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Dear Parents:

Something of a very serious nature has been brought to my attention that I know will be of interest to you in protecting your family both physically and spiritually in the area of games and TV entertainment.

There is a seemingly harmless (at first glance) game currently on the market that many entire families can become involved in to various degrees. The game called Dungeons and Dragons progresses from a basic set up to complex and costly levels of costume and fantasy in the area of the occult. Here are excerpts from an article in Remnant Review, P.O. Box 39800, Phoenix Arizona:

"A wave of excitement is spreading across the nation's gift stores, a new 'warfare' that is outselling almost every board game in America. It is called Dungeons and Dragons. It is sold as a fantasy game. If you take the fantasy seriously, it is a game based on one's ability to call up demons to wipe out the opponent. I have seen some of the formulas. They correspond to some of those I became familiar with when I did research for my book, Mon Dare Call It Witchcraft. The formulas are serious, and one who was well versed with the occult wrote these manuals."

RECIPES

"Recipe: (Ointment) Add the cooked fat of children whose bodies have been dug from the grave to henbane, aconite, and cinqefiol; mix with fine wheaten flour to make a thick paste.

Recipe: (Liniment) Add scummed fat boiled from young children to hemlock, aconite, poplar leaves, and soot."

"These recipes for 'a game of fantasy' appear in Skinwalkers & Shapeshifters: A guide to Lycanthropy for players, Dungeon Masters, and the Curious, It was published by Creative Dungeon Systems, one of a number of imitators of the original game, Dungeons and Dragons. I bought this book for \$5.95 in a game rack in a children's toy store. The toy store manager told me that the games account for 60% of all games sold in her store. (They even sell coloring books for the younger children.)"

"This is going on right under your nose, and you never heard about it. For about 100 years, perhaps a bit longer, the world of the occult has been packaged and mass marketed right under the noses of millions of parents. Kids are now playing these games in the gifted children programs of the public school systems, in district after district. It is big business -- multimillion dollar business."

'Be ye for Law or be ye for Chaos?' "Shouting the Dungeons & Dragons challenge, my players rush into the fray with their magic war hammers; before getting an answer, their fantasy selves may indulge in murder, pillage, arson, rape. The Dungeon Master's world is a sort of giant Rorschach test."

"So begins an article that will drive my Christian subscribers to their knees, and will knock my non-Christian subscribers out of their chairs. It appears in the Nov. 1980 issue of Psychology Today. I'm telling you, you won't believe your eyes! Get a copy . . . 'Confessions of a Dungeon Master'."

"My Christian subscribers, and possibly some of the others (I would hope, all of the others) will recognize this game for what it is: a war. Without any doubt in my own mind, after years of study of the history of occultism, after having consulted with scholars in the field of historical research, I can say with confidence: These games are the most effective, most magnificently packaged, most profitably marketed, most thoroughly researched introduction to the occult in man's recorded history. Period.

Somehow, after knowing that Jesus suffered to destroy the works and power of Satan and darkness, I can't tolerate a "game" that dilly-dallies with something so serious. I may or may not understand all the reasons why, nor do you I'm sure, but I know it does not bring joy, glory and honor to our Lord. Here are passages that are helpful in giving us a proper perspective:

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret."
Ephesians 5:8-12

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"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron." I Timothy 4:1-2

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"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." I Peter 2:9

If you have this game at home, destroy it. If you have friends that are involved, share this letter with them. If you need more copies, call our office.

There are many TV programs, I'm sure you're aware of, that could be listed as objectionable, yet two new series have slipped in with very subtle characteristics that oppose principles set forth for us in God's Word. I quote from TV Guide, Special Issue-Fall Preview, September 12-18, 1981, pages 43 and 46.

Mr. Merlin ... "This may set reincarnation back 1600 years, but here goes. Max Merlin (Barnard Hughes), who usually wears grungy overalls and runs a greasy garage in San Francisco, is actually a sorcerer. That's right: Max is Merlin the magician, back from the good old days. Remember them -- King Arthur, the Lady of the Lake, the sword in the stone? . . . Their mission is to do good deeds and come to the aid of teenyboppers in distress. Max wants Zac to use his magic powers, responsibly; Zac, being no fool, would rather learn about love potions."

Is this something God approves of for entertainment!

"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" He said to them: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my sons. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.'"

Love Sidney... "This series is based on a TV-movie, 'Sidney Shorr,' in which Tony Randall stars as a commercial artist who's gay - and very lonely . . . Before you can say platonic, she (Laurie Morgan) has moved into Sidney's eight-room apartment. When Laurie falls in love and gets pregnant by a man who turns out to be married, Sidney becomes a surrogate father to the little girl, Patti . . . Sidney's sexual persuasion won't be mentioned again in the series."

Is this the kind of influence God permits!

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:9-11

I thank you parents so much for being wise, diligent guardians of your children. You teach me lessons each day. I thank the special parents with the spiritual gift of discernment for ministering to our school and bringing this to my attention so that we all are aware and alert to improper influences in the lives of our children.

Thanking God for you,

Mary Aslan,
Principal