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"Left Behind" Video Game

STEALING THE MINDS & SOULS OF CHILDREN

JESUS IS THE DELIVERER

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Are Christian Children Safe from Satan's Seduction?

Children are the targets of Satan's darkness. The problem is, that parents are walking in agreement with his tactics. Sadly, in many instances, the Church leadership is spiritually bankrupt concerning its discernment concerning his powers of darkness. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil," (Isa. 5).

Satan is boldly striking from within the Church, both adults and children. The spirits of violence, paganism, fantasy and wizardry are mainlined themes for Christian children. Many spiritually blinded "Christian" leaders are pursuing a powerful

demonic agenda that will take Christians into the emerging church or a new counterfeit system. The metaphysical capture of the souls and minds of the youth is the goal to turn them to another gospel, another spirit and another Jesus. **Unrighteous deception** is escalating because our churches and many spiritual leaders are sleeping.

COMPUTER GAMES

How can a child be influenced to readily accept demons? Are we opening our Christian children to new forms of spell-binding psychological addiction? The new "Left Behind" Video Game includes intensity of violence and killing. The new video game called *Left Behind - Eternal Forces* that is scheduled to be released sometime in 2006, was inspired by the best-selling Left Behind book series. This will open children to the influence of violence, mind control and wizardry. Webster's defines fantasy as imagination or fancy, especially wild, visionary fancy; unreal mental images; illusions; phantasms; whim; queer notions; caprice; an imaginative poem, play, etc.; in psychology, a mental image as in a day dream. ¹

The "Left Behind" Video Game will draw the child or adult becomes the master of their new world and forget that our world is a world where every person is dependent on their family or friends. There is certainly no room for the God of the Bible to be influential over their lives. Every idea is an imitation of the supernatural, where God is replaced with a strange mystical power that clearly identifies the world of Lucifer and his devils. Possession by devils is the apparent goal of the creator or, at the least, the goal of the powers that control their lives.²

The modern child's world is being barraged with occult oriented books, rock records, pornographic magazines and images of animals and people, ungodly cartoon tapes, witchcraft satanic computer games and children's toys and Disney World and Warner fantasy movies that have become evangelistic tools for Christian children. Their minds are jam-packed with violence, monsters, fantasies, demons, witches, wizards, robots, zombies like creatures and devils of all shapes and forms. The Bible

warns, "Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles," (Rom. 1:22).³

Parents buy their children anything that their little hearts desire. Many of these things will return to haunt them throughout their lives and even into eternity. Powers will arrive in their families that hardly the Western Christian has been trained to handle. God wants Christians to return to Him in prayer and commitments and He will lead them out of the great darkness that has arrived in our nation and our churches! ⁴

There can be no doubt about the flagrant way in which the forces of darkness are encompassing our land and people. This permissive society, with its blinding perversion and trappings of deceitful moral and spiritual values, is an appalling reality. The Bible speaks of the danger of ignorance in God's people (Hos. 4:6), and how risky it is even to bring certain articles that God classifies as abominations into our homes (Deut. 7:25,26). Unfortunately, our generation is so ignorant of God's Word that it has been quite simple for Satan to take advantage and attack us, almost at will.

CAPTURING THE MINDS OF CHILDREN

The occult (hidden, secret) realm belongs to Satan and the demons, however, those who become involved are damaged by the contact. They receive a curse from God to the Third and fourth generation. Occult dabbling will lead to all sorts of problems from physical sickness to moral and mental troubles. There is an outpouring of offensive activities of supernatural evil in our land related to Satanism, witchcraft, scientology, idolatrous practices etc. Influenced by various demonic agencies, these idolatrous makes up a call to engagement in spiritual warfare "in the heaven lies" as the church has never known before. "We are not contending with flesh and blood, but against evil authorities, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heaven lies," (Eph. 1:3,20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12).

There are grave dangers of uncritical acceptance of everything that pretends to be Christian. Many are so afraid of standing against a Word God that they are disregarding things they should not ignore. There are those who are saying, "if you see error in my ministry, ignore it because by exposing it, you will destroy Christian unity." Christian unity does not depend upon accepting one's error because of their claim of being Christian. Christian unity should rally around the love of Word of God and Jesus.

SPELL-BINDING

The computer is one of the mind-capturing instruments ever invented. It can be used for good but Satan's agents are certainly taking advantage of it for evil. "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion that they should believe the lie," (II Thess. 2:9-11).

WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR CHILDREN?

The answer is one of spiritual authority. Surely, Christian parents need not be reminded of the responsibility they have to raise their precious young souls for God that he has entrusted unto them. The Bible is full of admonitions to "carefully train one's child in the Lord."⁵

"And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up," (Deut.11: 9). "And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," (Eph.6: 4).

Conversely, there are dire spiritual warnings for those who fail to properly teach their children or lead them into error-filled teachings. "But who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone was hanged about his neck, and that he be drowned in the depths of the sea," (Matt.18: 6).

Accordingly, God has given Christian parents fundamental spiritual authority, or headship over their children. Even if the child has not yet received eternal life, he or she is protected under the covenant of the parents' commitment to Jesus Christ to an incredible extent. The Lord has placed a strong hedge of protection around Christian families, (Job.1: 10).

Godless parents mindlessly open his/her lifestyle of disobedience and a disposition to turn to the devil into the minds and lives of his or her children. These influences that the children are under are strongholds that control their thinking and will effect how they relate to the Gospel. They will also cause spiritual bondages in their lives. These rebellions include ensnarements to drug dependency, sexual sins, etc. The parents' lives will be repeated in their children.

The godly parents are shown in the Bible to raise children that are holy. “. . . the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband else were your children unclean but now are they holy,” (I Cor. 7:14)). The word “unclean” that the apostle Paul used by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit conveys the particular idea “under demonic influence. However, there are many things that exist independently of the family that defile the children. These can include ungodly television, movies, books, music and a host of other evil undertakings that are available to them outside the home. ⁶

TESTING SPIRITS

The Bible tells us to try the spirits whether they are of God.

(1 Jn. 4:1) “...and Believe not every spirit.” So all were commanded to examine all spiritual things with our critical faculties to see if it is truly the Word of God being presented. There are evil spirits that can produce phenomena therefore we are exhorted by the Scripture to Prove the spirits test the spirits; prove all things; hold fast only to that which is good. Proving all things requires the use of our reason and understanding but we cannot rely only to our intellect. We cannot be swayed by our inward feelings but we can trust the illumination and guidance of the Holy Ghost. But

the greatest principle of how to test the spirits are the Scriptures themselves. The Bible is the Truth.

How does one go about testing the spirits? (1 Cor. 12:3), “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit God calleth Jesus accused: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost. This is the supreme test of discerning spiritual things.” The Apostle, John, said the same thing: “Hereby know ye the spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God,” (1 Jn. 4:23).

Therefore, the work of the Holy Spirit will always glorify Jesus Christ.

VIOLENCE - THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT (Gen. 6:5).

What an awful character does God give of the inhabitants of the antediluvian world! “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth,” (Gen 6:11_13).

They were in a state of wickedness. All was corrupt within, and all unrighteous without, neither the science nor practice of religion existed Piety was gone, and every form of sound words had disappeared. They were wholly sensual, the desires of the mind overwhelmed and lost in the desires of the flesh, their souls no longer discerning their high destiny, but ever minding earthly things, so that they were sensualize, brutalized, and become flesh, incarnated so as not to retain God in their knowledge, and they lived, seeking their portion in this life. This wickedness was great *rabaah*, "was multiplied"; it was continually increasing and multiplying increase by increase, so that the whole earth was corrupt before God, and was filled with violence.⁷

LEFT BEHIND VIDEO GAME VIOLENCE AND KILLING

The spirit of violence is corrupting the church today. The Bible shows in (Gen 6:5), that all the imaginations of their thoughts were evil. The very first embryo of every idea, the figment of every thought, the very materials out of which perception, conception, and ideas were formed, were all evil; the fountain which produced them, with every thought, purpose, wish, desire, and motive, was incurably poisoned.⁸

The case in point can be seen in the new "Left Behind" Video Game includes violence and killing. The video game called *Left Behind - Eternal Forces* that is scheduled to be released sometime in 2006, was inspired by the best-selling Left Behind book series. Left Behind Games was founded on October 23, 2001 for the purpose of developing Video & PC Games based upon the world renowned "Left Behind" Series, which continues to be one of the top selling fiction series of all time. Having sold more than 63 million books, Left Behind books have been translated into more than 30 languages and new releases continue in the Novel Series (14 books), the Kid's Series (40 books), the Graphic Novels (10 releases), the Audio Drama Series, and more.

According to Gary Bauman of [Left Behind Games](#), the producers of the game, the game offers warfare. Bauman says:

The Bible contains lots of stories about warfare. Many of the early books are actually historical accounts of violent battles. In doing a game based on the Book of Revelation, we're offering gamers a chance to participate in a fictionalized story about the ultimate apocalyptic battle the end of the world.⁹

According to a [Newsweek article](#), "Left Behind Games CEO Troy Lyndon, whose company went public in February, says the game's Christian themes will grab the audience that didn't mind gore in 'The Passion of the Christ.'" ¹⁰

The Left Behind Games [Advisory Board](#) includes representation from several organizations including Campus Crusade, AOL Time Warner, and Purpose Driven. [Mark Carver](#) is Executive Director for Purpose Driven Church. Left Behind Games signed a contract with Tyndale House publishers (the publishers of the Left Behind series) for the game rights. Ingrid Schlueter of [Slice of Laodicea](#) is concerned about the violence the game will be promoting: "Does it make a difference if game players are shooting the armies of 'Anti-christ' or cops in Grand Theft Auto?" While many mega-churches, such as Saddleback, may heartedly promote this violent game, it does not represent the views of all Christians. ¹¹

March 6, 2006 issue - Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition: Christians are finally getting a high-caliber shoot-'em-up video game of their own. Due out on PCs in the second half of 2006, Left Behind: Eternal Forces is the first game adapted from the blockbuster books by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. Gamers familiar with the largely uninspiring and unprofitable history of Christian video games will quickly notice two differences in Forces: the top-shelf design, which offers an eerily authentic reproduction of the game's Manhattan setting, and a level of violence reminiscent of Grand Theft Auto. The game revolves around New Yorkers who are "left behind" after the rapture. Players scour the streets for converts, training them into a work force to feed, shelter and join a paramilitary resistance against the growing forces of the Antichrist. ¹²

Left Behind Games CEO Troy Lyndon, whose company went public in February, says the game's Christian themes will grab the audience that didn't mind gore in "The Passion of the Christ." "We've thought through how the Christian right and the liberal left will slam us," says Lyndon. "But mega churches are very likely to embrace this game." Though it will be marketed directly to congregations, Forces will also have a secular ad campaign in gaming magazines. ¹³

FEAR AND TREMBLING

Believers are harmed by the adversary when he comes as the deceiver because he is subtle and comes disguised as an angel of light as shown in (11 Cor. 11:14-15). Paul shocked his listeners with the fact that many of their apostles were actually false when he said, “And no marvel (surprise); for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the minister of righteousness: whose end shall be according to their works.”

The Apostle Paul shows that even as false ministers appeared as true ministers, so also Satan can masquerade himself as a true angel of God. The purpose of coming to a person in the role of the deceiver is to trick that individual into accepting the false for the true. A believer protection is discerning the spirits to see if they be of God and studying the whole counsel of God’s Word and rightly dividing the Word by interpreting Scripture with Scripture.

People of our day seem to trust their church leaders and famous personalities by relying on them to do their Bible studies and tell them how to live. No one seems to watching the sheep. A Good Shepherd never runs when the wolves come, but he fights for his sheep.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in AMONG YOU, not sparing the flock. (Acts 20:29).

“Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them’ (Acts 20:28-30).

We praise God that there is a way out of that kingdom of darkness, which is through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: **"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins,"** (Col. 1:13-

14).

(Ps. 2:11, 12), “**Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.**

WATCHING THE CHILDREN

But, who is watching over our Christian children? Seducing spirits are not reserved only for adults. Children can also fall under their power also. Many books are beginning to be written concerning the sexually-oriented, witchcraft and **violent** cartoons, movies, books, games, computer games and television. We are aware that these are avenues that Satan has built for the entrapment of the children of our generation. However, parents must know one of the most important things of family life. Your children’s relationship to God is as important as your relationship to God. God has a vital interest in your child. He wants your child to grow spiritually, just as He wants you to grow spiritually. It does not happen automatically. It takes planting the seed of the Word into the heart and watering that ground. Your child needs the same spiritual nourishment as well as he or she receives from your training and example. The necessity of reaching children for Jesus at their earliest age cannot be overstated.

Parents of Christian children must also be interested in their children’s Christian spiritual associations and Christian computer games. Satan is now infiltrating the Christian circles with his surprise tactics to destroy the Church from within. A parent must be vigilant. Satan’s aim is to grab the mind of your child and then steal the child’s soul forever. Many children are perishing for the lack of knowledge of Christian parents and Christian ministers. Most parents are ignorant of the role toys and cartoons play in a child’s life. Recently one toy manufacturer has announced some new toys that will interact with the television cartoons. Have you ever noticed that glazed, hypnotic stare that comes into your child’s eyes while watching television? This new, interacting toy will totally control your child. The news media announced that the human ear would not be able to hear the commands given to the toys from the cartoons but the toys would be triggered to interact with the TV action.

This proves that cartoonists are probably already **embedding subliminal messages** to the minds of our children. Called subliminal Projection by New Age prophet, Aldous Leonard Huxley in his Utopian book, *Brave New World & Brave New World Revisited*. According to Huxley, subliminal projection means an image presented to the sight or words to the hearing for a matter of microseconds and superimposed upon visual or auditory entertainment. What is seen or heard in that lightning-like interval lodges in the subconscious and tends to be a powerful influence on subsequent behavior. ¹⁴

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

(Matthew 24:3_4), "While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, 'Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Be careful that no misleads you (deceiving you and leading you into error')." I find this exchange highly instructive; the disciples asked Jesus for **THE** sign of His coming and of the accompanying End of the Age. However, Jesus gave them many signs, from verses 4_32. When a person gives a complex answer to any question, he is likely to prioritize the answers, beginning the most important In this case, the first sign Jesus gave was to warn of the unparalleled deception of the Christian believer **The** hallmark characteristic of the End of the Age is **unparalleled** deception. ¹⁵

(Matt. 24:11), "And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error." We should expect false "Christian" leaders to arise, to give false assurances to Christians and lead them astray.~. The fact that we are seeing such a huge number of just such false leaders calling themselves "Christian" is proof positive that we are living in the Last Days of Time.

(Matt. 24:24 __ "For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to deceive and lead astray, if possible, even the elect."

This last warning even gives us the clue that such false "Christian" ministries and ministers will be able to perform many of the same "lying signs and wonders" foretold of Antichrist. Such false ministers will employ great power, but it will be the power of the occult, and will be exercised for the express purpose of leading both believer and unbeliever astray.

DEDICATION

Are you spiritually ready? Is your family? Are you adequately protecting your loved ones? This is the reason for this ministry, to enable you to first understand the perils facing you, and then help you develop strategies to warn and protect your loved ones. Once you have been thoroughly trained, you can also use your knowledge as a means to open the door of discussion with an unsaved person. I have been able to use it many times, and have seen people come to Jesus Christ as a result. These perilous times are also a time when we can reach many souls for Jesus Christ, making an eternal difference.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, but have been very lukewarm in your spiritual walk with Him, you need to immediately ask Him for forgiveness and for spiritual renewal. He will immediately forgive you, and fill your heart with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Then, you should begin a daily walk of prayer and personal Bible Study.

If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, but have come to realize His reality and the approaching End of the Age, and want to accept His FREE Gift of Eternal Life, you can also do so now, in the privacy of your home. Once you accept Him as Savior, you are spiritually Born Again, and are as assured of Heaven as if you were already there. Then, you can rest assured that the Kingdom of Antichrist will not touch you spiritually.

(Jn. 3:16_21), "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

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