



REPENT

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"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

VOLUME 8:10

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BEWITCHED

At midnight on 21 June (summer/winter solstice) bookstores across the world were stormed by millions of children eager to obtain the fifth and latest book of the Harry Potter series known as "The Order of the Phoenix" These youngsters were caught up in the "Harry Potter" phenomenon which is now sweeping the globe as readers in 200 nations, in over 40 languages, hungrily devour each one of these novels. In fact US consumer research survey reports that over half of all children between 6 and 17 have read at least one Harry Potter book. The creation of British author J.K. Rowling, these books focus on the adventures of 11 year-old Harry Potter who is selected to attend the prestigious 1000 year-old Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. All his teachers are practising occultists and tutor their students in the dark arts of sorcery and divination: fortune telling, astrology, potion mixing, spell weaving and curse casting. In reality these books are nothing less than instructional manuals of witchcraft woven into the format of entertainment – breaking God's commandments and producing a cycle of disrespect to parents, teachers and to one another.

Out of the Broom Closet

The advent of the Potter phenomenon should not really come as a surprise, however. Back in the "swinging sixties" witchcraft was starting to come out of the broom closet. The occult songs of the 1960's launched a devilish scheme to capture the minds of an entire generation. In the song "Sound of Silence" Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel tell of seeds that were left while an entire generation was sleeping. Now we have our youth literally bombarded by such TV shows as "Sabrina the Teenager Witch", "Charmed" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" steadily desensitizing the younger generation to the occult. Moreover with Hollywood's help in the form of two films (and probably more to come) Harry Potter will undoubtedly surpass all these other influences. Even children as young as kindergarten are being introduced to human sacrifice, the sucking of blood from dead animals and possession by spirit beings. Parents, leaders and teachers should take heed of God's Holy Word to instil discipline and protect their children against these forces of darkness in the spirit realm rampant in our godless world today. If they submit to God and resist the devil he will flee from them (James 4:7). Moreover if they humble themselves under the mighty hand of God, He will exalt them in due time (1 Pet 5:6). Even as Jesus triumphed over Satan and his demons and witches on the cross of Calvary so can His followers. Parents should take spiritual responsibility to challenge and confront Satan's forces of darkness which are robbing their children of their souls, in the power and name of **JESUS CHRIST**.

One-World Religion

All the foundations for occultism and witchcraft are now well and truly in place. But it is all part of a larger picture, a satanic set-up by Illuminati conspirators to establish a one-world religion with a cleverly concealed element of occultism woven into its teaching. In order to succeed in bringing witchcraft to the world and thus under satanic control, an entire generation has had to be induced and taught to think like witches, talk like witches, dress like witches, and act like witches. Yet unbelievably even some prominent Christian bodies have accepted and promoted Harry Potter as harmless and even helpful for young people. They have praised Potter and his friends for their friendship, honesty, courage, loyalty and bravery and a willingness to sacrifice for one another even at the risk of their own lives. However, they have neglected

to mention other characteristics of Potter and his friends, such as lying, stealing, desiring revenge, hatred, uncontrolled rage, swearing, jealousy, envy, covetousness, deceit, disrespect, rudeness, rebellion, manipulation, blackmail, gambling, murderers, diviners, witches, wizards etc. Harry's world says that drinking dead animal blood gives power; a satanic sacrifice and Harry's powerful blood brings new life; demon possession is not spiritually dangerous; and that passing through fire, contacting the dead and conversing with ghosts and others in the spirit world is normal and acceptable. It also models how to be disrespectful, lie and steal and get away with it. The examples of Potter and his friends only add to the cultural relativism adopted by most children today who are honest when it does not cost anything but who lie and cheat when it serves their purpose. And there is no doubt children are taking them seriously, calling them "just like us".

Pagan Ideology

In addition, Harry Potter materials have become much more than a handful of children's fantasy books! This pagan ideology comes complete with trading cards, computer and other wizardly games, puzzles, toys, backpacks, clothes and decorations stamped with HP symbols, action figures, cuddly dolls and audio cassettes that can keep a child's mind focused on the occult all day long and well into the night. Moreover, once introduced to this world of wizards, dark arts and spells, readers of Harry Potter can advance their knowledge and skills in witchcraft and paganism by visiting hundreds of web sites on the internet. Or they can buy more books on the subject from the well stocked Wiccan (ancient occult religion) sections in local book stores. Parents, do not be spiritually ignorant and blind. Repent, pray and claim your children in Jesus' Name and blood and teach them God's inerrant Word.

An Abomination to the Lord

Well, what does the Word of God have to say on this matter? Be sure it makes no bones about the likes of the Harry Potter phenomenon. "There shall not be found among you anyone who ... practises witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord ..."

(Deut 18:10-12). There can be no doubt that these satanic activities create a lawless and rebellious generation that greatly displeases the Lord God: and because they do, those who flout His commands will reap grave spiritual consequences. God hates these practices because they blind their participants to His loving and merciful ways and turn their hearts to a deceptive quest for demonic self-empowerment and deadly thrills. Surely our children deserve better. Instead of being caught up in the hype, peer pressure and frenzy of this evil fad which could open them up to a future of spiritual bondage and oppression they would be well advised to heed the Scriptures to centre their thoughts on what is true, righteous, honest noble, pure and lovely. Only by eschewing what is evil and clinging to what is good will our children and communities find real happiness and true fulfilment in life – walking in the power, truth and righteousness of Jesus Christ Himself who rose from the dead so defeating and stripping Satan of his power over each one of us both young and old, so we can live triumphantly and **not be bewitched by his evil devices!**

PRAYER

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, the Great I AM, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; justice and judgment are the habitation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face. As Your united army of agents and prayer warriors, we humbly yield to Your Holy Spirit of Counsel and Might to thank You for faithfully caring for us as we stand in the gap to prayerfully intercede for all families endangered by the spiritual bondage inherent in the Harry Potter phenomenon. Sovereign Lord, lead and guide us to speak Your Word of Truth that will set our children free from the evil snares of disrespect, deceit, rebellion, lawlessness and witchcraft. Thank You, omniscient Father, that we have fellowship and commune with **JESUS our LORD** in spirit to fulfil Your will on earth as it is in heaven. Blessed Spirit of Truth, pull down **all** strongholds of disrespect, rudeness, rebellion, theft, deception, blackmail, crime, lawlessness, murder, witchcraft and paganism which have seduced parents and children throughout the world. We prayerfully release the fountain of Jesus' blood to cleanse their hearts and renew their minds to set them free to obey God's Word. For Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the glory, the splendour, the victory and the majesty: to give power and wisdom to all who obey Your Word of Truth. Finally, we pray constantly and earnestly for Your glorious return as our King of Glory and Judge, **JESUS CHRIST the LORD**. We ask all this in His majestic and victorious name. AMEN.

R.A. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man and in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen

REJOICE & SHARE IN FAITH THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.