions were given by God concerning the garments of the high priest Aaron and his breast plate. First, two onyx stones were to have engraved on each the names of six tribes of Israel, then set in ornaments of gold, placed on an ephod worn on the shoulders. A breast plate was crafted with twelve gemstones, four rows of three stones: Row 1. sardius, topaz, carbuncle; Row 2. emerald, sapphire, diamond; Row 3. ligure, agate, amethyst; Row 4. beryl, onyx, jasper. On each stone was engraved the name of a tribe.

The names of gemstones were often used to emphasize a description of some scene or event. Job spoke of precious stones to make scripture the emphasis between material and spiritual riches.

It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made for coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it; neither shall it be valued with pure gold. (Job 28: 16-19)

The prophets Ezekiel and John were both shown scenes in heaven and the throne of God, with the names of precious stones used in their descriptions of it.

And I looked and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north...and a fire enfolding itself...as of the color of amber...The Appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the color of a beryl...and the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was ...the color of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above...And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone... (Ez. 1)

John's vision of the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven to earth also described a variety of gemstones:

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;...And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious

stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. (Rev. 21)

God truly loves beauty in all His creation. His adversary, the devil, takes God's creative beauty of gemstones and applies it to his use in deceiving mankind. Let us now turn our attention to a masterful deception in health and healing by Satan, in crystals and gemstones.

Simon Lilly, in *The Complete Illustrated Guide to Crystal Healing* p. 190, states that the oldest written recordings of the use of precious stones for healing comes from a variety of writings recorded in India. Their use was closely associated with beliefs and practices of astrology. Gemstones were believed to absorb and transmit energy radiating from the planets and to facilitate balancing of negative and positive energy in man. If the position of the planets were not satisfactory according to a person's birth chart, then crystals and gems were supposed to be able to improve the relationship of energies coming from the planets to man. The teachings from India spread across the world and left its influence in most civilizations.

Even civilizations that had little contact with, or influence from India or other advanced civilizations, developed some type of use of precious stones in the practice of health and healing. This concept is clear when one reads the history of shamans, medicine men of the Americas, witch doctors of Africa, native healers of Australia and elsewhere. Michael Harner, present day shaman and instructor of shamans, shares with us some of the history of shaman use of crystals and gemstones. In his book, *The Way of the Shaman*, he quotes Jerome Myer Levi:

The wide spread employment of quartz crystals in shamanism spans thousands of years. In California, for example, quartz crystals have been found in archaeological sites and prehistoric burials dating as far back as 8000 years¹

Harner summarizes this history of the shaman's use and belief in crystals with the following statement.

...Western science has obviously advanced to the point that it recognizes the quartz crystal as a power object, something the shamans have known for thousands of years.²

Stone has been an integral part of man's history—in building structures, as tools, in ornamentation, and in healing through shaman (witch doctors). Quartz crystal is the favored stone for healing by a shaman. The shaman is closely connected to the spirit world and its gods. In Australia and Southeast Asia the supreme god is, *Baiame*, the power believed to be behind healers and magicians who use quartz crystals. The indigenous people of Australia associate quartz crystals with the Rainbow Serpent, a fertility god.

...Here are the associations with rainbows, water, rain, clouds, and heaven that link to quartz as belonging to the upper world of the *spirits* and ancestors.³

The quartz crystal is considered by the shaman as solidified light. To be initiated into the shaman's domain it is necessary to be filled with solidified light of quartz. The apprentices will have quartz crystals put into their bodies by rubbing ground quartz into their skin and will drink water in which crystals have been placed, ostensibly enabling them to see *spirits*. The initiate is taken to a grave where the dead come and give him magical stones. Afterward, a snake appears as an ally and ushers him deep into the earth where he meets more snakes. From there he goes to the Supreme Being (Baïame) and receives crystals for his own healing.

In Malaysia shamans believe that spirits in the air cut quartz crystals out of the sky in order to use them in healing. Similar stories of crystals and spirits are common with the ancient healing practices. North American natives were closely allied with quartz crystals for healing and higher spiritual power. The crystals are kept in leather pouches and consulted frequently by the shaman in order to better understand and work with the world of spirits. Rattles used in dance and healing ceremonies to summon helpful spirits are often filled with pieces of quartz.

In the Southwestern United States, Indian tribes valued turquoise as a stone possessing power. In Central America as well, the turquoise stones were thought to connect heaven and earth, to give protection and strength via the *spirit* world. The various natives of the world all had their witch doctors; "shaman" is a name coming from the witch doctors of Siberia.

Crystal and gemstone healing has the longest history in the Ayurvedic system of healing. The explanation for their power and healing is tied in with astrology, as is all of Ayurveda. Health is maintained as the body remains in balance with its energies' three divisions or doshas: pitta, vata, and kapha (similar to yin and yang). Imbalance equals illness, and powdered gemstones given in water mixed with honey or cream are prescribed to balance doshas.⁴

The shaman of all cultures treated their crystal with special reverence by keeping it in a special container separate from the other objects in his medicine bag. He avoided talking about it lest it lose power. The crystal was viewed as a "spirit helper" and a special partnership might be entered between the shaman and his crystal; it was considered as "living," or a "live stone." The Yuman tribe shamans of California felt they must feed their crystals, hence placement in tobacco water.⁵

In the last 35 years we have seen a public explosion of practices and beliefs that were for centuries kept in the quiet. Neo paganism/Western occultism has ushered into our midst the nature worship of ancient paganism from the pagan societies of the East, African animism, and American Native practices under the title of "holistic medicine." Harner expresses it this way:

The burgeoning field of holistic medicine shows a tremendous amount of experimentation involving the reinvention of many techniques long practiced in shamanism, such as visualization, altered state of consciousness, aspects of psychoanalysis, hypnotherapy, meditation, positive attitude, stress-reduction, and mental and emotional expression of personal will for health and healing. In a sense, shamanism is being reinvented in the West precisely because it is needed.⁶

Crystal work is a component of both ancient and modern shamanism. In Native American healing, the shaman will utilize the crystal as a method for both diagnosis and treatment; the crystal is believed to be a vehicle through which the healing spirits work.⁷

What is so special about crystal that has brought it so much attention? First let us look at its chemical and physical properties. Nearly all of the rocks on the crust of the earth are crystalline with most being formed of oxygen and silicon. Aluminum, iron, calcium, sodium, potassium, and magnesium combined with oxygen comprise the rest. Every crystal consists of a single chemical molecular compound; one molecule is repeated throughout, forming a geometric internal structure. A crystal is defined by its internal structure. It is made up of atoms that have bonded together creating molecules forming regular repeating patterns. These patterns, arranged in precise geometry, create a crystal's solid form with flat faces. The internal repeating molecule forms a crystal lattice. A lattice would be similar to stacking boxes of the same size and shape in the exact same position in relationship to all other boxes, and so filling a room or warehouse.

When electricity is delivered to a crystal it expands in regular pulses. A quartz crystal when compressed will emit a measureable voltage, called the "piezoelectric effect." Crystals are used in most electric instruments, for example watches are dependent on crystals for their accurate timing. A crystal's internal geometric form determines its physical properties and supposedly "its healing."

Seven geometric forms of lattices are found among crystal formations: cubic, tetragonal, hexagonal, trigonal, orthorhombic, monoclinic, and triclinic. This would be analogous to having seven shapes of boxes, with each group of shaped boxes filling a separate room and stacked in a repetitive manner leaving no free space. It is this internal *lattice* formation that determines the type of crystal and its physical properties.

When a quartz crystal lattice is distorted by heat, pressure, light or friction, electrons flow creating electricity. Electricity delivered to a quartz crystal creates expansion of the crystal in regular pulses. This physical property makes it possible with a perfect crystal to create time pieces that are exactly accurate. Thus, most watches today have a quartz crystal with a battery connected to it causing impulses in absolute regularity, enabling the watch to show time.

Crystals have many properties. One is the ability to transform and transmit light. Glass fiber optics (crystals) transmit communication by light. Small quartz crystals have the ability to possess vast amounts of memory. The first laser was formed by using a ruby gemstone. Light usually diffuse in nature, was concentrated on the ruby which then emitted a single beam of light carrying intense energy. Most electrical kitchen appliances will have a crystal involved in their functions. Solar cells are dependent upon crystals. The electronic industry also is dependent upon crystals for the function of computers and similar instruments. The understanding and ability to manufacture perfect crystal has revolutionized our electronics world.

I have mentioned only a little of the understanding of crystal formation and the physics involved; we now turn to the subject of the use of gems and crystals for healing. Shaman and similar healers did not have the knowledge of a crystal's physical properties as we have now; however, they did believe that precious stones had the ability to transmit, transform, and amplify energy. They believed that a "*universal energy*" "*life force*," underlying the powers of the universe, was transmitted by the planets to earth. This life force power was accepted as that which replenished, transformed and renewed all things in the universe. The so-called *universal energy* is described as being composed of a light layer and a dense layer. The dense layer transformed itself into material substance encompassing all material things of the

universe, including earth and all life on earth. The lighter forms of the *universal life force* formed the elements of the spirit world.⁸ Author Henry Mason explains further:

“So, the universe is energy. That energy is the universe, and the source of everything manifested in our universe: the stars, our sun in particular, our planet, our lives, and our selves. We are part and parcel of the universe. We are dense, self-aware energy beings. We are part of the Universal Life Force, and we live on a planet that is a part of the Universal Life Force. We came from the same place. We are made of the same elements, coalesced from the same energy.”⁹

You may have noticed that no mention of a Creator God is made in this description of the universe. Satan’s counterfeit story of creation is what is depicted above. God’s power of creation and of sustaining creation is “hi-jacked” and the personality of the Creator is taken out. The power is divided into spiritual and material, and again divided into positive and negative energy. As explained in a previous chapter, it is also divided into seven different electromagnetic frequencies. The first level, the slowest frequency, is said to be the material physical substance of the universe—planets, earth, man. The remaining six increasing levels of energy frequency comprise the spiritual division of the so-called universal energy. Richard Gerber M.D., in his book *Vibrational Medicine*, makes the following comment about the proclaimed higher levels of energy:

“To most individuals, the higher dimensional energies are in the realm of invisibility. To a fortunate few with *clairvoyant* perception, the beauty of these invisible realms can be perceived with great ease. The only thing that seems to limit human potential is its definition of itself. As technology makes visible what was previously seen only by clairvoyants, the invisible becomes visible.”¹⁰

The false creation story continues: life force energy comes to earth from three sources, namely the sun, the moon from its reflection of the sun, and the perceived molten mass from the center of the earth. The claim is made that this is pure science and not religion. I disagree; it is religion from ancient Babylon. Author Henry Mason continues:

In a like manner, the sun projects tremendous spiritual energy to the earth. Virtually all cultures with recorded history have a sun god or goddess or the equivalent that embodied their understanding of that *spiritual strength and power*. He is Tonatiuh to the Aztecs, Horus to the ancient Egyptians, Apollo to the Romans, Tsohanoai to the Navaho, and Freyr to some Norse. She is Sol in Norse mythology, and Sunna to the Germans. But whatever the name and whatever the culture, we instinctively understand the sun as the source of *spiritual strength*....

Like the sun, the moon is also a source of spiritual strength to Earth. The moon has been worshiped, like the sun, since recorded time. While in some cultures the moon was a god, in many it takes the feminine form. For example, to the Chinese

she is Shin Moo, to the Celts she is Morgana. Again, different names in different cultures, but a universal recognition that the moon is a power in the affairs of men and women, and one that should be respected and honored.¹¹

The earth also absorbs the Universal Life Force from the sun and moon, uses it, and transmits it to the wind, the waves, and the life-giving atmosphere we need. In a like manner, it absorbs the spiritual energy of the Universal Life Force from the sun and moon, uses it to nourish itself, and transmits that *spiritual* energy through its elements and compounds into the plants and animals that absorb it to sustain life.” ...¹²

The apostle Paul discusses this subject of worshiping the created instead of the Creator:

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.” (Romans 1:18-23)

A **Talisman** is a **gemstone**, a **crystal** worn about the body in the belief that this object can aid us in our life; it is considered to act as a charm. This “aid” comes from the stone, supposedly, by amplifying our own powers, by focusing our feelings, thoughts, actions, and habits, thus benefitting us in reaching our goals. Secondly, it is taught that a talisman is a source of energy and power in and of itself due to its mineral nature and its ability to amplify our own power by channeling in more universal life force from the **sun**, **moon**, and **earth**. The mineral crystals have seven fundamental structural arrangements in their molecular lattice and each type will have a specific type of influence on a person. Example: a triclinic crystal system produces a talisman that is believed to have **barrier** properties. A barrier talisman supposedly is protective against illness and injury. The monoclinic crystal system is considered to produce a talisman that is **protective** physically and spiritually. It then is called an “**amulet**.”

Not only the molecular structure and lattice type, but the color, and even the shape of the gem is considered to influence its effect. Talismans and amulets are used to maintain the optimum function of the physical and spiritual attributes of man.

We now turn to the use of crystals in illness and disease. The discipline of crystal healing is totally dependent upon the hypothesis of **universal energy** and it’s believed negative and positive characteristics. This teaching is out of **astrology**. Subtle energy system concepts, such as electrical polarity, meridians, pressure points, chakras, aura, and subtle bodies, are used to assess and correct what are perceived as energy imbalances.

Crystal healers view the human body in totally different ways than orthodox scientists and doctors. Completely different languages and terms are used respectively in each system.¹³

A most important aspect of crystal healing is for the healer to be **grounded** and **centered** prior a healing session.

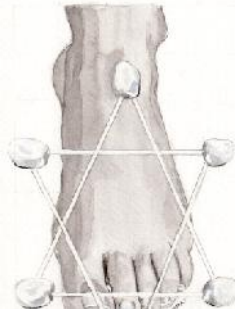
Grounding means total focus. All energy believed to be passing through the body will remain in balance, but if any excess energy flows it will *go into the earth* where it is safely dissipated. Grounding is accomplished by the use of gems, usually dark colored; the best place to set them is near the throat and coccyx. Grounding can be done by Hindu-type meditation, guided imagery and visualization (using the imagination to create a view of the change desired), by tree meditation (visualizing a tree and its roots with the tree representing the healer and the roots the “ground” connection with mother earth).

Centering happens when all physical, mental, and emotional energies are integrated and balanced. Centering can be done by imagery and visualization such as drawing the *earth energy* up through your body by deep breathing focus, sight focus, or voice focus, or by sounding “Om” or “Aum,” or by “tapping in.” Tapping in is done by tapping lightly with the finger tips on the chest below the clavicle on either side. It is said to bring into balance all of the *meridians* of the body (meridians are energy flow channels of Chinese Traditional Medicine and not recognized to exist by science).¹⁴

When **grounded** and **centered** the healer will then proceed to the therapeutic act of using the crystals and gemstones. The following are examples of ways that the healing sessions are to be conducted. By these descriptions we recognize the absurdity of crystal therapy, and spiritually dangerous to partake of the practices..

1. Place stones in positions upon or about the body, where disease or distress is felt to be present, in arrangement so as to depict the Seal of Solomon or Star of David, thus symbolizing a connection between heaven and earth.
2. To recharge your body and spirit do the following: place a crystal over a pulse point such as the wrist; when done in the sunlight it will supposedly increase the therapeutic benefit.
3. Healing by use of crystals and breathing techniques could be as follows: Inhale to bring energy into your aura; hold your breath several seconds as you focus your thoughts on the crystal held in your hand. With a forceful effort expel your breath out thus causing the energy within the crystal to be expelled through the top of the crystal as it is pointed toward the area of the body in need of healing. This effort must be repeated several times to be effective.
4. One technique for self healing is as follows: place a crystal over a *chakra* area of the body. While inhaling, place both hands on top of the stone being used and draw energy through it into the chakra. Hold the breath for 5-6 seconds concentrating energy in that location, then exhale forcefully while throwing your hands out to each side of your body, thus dispersing negative energy. As you inhale bring the hands back to the same location on the body, then repeat.¹⁵

Crystals in form of Solomon's seal



Water is believed by crystal healers to be able to hold a memory of an energy pattern of some object placed within it. The following practices are based upon this concept. Take a crystal and grind it into a very fine powder, place in a bowl of spring water for several hours, transfer the water into a dark glass jar and refrigerate. Or, one may place the ground stone in a bowl of tap water and expose it to sunlight for several hours; this creates an “**essence**” of sun energy, universal energy. Next withdraw the water from the bowl and place it into a jar with 50% brandy; this becomes a “mother tincture.” In turn place a few drops of the mother tincture into another small bottle of 50% brandy. It is then ready to be consumed by drops as a medicinal, or placed in bath water, in steam inhalation, etc. Both solutions of regular spring water or the essence water can be used similarly.

The particular crystal that is selected for therapy may be chosen due not only to its lattice structure, but also due to color. The color of the gem is contingent upon the crystal formation and its atomic structure which in turn, bends the rays of sunlight. Some colors depend upon the basic mineral while others are colored by impurities. When all colors are absorbed in the stone it is then black; when all light is reflected, the stone white.

Different colors are believed, by crystal healers, to affect different aspects of health. Each color represents a specific wavelength of light and may be referred to as “vibration” of energy, of creativity, of balance, etc. different colors are said to affect the body in different ways. Examples: orange is supposed to influence physical rigidity, restricted feelings, digestive disorders, lack of focus, lack of vitality, unable to let go of past memories, etc.; green is equated with abnormal growths, sense of claustrophobia, being trapped, unfulfilled, restricted, dominated, a need to be in control or to be controlled, invasive illness, etc.

Problems occurred in the past due to use of ground gems, as not all gems are safe. Minerals have been used since ancient times as source of colored pigments. Their colors do not fade due to sunlight but may change with extensive time due to oxidation. Some of these colored pigments are toxic and are no longer used. Red was from mercuric oxide and arsenic oxide— toxic. Orange is also from toxic minerals, yellow from arsenic and sulfur, etc. Another practice in crystal healing involves “**chakra balancing.**” The Indian Ayurveda system of healing believes that there is a network of subtle energy channels that run through the body. This network said to be composed of a central channel along the spine and which is made up of seven centers of energy called “chakras.” The seven chakras are proclaimed to be linked to the



Crystals over forehead chakra)

seven colors of the rainbow, with each chakra being of one of the seven colors. The chakra system is also believed to be influenced by a set of associated symbols, use of sound, color, shape, animal and god forms, as well as the senses.

The goal of chakra crystal balancing and healing is to empower each chakra to its optimal function as well as to the system as a whole. The most fundamental chakra balancing act is Hindu-type mediation, but the crystal healer supplements that act with use of his crystals. Choice of crystals for healing is determined by the problems the individual may have, or it may be just to maintain health. Once the chakra felt to be most associated with a health situation is determined, then it is necessary to select more specifically the optimum crystal needed to place over the chakra as therapy. Selection of a color, and mineral type of stone to match the chakra, is done by visualization, intuition (divine inspiration), applied kinesiology (divination by muscle testing), color meditation by visualization, or by dowsing with a pendulum.

WAND HEALING



“Wand” is a word that we do not often hear in the health and healing arena, yet it is still being used and promoted as if it was of great value. At a large religious assembly in June 2010, I was sitting at a table signing copies of the book *Spiritualistic Deceptions of Health and Healing*. The book exposes spiritualism in certain health and healing methods. I was approached by an individual who with enthusiasm presented to me his healing **wand** as an instrument that would remove pain by use of *life force energy*. A wand is an object, usually a thin rod or stick ranging from a few inches in length to several feet long. A dictionary definition explains it as a “staff of a diviner, a fairy, or a magician.”

This wand I was shown was the size of a ball point pen, platinum in color, and was said to be filled with crystals. Its magic was promoted as a “reliever of pain.” Point it at pain anywhere on the body and the pain was said to vanish. I asked if it worked on chronic low back pain; the answer was slow in coming but the advocate of the wand had to admit defeat for this malady, yet was claiming great success for headaches, small joint pains, soreness and minor discomforts. This person was truly sincere in his belief of the wand; in fact, he was a distributor of such. He shared with me that some members of his church were concerned about his use of

this healing wand therapy and had even suggested to him that he might be partaking of occultic power. He told me this in a manner and tone that led me to believe that he felt those who had warned him about the wand really did not understand the value and true scientific power he felt was truly within his wand.

A dictionary definition explains a wand as a “staff of a diviner, a fairy, or a magician.” It has been a tool of the magician for thousands of years, its use is often found in stories of magic and fantasy. Great power is often attributed to the wand in these stories.

In the popular **Harry Potter novel** extensive references are found pertaining to the use of the wand. Through it a wizard might effect great power for good or for evil. Harry Potter was born into a family of wizards; his father and mother were such. In this fantasy novel his parents were obliterated by the power from a wizard, Lord Voldemort, the most powerful of all wizards. Harry eventually attends a school for wizards and witches where he receives a wand. He observes his headmaster using his wand to blast through a door and knocks another powerful wizard flat.

In the most recent popular fantasy story of Harry Potter, he, as a student wizard, goes to a store that sells wands. After inspecting many different ones for size and feel, he chooses the one best for him. As he raises this wand in the air and quickly presses the tip toward the floor, sparks and light flash from the distal end of the wand and Harry receives a feeling of exhilaration.

There is a claim made by some that the use of the wand is Biblical! How can anyone make that claim? There is the story of Moses and Aaron using their shepherd staffs as a magic wand and with great power. The story starts in the 4th chapter of Exodus as Moses was talking to God at the burning bush. God told him He would give to Moses **a sign** he could use to impress Pharaoh that he, Moses, was sent to Pharaoh by the God of the Hebrews. At the bush encounter in the desert by Mt. Horeb God told Moses to cast his staff to the ground; it became a moving snake and Moses ran from it. He was told by God to pick it up by the tail and it became a staff again.

The story continues as Aaron cast down his staff at the feet of Pharaoh, and it became a snake. Pharaoh’s magicians were able to do the same, but Aaron’s rod—snake swallowed up the magicians’ snakes.

The staff of Aaron was used to bring on several of the ten plagues that God placed upon the Egyptians so they would understand that the God of the Hebrews was the God of the universe. Aaron’s staff was used to strike the Nile river to turn it to blood, stretched over the river to cause it to bring forth frogs, and struck on the ground and covered the nation with gnats. Moses stretched out his rod to bring on the plague of locusts, pointed it skyward causing a great hail storm, and used it to bring darkness over the land. When Moses came to the Red sea and Pharaoh was behind them with his army Moses stretched his staff over the sea and it parted (Ex. 14:16). After crossing to the other side, Moses held up his staff and pointed toward

the passageway between the walls of water and God allowed the water to come together, covering the Egyptians. As they journeyed in the dry desert and water had vanished, God directed Moses to strike a rock with his staff. The rock split open and water gushed out. (Ex. 17:6)

At a later time when Israel was traveling in the desert and water was not obtainable God asked Moses to speak to a rock to cause it to give forth water (Numbers 20:10-12). But Moses in his anger with the people for their complaining said “Hear now ye rebels; must **we** fetch you water out of this rock?” Moses struck the rock two times with his rod: and the rock gave forth water in abundance.

The Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. (vs. 12)

The rock from which flowed water at Mt. Horeb, and the water which flowed from the rock as they journeyed represented the living water of grace which flows from Christ, the Son of God. When Moses was told to speak to the rock, it represented our privilege to ask of God for the water of life, to be given in abundance. Moses assumed that **he and Aaron** had the power to bring forth the water with his staff. For this error he and Aaron were not permitted to enter Canaan. It was God directing Moses and through the use of his staff that God’s power was made manifest; there was no innate power from Moses or the staff.

When a person takes up the *magic wand* he is assuming he has power within himself to project power through the rod to accomplish some feat. There may well be some response but it is not power of one’s own self; it is the power of Satan working through the person and the wand.

Divination is a common component of crystal work and healing practices. It is often done by the use of a crystal pendulum or may be done by muscle testing called “applied kinesiology.” Healing may be performed using a pendulum made of crystal.

Geomancy, an ancient practice of “casting stones”, then reading the resulting patterns as the stones came to rest, was practiced in many civilizations on many continents. The stone may be cast on a cloth with areas of the cloth demarcated to mean certain things and the stones also pre-chosen to represent various meanings. As the stones come to rest, the diviner will interpret the fall of the stones.¹⁶

Scrying is crystal ball gazing. It is a way to access the unconscious, or subconscious, mind.

A crystal, or some other polished surface, is used to amplify or act as a screen for knowledge held in symbolic form within the mind.” “The mind dives down into itself, leaving the familiar clear coordinates of time and space experienced as an individual wave, and centers the deep ocean of consciousness where collective and universal currents are to be found. ¹⁶

The warning God gave the nation of Israel just before they were to enter the promised land, as recorded in Deuteronomy 18: 9-12, should be a warning to us as well and help us choose to

have nothing to do with crystal healing or any aspect of the crystal, gemstone, precious stone false premise.

When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abomination of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. (Deut. 18: 9-12)

Absent healing with crystals is done, with permission, for those who may be long distances from the healer. This permission can be obtained by dowsing, intuition, or meditation if the individual has not previously given permission. A “witness” will be used, that is a picture or lock of hair, a signature, drop of blood, or something the person has handled. The “witness” is said to carry the energy pattern of the individual desiring healing.

The Complete Illustrated Guide to Crystal Healing tells us no one understands how long-distance healing works, but that it works. As with all crystal healing acts, it is important to have been “grounded” and “centered” (in a meditative state) before attempting the art of distant healing using a pendulum over the “witness.” Also, simply placing chosen gems on a mirror that lies next to a “witness” may work.

Belief in **astrology** and its signs and symbols is very popular. Ancient Indian healing tradition, Ayurveda, developed a complex system of the relationship of the planets to stones and their use in health and healing. Today Eastern and Western theories of astrological crystal relationships have merged, so that there are stones for each month, each planet, and each zodiac sign. Wearing of copper is believed to reduce the effects of planetary forces on health. Dowsing for a stone to use in dealing with astrological influences is also a common practice.

The quartz crystal has entered the mind—control field of therapy as well. Marcel Vogel, senior scientist with IBM for 27 years, concludes that the natural energies of a healer can be amplified and directed to heal another’s mind problems. His quote is below:

The crystal is a neutral object whose inner structure exhibits a state of perfection and balance. When it’s cut to the proper form and perfection, the crystal emits a vibration which extends and amplifies the powers of the user’s mind. Like a laser, it radiates energy in a coherent, highly concentrated form, and this energy may be transmitted into objects or people at will.

Although the crystal may be used for “mind to mind” communication, its higher purpose...is in the service of humanity for the removal of pain and suffering. With proper training, a healer can release negative thought forms which have taken shape as disease patterns in a patient’s physical body.

As psychics have often pointed out, when a person becomes emotionally distressed, a weakness forms in his subtle energy body and disease may soon follow. With a properly cut crystal, however, a healer can, like a surgeon cutting away a tumor, release negative patterns in the energy body, allowing the physical body to return to a state of wholeness.¹⁷

John Ankerberg and John Weldon present an in-depth discussion of the use of crystals in their book *Can You Trust Your Doctor?* Therein, we learn that the real power from crystals is derived from the spirit world and many who become involved in crystals for health move on to channeling with spirit guides. Crystal healers claim that the crystals are mere devices for attracting the spirits, who then supply the real power. Even when the crystals are not used, the occult power remains.¹⁸

According to the nature of the illness, the crystal will become hot or cold as it is passed over the person's aura. The crystal is absorbing the bad energy out of the body, according to these teachings. It is important to remember that "the crystals are your teachers. Hold one in your hand. Be open to its power. It will teach you."¹⁹

There is danger in consulting cultist physicians:

...Angels of God will preserve His people while they walk in the path of duty; but there is no assurance of such protection for those who deliberately venture upon Satan's ground. An agent of the great deceiver will say and do anything to gain his object. It matters little whether he calls himself a 'spiritualist', an 'electric physician,' or a 'magnetic healer.'...²⁰

Isaiah 8:19, 20 makes it very plain:

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards (diviners) that peep and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is not light in them.

This system of deception that Satan has devised starts very innocently. When our interest is developed, we are led on to more involved practices. This in turn, can lead to developing psychic powers and communicating with spirit entities, animal entities, etc. This *channeling* allows for demonic possession of our minds and souls. The end result is loss of eternal life. Clearly the whole practice of crystal healing and crystal divination is "spiritualism." What is spiritualism? It consists of the doctrine of the immortality of the soul. It is also the belief that the dead can communicate with the living. A spiritualist is one who holds such belief and may practice it as a medium.²¹

Satanic agents claim to cure disease. They attribute their power to electricity, magnetism, or the so-called sympathetic remedies, while in truth they are but channels for Satan's electric currents. By this means he casts his spell over the bodies and souls of men.²²

...Through satanic delusions, wonderful miracles of human agents will be urged. Beware of all this Christ has given warning so that none need accept falsehood

for truth. The only channel through which the Holy Spirit operates is that of truth.²³

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