**Word Study for “Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced”**

**Necromancy**:

The art of revealing future events by means of a pretended communication with the dead.

Conjuration

The practice of talking to the spirits of dead people

The use of magic powers especially for evil purposes

**Mesmerism**:

Hypnotic induction held to involve animal magnetism

Hypnotism

A strong or spellbinding appeal; fascination

**Hypnotism**:

The act or practice of putting people into a state of hypnosis

To hold the attention of someone; to attract someone in a powerful or mysterious way

To dazzle or overcome by or as if by suggestion;

A form of sleep or somnambulism brought on by artificial means, in which there is an unusual suspension of some powers, and an unusual activity of others.

**Hypnosis**: Greek = *hupnos* = sleep

A very relaxed state in which you seem to be sleeping but can still react to someone else’s suggestions

A state that resembles sleep but that is induced by suggestion

The induction of a state of consciousness in which a person apparently loses the power of voluntary action and is highly responsive to suggestion or direction.

**Denounced**:

To declare solemnly; to proclaim in a threatening manner; to inform against; to accuse;

To publicly state that someone or something is bad or wrong: to criticize someone or something harshly and publicly

Publicly declare to be wrong or evil