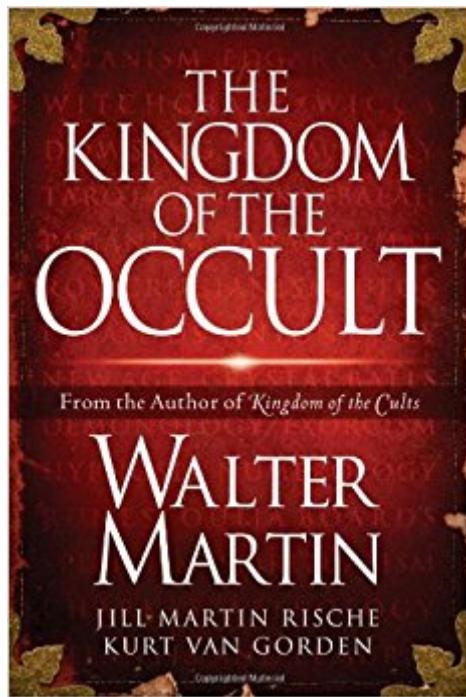


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Customer Reviews

The Kingdom of the Occult is the kind of book every believer should, if not own, then at least read thoroughly and thoughtfully. With every 'new' idea that bombards contemporary society, it's imperative to know how it compares and conflicts with traditional Christianity. I feel the material contained in this book is even more important for parents today than ever before. Parents with children in today's schools need a clear understanding of what they're exposed to, if not from the teachers' own perspectives, then from what other kids share under the guise of something 'new'. It's too easy to assume those 'new' ideas are just innocent fads that will pass by. Unfortunately, they're not, and kids are especially vulnerable to the lure of the 'new' and different from that for which their parents stand. This book helps the reader identify and crystalize the response needed in the face of the waves of 'new' beliefs that seem to come more rapidly each day. One warning: this isn't the kind of reading you can do in a weekend. While very readable in style, the material requires thought and

consideration. I'm very glad I allowed myself the luxury of a number of months to pore over the information, to check with Scripture, to consider my responses, and, maybe most importantly, to devise a response for the time when one is required of me. But don't think this is just a reference book. It's far more, and I recommend it to any thinking person, believer or not.

This is the standard pertaining to the information that the Christian must know about the occult. Walter Martin has compiled the information which was edited and published by his daughter, Jill Rische and Kurt Van Gordon. I am so thankful that this book has been published! I became a Christian in the '80's amidst the 'satanic panic'. The devil is everywhere, so Geraldo Rivera would have us believe. And, the publishing houses had a heyday putting out books about 'babies being conceived in hell' and an individual who used to be a doctor telling a fictitious story (though sold as the truth), not to mention the once famous Christian comedian, who posed as a satanic High Priest. The sad thing is, that the church took what they were saying and believed it. I came out of satanism and I thought that many Christians were simply making satan and his minions out to be way more powerful than they actually are. This was exactly what satan wanted. Christians believing a lie, or the fictitious work of 'authors' and publishing houses. No one checked out their stories to see if they were telling the truth. Lots of misinformation about satan, demons, the occult and spiritual warfare was the result. This book clears it all up. Literally. This book reflects the depth that Dr. Martin gave us in his work *The Kingdom the Cults*, which is a classic on the subject. He tackles the topic(s) and lists resources in order for the reader to offer help for those in the occult. A must read!

The Kingdom of the Occult is sweeping and a very well written scholarly introduction to and review of paganism and the occult from a Christian perspective. The authors should be commended having outdone themselves with this work. A careful chronological approach is employed that includes names, dates, definitions, content, with relational dependencies (the latter is much appreciated). You can actually follow the evolution of occultism from ancient paganism right through all of the strains we encounter in the world around us today. One could spend years purchasing and reading a great many books to garner the information this one so eloquently and accessibly puts right at your disposal. But this is no encyclopedia of the occult to be used strictly as a reference. The authors have carefully integrated Christian apologetics and Biblical theology at each step ensuring that you get the perspective and tools you need to live victoriously over both the deception and limited power of Satan, demons, and the occult. This is a book every Christian should own and read. Parents get it and protect yourselves and your families. Much of your confusion and misunderstanding will dissipate

as you read The Kingdom of the Occult. 100 stars.

The Kingdom of the Occult is comprised of edited portions of Walter Martin's various lectures and writings as well commentary on Martin's work and original material by Rusche and Van Gorden. It offers an overview of the occult, ranging from Paganism to spiritual warfare with a lot in between. Each chapter follows a standard format. They all begin with a list of "quick facts," followed by introductions that serve as summaries of whatever particular practice is the focus of the chapter before moving into case studies from Walter Martin's experience with these various groups and practices. These are followed by a Scriptural responses and then the chapters are closed out with concluding remarks and a recommended resources list. The book is rounded out with two appendices, a 22 page bibliography, and a 19 page subject index. As a reference book this is a wonderful resource. I wouldn't personally recommend reading it straight through as it can be somewhat tedious at times, but when a question arises concerning a certain occult practice or belief then this, I think, would be one of the first places to turn. The final chapter on evangelism is worth noting as the authors haven't lost sight of the fact that the most important reason to study the occult is to be able to offer help to those trapped in it; to be able to offer hope in something better, Jesus Christ.

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