

Peddling Satan Through Children's Books :: By Tom Hoffman

Scanning my favorite websites for end times-related stories, I could hardly believe the article that stood before me. The title of the article? *Retail Giant Amazon selling Children's Book with Satanic Sigils to Summon Demons.*

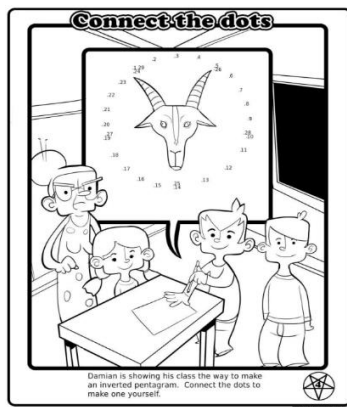
From the Amazon description, "Don't want to take the trash out tonight? Maybe you're swimming in homework? Perhaps that big bully is being a real drag? Well, grab your coloured pencils and sigil drawing skills and dial-up some demons! But be careful, even if these spirits are mostly silly than scary, they are still demons."

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2019/december/retail-giant-amazon-selling-childrens-book-with-satanic-sigils-to-summon-demons>

As one of my favorite sportscaster's used to proclaim after a play that was inexplicable ... "Oh my!"

The website Vox.com offers a children's coloring book titled, *The Satanic Children's BIG BOOK of Activities.*

Here's a sample coloring page from the book:



Readers of this article will be and should be outraged.

Satan is taking the most vulnerable among us (our children) and feeding them incredible filth and evil. He knows that his time is growing short and Jesus is going to return and set up his kingdom. Because of the lateness of God's prophetic time clock, we know The Evil One will dig deep into the evil recesses of his heart, and examples like this leave us speechless.

And angry.

And afraid ... namely for our children and grandchildren.

Jimmy Connors, the Hall-of-Fame tennis player, was once asked the formula to his huge success as a professional. It's simple, he responded, "*I always keep my eye on the ball.*" In these times of confusion, growing apostasy, and cultural moral absence ... *we must keep our eye on the ball.*

What does that mean?

It means we always must ‘see’ the fundamentals of God’s Holy Word, Prayer, and Christian Fellowship in front of us. I’m not saying once or twice a week. I’m saying each and every day.

Reading Scripture

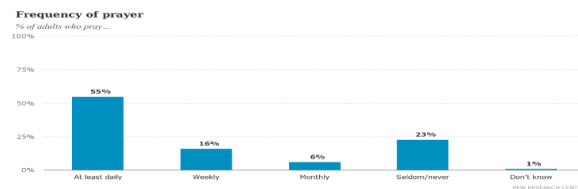
I just retired, and one of the best things now is my ability to read God’s Word daily. My former career was intense and time consuming, and it was difficult for me to be able to dive into scripture on a daily basis.

Because I was unable to make a structured commitment to intentionally read each day ... it always made me feel guilty. You may be in the same situation where the demands of your career or your family make it difficult to have a daily devotional time. So much as we can, though, especially today ... we need to read the Bible as consistently as we can.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Actively Praying

Developing a consistent prayer life is even more difficult than being in the Word each day. This is clearly evident in a 2017 PEW Research study that examined adult prayer habits in the United States.¹



Considering the urgency of the Gospel message, these statistics are very disappointing. Worse yet, the Barna Group claims that 4% of Christians pray with partners, small groups, or collectively with a church.² As the Body of Christ, we must do a better job of interceding for family, church community, friends, nation, and world.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-23).

Engaging in Fellowship

What is the first thing new Christians are encouraged to do? New Christians are urged to find a local church to attend as soon as possible.

Why?

We've heard John Donne's famous quote many times, "No man is an island; every man is piece of the continent, and part of the main." When we become Christians, we need other Christians to lead us in example of how to grow closer to God through His Word, prayer, worship, and fellowship.

When we are truly practicing our faith journey as born-again believers ... we become family with those who also believe. I think that's partly why Jesus chose twelve disciples when he began his ministry here on earth. The disciples needed each other to grow in their love and faith in Jesus.

And, without question, we need the very same thing today.

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:44-47).

For now, Satan is alive and well. But, because we believe, we know how the story ends. How else to explain that the largest retail company in the world is now selling books about demons to our children. Only that the Rapture of the Church must be near, and the ensuing chaos of the Tribulation Period will bring even greater horrors to those left behind.

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Sources:

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