## **Current Satanic Popularity**

WHEREAS we are witnessing an alarming increase in the desire for many people to communicate, experiment, and even worship the forces of Satan, in such guise as séances, mediums, Ouija boards, astrology, transcendental meditation, witchcraft, and even demon possession and a formal Church of Satan; and

WHEREAS such films as "The Exorcist" can only exemplify and increase such interests and experimentation; and

WHEREAS the Word of God is clear in its warning to all men, and especially to Christians, that the Satanic forces are very real, powerful, strongly opposed to the forces of God, being very eager to become involved with men but are demoralizing, degrading and horribly destructive when doing so; and

WHEREAS Christ has procured through His death and resurrection victory over the forces of Satan and clearly instructed His disciples to respect, resist, and remove themselves from such Satanic forces;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, met in Annual Conference in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, June 24–29, 1974, do reaffirm our belief in the explicit statements of the Word of God as to Satan being an evil and powerful foe of believers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our constituency to walk in obedience to the Word of God and have no part in the Satanic movement and warn men everywhere that such a movement, however innocent it may appear, will lead men and nations away from God to moral and physical destruction.

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