Occultism

Latin "occulta" - hidden things

Originally: serious study of: the secret
the invisible
the esoteric

Today: use of the term "has become more slipshod and is now widely applied to virtually any study of unusual phenomena, from psychic experiences in seances to black magic ..."

Occult: Primarily concerned with providing enlightenment!

Attractions include:

- more power
NB: Simon the sorcerer - "The Great Power" (Acts 8:18-19)
Satan's craving to be most powerful (Rev 12:9; Luke 10:18; Ez 28: Is 14)
Common vocabulary - mastery - magnetism - domination, etc.

- more knowledge
by psychic means - mediums, tarot cards, etc.

- more "experience"
excitement

- greater satisfaction
in life in general
in spiritual life

No longer "hidden" - even "evangelistic"

- home study courses
- salesmanship and business methods
- media popularisation
- cinema
- psycho fairs

Module 2. R:166
SECULARIZATION
2OHP-3