

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

¹⁰ "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹ or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹² "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

In this day of 'tolerance' in which we live in; it would seem that not all things are weighed evenly upon its scales. If a person was to promote anything other than Christianity, then it is often embraced with not only open minds, but open arms. It seems that the only disclaimer is to follow Jesus Christ. Consider how this new cult following with "Harry Potter" is taking over our young people today. Recently, I was contacted by Mike Hein, with the Christian Civic League of Maine. Mike shared the following disturbing information with me: *The evening of July 20 brought the worldwide final book release in the Harry Potter series. Locally, Barnes and Noble took the opportunity of the book release to hold a "Midnight Magic Costume Party" and to introduce Central Maine's young children to the occult. At 9:00 p.m., the store held fortune telling readings in its "Children's Department," surrounded by children's books and literature. The store employee who read the children's' fortunes used "Gypsy Witch" tarot cards which were created by noted French mystic Madame Lenormand in 19th century Europe. In addition to the "Gypsy Witch" tarot cards, the Barnes and Noble employee used the book " Cards of Your Destiny: What Your Birthday Reveals About You and Your Past, Present, and Future" by Robert Lee Camp to entertain the children. The book is a "...surprisingly simple fortune-telling system using just your birth date" according to online occult book reviews. The Barnes and Noble staff created a hand-painted map of the store specifically for the evening's events. Placed at the customer service desk to direct customers, the map had in the upper left-hand corner the "Children's Department." The sole event scheduled for the evening was "Divinations a.k.a. Fortune Telling!" according to the map. Two dozen pre-teen girls were in line to have their fortunes read using the occult tarot cards when the "Divinations" event began at 9:00 p.m. The children's fortune telling event preceded the final book release in the Harry Potter series at Midnight. Michael Heath, League Executive Director, said in response to the late night children's occult introduction event, "It's inspired by Satan, pure and simple. The Bible clearly instructs Christians to avoid mediums, spiritist, divination, and the like in Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, I Timothy, and the Book of John. "We are commanded in God's Word to avoid these things which are detestable to the Lord, or to have the Lord set His face against us as a consequence. That young children were targeted for this introduction to the occult is sick and wrong. "It boggles the mind that a mainstream company like Barnes and Noble would allow this witchcraft on its premises, and that they would then target unsupervised children for their tarot card fortune-telling activity."* By permission of the Christian Civic League of Maine

The witchcraft employed in this series is anything but harmless; and the supernatural consequences can very well bring death and destruction to our children. I exhort you not to buy these books, or watch these movies! This is an opportunity for all of us to take a stand for righteousness!! Will you do your part?