

Demon in the Deck of Cards

Regular playing cards are not as innocent as some people would like to believe. I believe that they are used by Satan to seduce people into other activities. I also believe that they will cause a Christian to lose his love for Jesus and his desire to live for Him. Some of the most common places you will find a deck of cards (besides our homes) will be with prostitutes, gamblers, thieves, murderers, in taverns, brothels, prisons, insane asylums, gambling dens, etc., but never at a prayer meeting. Just recently I ran across an article by J.D. Carlson dealing with this subject, and I am going to share it with you.

SHOULD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE PLAY CARDS?

J.D. Carlson

I am giving this message on card playing because I have been asked by several people to deal with this topic. For millions of people the card game has a strong and a strange fascination. Where ever you go you see people playing cards. On my missionary journey, as I fly, I often see people playing cards by the hour.

I would remind you today that cards have always been looked upon with suspicion by good and godly people. My mother felt so bad when my dad, who was a wonderful man, said he saw no harm in card playing and introduced it to our home. My father said he saw no harm at all in card playing.

People ask me, "What really is the difference between playing a game of checkers and a game of cards?" Well, there is an ocean of difference between the two games and I will endeavor to show you why.

The Church in days gone by took its stand against the card game; ministers preached against it and big bonfires were built as people burned their playing cards.

Dr. Talmadge, as great a minister as ever served the Presbyterian denomination, said he would rather have his children play with a nest of rattlesnakes than with a deck of cards. Of course this was years ago. Today and for many years the Church and the pulpit have been silent in speaking against card playing.

This is interesting! The first deck of cards was invented by King Charles of France in the year 1392. King Charles was an insane man, by the way.

Now you perhaps have never heard this - so notice carefully what I am going to say. A deck of cards used to be called, "The Devil's Bible" and in the Seventeenth Century it

was called, "The Devil's Picture Book". This is very important for us to know. Each card in the deck has a special meaning. Men who know tell me this is true, the cards have a secret language. Here is what I mean.

The KING card represents the Prince of Darkness - The Devil

The 10 SPOT speaks of the spirit of lawlessness. It speaks in opposition to the [moral law](#) as found in the Ten Commandments in the Bible.

Then the CLUB card represents violence and murder.

The JACK speaks of the loose living man, the lustful man, the licentious individual who only lives to satisfy his lower nature.

The QUEEN card represents Mary - the mother of our Lord. In the language of the cards, however, Mary is represented as an impure, dissolute, immoral woman.

There is the JOKER. It represents Jesus Christ.

But, also, the climax of all that is diabolical in connection with the language of cards is this: Jesus Christ, the joker, is said to be the child, the offspring, of the licentious Jack and the Queen. I wish I didn't have to tell this. It is so vile, so dreadful in its implication, that every man and woman who loves and adores the Saviour who died to redeem us with His own blood must cry out in protest against such blasphemy.

So every card in the deck has a secret meaning, and all alike are teaching opposition to God and His sacred Word. After what has been said about the Jack, the Queen, and the Joker, there is no need of further exposure of the card language.

Let me ask you a question: "Why don't people when they play cards first ask God to bless their card game?" Can you do that? Of course you cannot. Well, the Bible said, "*Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him*" (Colossians 3:17)

Remember that nine-tenths of all gambling is done with cards. Also, remember that nine-tenths of those who gamble today learned to play cards at home.

No Christian should play cards. Surely no Sunday School teacher should play cards. The Bible said, "*Touch not the unclean thing*" (II Corinthians 6:17) As far as I am concerned I would not allow the "Dirty Deck" to desecrate my Christian home and tarnish my testimony.

IS CARD PLAYING A PAST-TIME OF THE DEVIL?

By The Bible

Did you know that the modern deck of playing cards was designed and developed by occultists and Satan worshipers. The early Puritans denounced card playing as an immoral act that Christians should have no part in. Why are so many Christians, today, fascinated with gambling and playing card games? The reason is that there is a very sinister and evil force behind the history of card playing that most Christians are unaware of. “Most card addicts do not know that each of these fifty-two cards has a secret meaning. There is a reason why good people have always looked upon cards with suspicion and uneasiness. They are tainted with dishonesty and indecency. Nicknames for a deck of cards include: “The Devil’s Bible” and “The Devil’s Picture Book.” There was a time when the church took a strong stand against the card game. In the fifteenth century European clergy attacked the games as being immoral and unclean. In 1423 a German preacher called them the invention of the devil and his hearers made a huge bonfire of cards in the town square. In another city cartloads were destroyed. Until relatively recent times, fundamental preachers and churches warned about the dangers of cards. Although the deck of cards have lost neither their meaning nor their evil influence, there is a strange silence about them in most churches today.” (Annihilating the Host of Hell, Book 2, 1981, Win Worley, pg. 59)

SATANIC ORIGIN

Few people realize that the modern deck of cards has many evil esoteric symbols and hidden meanings. The evil and satanic tarot card, according to the witch, Stewart Ferrar, is really the ancestor of our modern deck of playing cards. The tarot was believed to have its origin in ancient Egypt among people who were into astrology, mysticism, and occult magic. From ancient Egypt occultists brought the tarot cards to Rome where they were kept in the possession of the Popes and preserved by the Papacy. Later the cards were disseminated throughout Europe and were enhanced by such Satan worshippers as Aleister Crowley. Cards are a popular tool of the devil. Psychics, witches, occultists and Satanists all use playing cards to perform magic, to cast spells and curses, and in divination and fortune-telling.

ANTICHRIST INVENTOR

“The first deck of cards was made in 1392 for the insane French King Charles. The inventor evidently hated God and the Bible and designed a message in the cards which was the direct opposite of the truth of the Scripture. This is why it is common to find decks of cards possessed by prostitutes, gamblers, thieves, murderers, in taverns, brothels, prisons, insane asylums, gambling dens, etc., but not at a prayer

meeting. The King represents Satan, Prince of Darkness, usurper and foe of the Lord Jesus Christ. The ten card is for the spirit of lawlessness, in opposition to the moral law (the 10 Commandments) in the Word of God. Closely associated with the ten card is the club card. In 1300, clubs were the chief weapons used by murderers, therefore this suit represents the Spirit of murder and death by violence. The jack card represents the lustful libertine, from pimp to adulterer and whoremonger; a moral leper whose chief ambition is to gratify sensual fleshly lusts. The Queen represents Mary, Mother of Jesus, but in the card language she is called the Mother of Harlots. This is a vicious slander attacking the Lord and his Word. The joker represents Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Joker means fool and therefore Jesus is held up to ridicule. Not only this, but the joker is said to be the offspring of licentious jack and the queen, Mother of Harlots. All of the other cards also have hidden obscure and blasphemous meanings.” (ibid., Pg. 60) This has also been confirmed as the true meaning of a seemingly innocent deck of playing cards found in many homes, by the gambling fraternity of professional gamblers, as outlined in vol. 40, May 1991, No. 11, ps. 3-4 of the Gospel Standard.

PHALLIC HERITAGE

Researcher, Charles G. Berger, in his book “The Phallic Heritage,” found out that the modern deck of playing cards has an occult phallic symbolism incorporated into each card. Berger says that the diamond and heart are the female symbols while the club and spade are the male symbols. The male is symbolized by the color red and the female by the color black. “Both sexes are symbolized on each card by having a symbol of one sex and a color of the opposite sex. The trinity or complete family is seen in the three highest cards, which are the king, queen, jack or knave. ‘Knave,’ like knabe in German, means ‘boy.’ Therefore, in cards we have the father, mother and child, the natural trinity or perfect family. There are four suits to symbolize the male triad and female unit, forming the Arba-el, or the four gods.” (ps. 178-180)

ASTROLOGY IN THE CARDS

Playing cards have a powerful connection to Astrology, an ancient witchcraft science. The occultist or witch who designed the card deck patterned the numerical sequence of the cards to correspond with the occult science of astrology and the zodiac. The 52 card deck represents the 52 weeks of the year. The 12 face cards, in the four different suits, represent the 4 weeks of the month and the 4 different seasons of the year. The 13 cards in each suit represent the lunar months. By counting the jack as 11, the queen as 12 and the king as 13, along with the joker, the number of all the spots or values in a card deck equals 365 to represent the total number of days in a year. The colors red and black are also supposed to represent day and night. It seems that the card designers certainly incorporated astrology into the deck of cards.

GAMBLING

“For the Christian the facts connected with gambling make it so obviously inconsistent with the biblical lifestyle, the Christian ethic, and the principles of expediency, that it should be shunned like the plague.” (The World the Flesh and the Devil, Harold Lindsell, p. 121) At one time about nine-tenths of all gambling was done with cards and many Christians participated in gambling, some even learning to do so at home. Poker was the game of choice for gamblers and was a common past-time in dance halls, saloons, and whorehouses, where it was often accompanied by violence, drinking, cheating, stealing, prostitution, and murder. In the past, many Christian institutions and churches denounced gambling and expressly forbid their members to play cards. Puritans and other early-day Protestant preachers believed it was a sin to have such an abominable thing as a deck of cards in a Christian home. Don't let gambling become an expensive habit or an addictive bondage that leads you to financial ruin and spiritual devastation.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

A Christian is strictly forbidden to participate in any games or past-times that are of the world and of the devil (1 Jn. 2:14-17). Since the deck of playing cards is of the devil a Christian cannot glorify God by playing these cards or even having them in their home (1 Cor. 6:20, 10:31). Playing cards in ones home, for hours at a time, day after day, can become an idolatrous activity that wastes precious time and stagnates spiritual growth (1 Cor. 10:6; Eph. 5:11, 15-17). It is an abomination to have a detestable deck of cards in ones home. Remove all the decks of cards in your home and burn them like the early-day saints did. Curses could come upon you and your household if you allow such an evil thing to remain in your home (Deut. 7:26, 30:17-20; Josh. 7:13; Acts 19:19)

REPENTANCE

Dear Heavenly Father, forgive me for having such an evil and abominable thing of the devil in my home and for all the valuable time and/or money I have wasted playing card games. I renounce all gambling and card playing and have removed all card decks from my home and have burned them. Please forgive me of this sin and cleanse me and my home of this defilement. I ask that you remove any curses that may be operating in my life or the lives of anyone in my home, as a result of having and using cards. Thank you! In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen!