

Title: It's not just entertainment.

Text: 1 Timothy 4:2

Target: Stand firm against a satanic agenda!

Key Thought: 7 spheres of influence in society: Family, Church, Education, **Media, Arts/Entertainment**, Business and Government.

- I. **The Satanic Agenda in Music:** Music is a Medium
 - A. **Satan was Musical:** Ezekiel 28:12-19
 1. Full of Wisdom and Beauty (Vs. 12)
 2. Musical: (Vs. 13)
 3. Anointed Cherub (Vs. 14)
 4. Position of Leadership (Vs. 14)
 5. Lead 1/3 of the Angels to Rebel (Rev. 12:14/Is. 14:12-14)
 - B. **Music influences Culture:** "Again, the devil took Him(Jesus) to a very high mountain and showed him all the **kingdoms of the world** and their glory. (Matthew 4:8)
 1. **Music has a dual nature:** (Good or Evil)
 2. **Music evokes a response:** (joy, hope, sadness, anger, etc.)
 3. **Music shapes value systems:** (lyrics become beliefs delivered by popular influential persuasion)
 4. **Music impacts behavioral ethics:** (human flourishing, desensitization or societal deconstruction)
 - C. **Examples of Satanic imagery and Lyrics:** (Shock Value or Serious)
 1. **Expression of Anarchy/Humanism?** This is the agenda of Satan. Make yourself god!
 2. **Fame and Fortune?** No other gods!
 3. **Bowed Down in Exchange for Glory?** Not just a temptation for Jesus, but for you.
- II. **The Satanic Agenda in Movies & Media (Gaming):**
 - A. **REwrite God's Plan:** (3 Circles) Glorification of Brokenness.
 1. **Subtle Themes:**
 - a) **Distort Moral Values:** Normalize Sinful Behavior
 - b) **Promote Darkness:** Depict Violence, Nudity, Sexuality, Immorality.
 - c) **Change Beliefs:** Biblical or Secular Worldview?
 - (1) Deconstruction of Traditional Marriage & Family.
 - (2) Homosexuality and Transgenderism Glamorized.
 - (3) Erase Absolute Truth, which is God's Word.
 - (4) Humanism and Pluralism becomes the Focus.
 2. **Specific Themes:**
 - a) **Blur the Line:** Good witches are portrayed using sorcery, and spells to defend against evil only causing more interest in the occult by those influenced. .
 - b) **Direct Affront to Jesus:** Satan more powerful than Jesus (NOT TRUE!)
 - B. **REvisit the Garden:** Satan says to Eve: "Did God surely say? (Genesis 3:1)
 1. **Doubt God:** God has lied to you and is holding out on you.
 2. **Deny God:** You don't need God, you be God.
 3. **Defy God:** There are no consequences to your choices.
- III. **The Christians Defense against Satan's Agenda:** Ephesians 6:12
 - A. **Biblical Direction:** Proverbs 4:23 (Don't Let an ANTI-CHRIST influence have an inch your life)
 1. **Don't Conform to the World:** (Romans 12:2)
 2. **You Must Exercise Discernment:** (Phil. 4:8)
 3. **Test Every Spirit and Abstain from Evil:** 1 Thess. 5:21-22
 4. **Guard our Hearts and Minds:** (2 Cor. 10:5)
 5. **Give No Footholds:** (Ephesians 4:27)
 6. **Don't Grieve the Holy Spirit:** (Ephesians 4:30)
 7. **Pray for Protection:** Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge to Satan. (John Bunyan)
 - B. **Practical Suggestion:** Don't be Mindless, be Mindful.
 1. **Take Inventory:** Be informed of lyrics, imagery, and agendas being pushed.
 2. **Set Boundaries:** Know your limits of what influences you from Christ and not Christ.
 3. **Create Accountability:** Allow people to know what you consume, ESPECIALLY children and parents.

Takeaway: I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it. But because by it I see everything else. (C.S. Lewis)