

What is Satanism?

A lot of variety exists in how Satanism is defined, it is generally understood as a religious movement in which Satan is worshipped. Satanism has a variety of connotations: the renunciation and denial of a Christian God, the ascendance of evil over good, the forces of darkness, the use of ritual evocations of demons, and sacrifices. Satanic religions are as old as monotheism and have their origins in Persia of the sixth century. However, Satanism is not a worldwide conspiracy. The vast majority of Satanists belong to neo-Satanic churches and represent no threat to society.

There is free-form Satanism, ranging from that which is merely symptomatic of sexual unrest and moral rebellion among young people to serial killers who murder and sacrifice their victims to their own perverse concept of satanic evil.

"Experimentalists" are youths who dabble in satanism and drugs coupled with suggestive heavy metal music, horror videos, and fantasy role-play games. Criminal activities traced to such experimentalists have included trespass, burglary, criminal damage, drug use, homicide, and suicide. Suicide is a significant problem often associated with written pacts with the devil.

A "self-styled satanist" is an individual(s) who justifies criminal acts through a belief system centred in Satan. Groups in this category include outlaw motorcycle gangs, extremist groups, drug-dealing organisations, prison inmates, and serial killers. A "satanic cult" is a relatively cohesive group of persons, akin to "self-styled satanists," who subscribe to the perpetration of evil in a variety of ways. These cults are often composed of individuals with behavioural problems who are attracted to satanism because it condones and encourages antisocial and deviant behaviour.

"Orthodox satanic groups" are intergenerational as they pass their belief systems, rituals, and group structure from one generation to the next. Criminal acts attributed to these groups range from kidnapping, sex trafficking, and drug dealing, ritual child abuse, human sacrifice, and cannibalism.

What is Reactive Satanism?

The term "reactive Satanism" or "adolescent Satanism" refers to groups of individuals who adopt the stories of mainstream religion but invert its value. Satan is still an evil god as defined in Christianity, but one to be worshipped rather than shunned and feared. In the 1980s, adolescent gangs combined inverted Christianity with romantic "gnostic" elements, inspired by black metal rock music and Christian scare propaganda, role-playing games and horror imagery, and engaging in petty crime.

Is Devil worship the same as Satanism?

The word for 'devil' is strictly New Testament and is the Greek, 'diabolos' meaning a 'false accuser' or 'slanderer' while 'satan' is a Hebrew word meaning 'an enemy'.

To some, there is not much of a difference between Satan and the devil. They are both one and the same, and are two dark entities spoken of differently at times. The devil is the primary cause of the entire evil taking place on the planet of Earth. He is also responsible for all the suffering on the planet. The Satan on the other hand, is spoken of as a dark entity that is responsible for giving birth to all evil temptations in man.

Satan is described as a dark entity that should be kept at bay by all means. He should be rebuked too. The Bible gives the names as devil and Satan for the fallen angel. There are other names found in the Bible too, such as Lucifer and Beelzebub. According to some, devil is the title and Satan is the name of the fallen angel.

What is Satanic Ritual Abuse?

The term Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA) was used to describe what is believed to be the widespread sexual, physical, and psychological abuse of young children in satanic occult ceremonies. Satanic ritual abuse, or SRA, is the abuse of a helpless person (most often a child) in rituals performed in the worship of Satan. These rituals, as reported by survivors, include physical violence, sexual violence/molestation, or emotional and mental trauma, e.g., forcing the subject to watch violent or disturbing acts. Ritual abuse has also been reported in association with other religious cults outside of Satanism.

Are there Satanic Groups/cults?

Yes. There are groups throughout the world. These groups engage in illegal activities such as human trafficking, pornography, and murder.

Do groups participate in human sacrifice?

Yes. One instance was in 2017: "The young woman was killed in a satanic ritual by two MS-13 members after she disrespected their shrine to Satanism, prosecutors said Thursday in court.

She died after she was shot several times in the face and chest, the Harris County medical examiner's office determined after she was found in the 9900 block of Sharpcrest Street, not far from Beltway 8 near Houston's Chinatown area." Andrew Kragie, Houston Chronicle