

Hiding the Invisible - 4

The Demonic and Fantasy Role Play

At the end of this poem, you can read of four incidents touching on this subject, as well as some suggestions on what to do and what 'not' to do if this touches your life.

Amidst shrieks and howls and evil laughs
The meeting came to order,
The demons had arrived from
The land of fifty borders.

Then Satan stood and said to ⁱ
This vile and evil crowd,
"Do you all still serve me?"
"Yes!" is what they vowed.

"Then tell me of your service, someone
Stand and tell me now,
Speak of your deception; tell me
When and where and how."

Then several demons stood to speak,
Each giving their report
Of their assault upon humanity
By schemes of every sort. ⁱⁱ

Then one of them, quite rancorous,
Said, "I will tell you how
We slyly trap their children who
Then, to our plan, will bow. ⁱⁱⁱ

We encourage the creation
Of realms of fantasy,
Where in their imaginations,
They move and speak and see.

They do it through the roles they play;
In games, it is quite fun
To summon, scheme and battle,
Until they're number one. ^{iv}

In these games, they win by learning,
Then using magic spells ^v
To summon supernatural help,
So their battles will go well.

Then slowly, faintly over time,
We gradually suggest
The games have deeper levels and
They've yet to see the best."

We give them thoughts suggesting, ^{vi}
'It's not just fantasy,
For there exist a different realm
Where it's reality.' ^{vii}

Then we proceed to blur the gap
From truth to fantasy;
Implanting dreams and visions, so ^{viii}
'This realm,' they start to see.

Then later we input the thought
That they can bring it here, ^{ix}
But do it oh-so carefully,
So they won't start to fear.

Then gently, oh so gently, we
Initiate contact,
Most often, while they're sleeping to^x
Control how they react.

We tell them that we're friendly and
There is no need for fright,
We're known by many different names,
Like 'angels of the light.'^{xi}

We tell them that the knowledge of
Our realm is shared by few
And people who are older just^{xii}
Cannot believe it's true;

Then we invite communication,
'If they ever need a friend,'
We tell them they can call on us;
On us they can depend.^{xiii}

But then we also warn them that
Our presence can't be known,
For if some people learn of us,
Then we will soon be gone.^{xiv}

Then we speak of secret knowledge^{xv}
Which'll help them through their life,
As well as special power they
Can use in times of strife^{xvi}

And tell them they can access this
Just like they're in the game,
The summoning and magic spells
Are really just the same.^{xvii}

Then this knowledge and this power,
Will cause their pride to grow,^{xviii}
Plus we tell them that they're special,
Far more than others know.

So they begin to trust in us,
We make them think they should
And in this way they worship us^{xix}
Which feels so very good!

For we are their significance,
Their knowledge and their power,
So now they'll do our bidding,^{xx}
Or it will all turn sour.

And when they learn they're serving us,
If they start to cower,
We tell them, "Do just what we say,
Or you will feel our power!"^{xxi}

So, through pride and fear we lead them
Into much greater sin,
And this at last will open doors,
So we can enter in.

So then we have a place to rest,
A place to call our own,^{xxii}
To reside inside a body which
Is made of flesh and bone."^{xxiii}

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Then suddenly, their master stood
And angrily, he screamed,
"So what about our Enemy, can
These fools still be redeemed?"

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"Yes, my lord," the demon said,^{xxiv}
"We cannot stop His love,^{xxv}
If they would give their lives to Him,
He'd rescue from above."^{xxvi}

The price He paid upon the cross,
Which took our victory,^{xxvii}
Is adequate for every one
To set our captives free^{xxviii}

But pride and ignorance are the key,
They are our favorite tools,^{xxix}
Without these two, we cannot win,
So we must avoid the duels.

So if we keep a distance from
His people and His Word^{xxx}
And His offer of salvation,^{xxxi}
Which they have never heard,

Then we should have no trouble;
It all should go quite well,
Then if we're allowed to kill them,^{xxxii}
Like us, they'll burn in Hell!^{xxxiii}

FOUR INCIDENTS:

Incident # 1.

A number of years ago, I bought my little boy a 'kids meal' from a fast-food restaurant which was supposed to make him happy. When he opened the bag, he found that the accompanying 'toy' was a little anime comic book which was actually an introduction to a particular role playing game. It came with a set of playing cards to get him started. Here is the message presented in the comic book, (reworded to avoid copyright issues):

Some people will tell you that this is just a game. While playing it, however, it almost feels real. The battles are as intense as they are in the place where they really occur. (*The characters in the game and in the comic book story—'call-up' supernatural creatures to fight battles for them.*) Most players don't know that these battles and the supernatural creatures represented in the game are real. (*The main character in the comic book story becomes more aware of this with each game he plays and he begins seeing visions of this 'alternative reality.'*) This 'alternative reality' is ready to be experienced and will be a magnificent adventure for anyone who seeks it.

When tying in the Web URL on the back of the anime comic book, it took me to a website which had "Witchcraft" as part of the name.

Incident # 2.

Several years ago, my brother-in-law was playing a fantasy role-playing game with some of his friends, which he did on a regular basis. On this particular day, a knock at the door brought a stranger in to join them. Each of them assumed that he was known by one of the other players. After some time, the stranger tried to introduce a level of the game which none of them were familiar with. They soon became suspect of this stranger and what he was offering. Through a private discussion in the next room, they found that none of them knew him. They asked him to leave. Immediately after he had exited, my brother-in-law decided to step out on the porch to see which way he was heading. He was gone! There was no person, no car, no sign of him anywhere, and there had not been enough time for him to have gotten out of sight.^{xxxiv}

Incident # 3.

Many years ago, the mother of one of my karate students called me seeking any help which I might have to offer. She told me that he (my student) was currently in mental/legal custody after having put cyanide in her tea. (He confessed it in time to save her life.) She had no idea what was going on, but mentioned something about ‘magic stones’ which he kept under his bed – wondering if they could have anything to do with this. I asked her if these ‘magic stones’ were associated with a fantasy role playing game. She said they were.

Incident # 4.

This is an entry taken from the “God Obvious” section of this website.
04/12/2015 / ‘Slender Man’ – A spiritual warning about a fictional character! = Our daughter had never heard of the video game titled “Slender Man” until just before she came over to visit. By God’s intervention, she now has. He led her to read about it, including news reports about several horrific incidents (listed below) reportedly connected to the game’s main fictional character. When our daughter arrived and walked into our son’s bedroom, she noticed that he had the game on his computer. After some further research on my part and a few discussions with our son, he deleted it. Now, while I cannot say what demons might have attempted regarding this game and our son (since he knows the Bible and is aware of their presence), it is obvious—from God’s intervention, as well as from the news reports—that they are more than a little involved with this fictional character. We don’t want anything in our lives which reeks of demons and I did feel a level of spiritual resistance when convincing my son to delete it. (Demons are the angels who have rebelled against God.)

About now, you are probably wondering, ‘What in the world is this all about?’ and ‘Why would demons be involved with a fictional character from a video game?’ Without trying to convince anyone of the possibility—we will let the news reports do that—I would like to suggest a step-by-step scenario of how demons could have been involved in these horrific incidents.

Here are the incidents as reported in the news. (You can read about this on Wikipedia.com – “Slender Man.”)

1. Two 12-year-old girls in Waukesha, Wisconsin stabbed a 12-year-old classmate 19 times. They wanted to become proxies of Slender Man and feared that he would kill their families if they did not kill their classmate.
2. An anonymous woman from Hamilton, Ohio told a T.V. reporter that her 13-year-old daughter had attacked her with a knife. Her daughter had written macabre fiction, some involving the Slender Man, who the mother said motivated the attack.
3. A 14-year-old girl in Port Richey, Florida set her family's house on fire while her mother and nine-year-old brother were inside. She had had been reading online stories about Slender Man (and other fictional characters). The Sherriff’s office said that it would be safe to say that there is a connection to that.

4. There was an epidemic of suicide attempts by young people ages 12 to 24 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Slender Man was cited as an influence.

Here is a scenario of how demons could have been involved in these incidents.

1. Give someone the idea for creating the Slender-Man game. The game is evidently quite eerie.
2. Give people ideas for suggesting—in associated literature on internet forums—that Slender-Man might be real, in order to make the subject more intriguing and the game more popular.
3. Identify people who are playing the game and reading the associated literature—and who are obviously affected by it — (more susceptible targets).
4. Give those people thoughts, dreams and visions, seeking to convince them that Slender-Man is real and that he is interacting with them.
5. Control them through fear.

[Philippians 4:8] [Ephesians 6:11]

P.S. Having read this scenario, you may now be wondering, ‘Why would a demon—which could be scary anyway—pretend to be a different character in order to frighten someone. The answer: If people know who they are—angels who are in rebellion against God as revealed in the Bible—those people might turn to God for help. If they do, they will discover that a person who accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior has His authority over demons. *[Luke 10:17]*

WHAT TO DO & WHAT ‘NOT’ TO DO:

What ‘not’ to do:

If your kids have this stuff, don’t freak out! Don’t rush into your children’s bedrooms, grab all of this stuff and set it on fire in the back yard. Their curiosity might be increased by your actions.

What to do:

If your kids have this stuff:

1. Pray: Get God’s hand on this situation before doing anything.
2. Talk about the stuff in this poem with your kids – including the Scripture verses. (If they are older, you can let them read it.) Try— by prayer if needed—to get your kids aligned with God on this. (Then you can burn the stuff together if you want to).
3. If you’re already in trouble, read the other poem on this website, “Whose Driving this Truck? Breaking spiritual strongholds.”

If you have this stuff:

4. If you personally have this stuff and you know you're safe—because of your Biblical knowledge—don't let Satan use you to destroy other people. Don't exercise your freedom if it will lead another person—without your Biblical knowledge—into bondage.^{xxxv}

5. If you personally have this stuff and you know that you and your game associates are safe—because of all of your Biblical knowledge—ask yourself a question: If the games you play require that you pretend to use magic—which God hates and calls evil—would it be O.K. for you to play games where you pretend to commit murder?

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ⁱ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

ⁱⁱ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:11

ⁱⁱⁱ Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:25,26

^{iv} Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

^v I will set before my eyes no vile thing. Psalm 101:3

^{vi} (((Satan put thoughts into Peter's mind in hopes that he would act on them.))) Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me . . ." Matthew 16:23

^{vii} When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

^{viii} When I think my bed will comfort me and my couch will ease my complaint, even then you frighten me with dreams and terrify me with visions, Job 7:13-14

^{ix} Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10

^x But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said . . . Matthew 1:20

^{xi} And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14

^{xii} Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; . . . Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:18,19 /// Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. Proverbs 1:8,9

^{xiii} When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

^{xiv} And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; . . . Mark 16:17

^{xv} Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets . . . Revelation 2:24

^{xvi} (((Satan helped the Egyptians, so that they would not humble themselves before God.))) But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said. Exodus 7:22

^{xvii} Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. Deuteronomy 18:10-12

^{xviii} Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

^{xix} No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. 1 Corinthians 10:20 /// I am the Lord your God, . . . You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:2-3

^{xx} Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:25-26

^{xxi} I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Luke 12:4-5

^{xxii} (((This verse is a warning to anyone who has demons 'kicked out' of their life, but does not ask Jesus to come into their life))) *** When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. Matthew 12:43-45

^{xxiii} Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. Luke 22:3-4

^{xxiv} For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. 1 Peter 3:18

^{xxv} For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

^{xxvi} Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, Acts 3:19

^{xxvii} And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:15

^{xxviii} The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, Luke 4:18 /// So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

^{xxix} Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18 /// Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32

^{xxx} For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 /// The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." Luke 10:17

^{xxxi} Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15,16

^{xxxii} The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life." JOB 2:6 /// A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit. . . . It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. Mark 9:17 & 22

^{xxxiii} Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41

^{xxxiv} (((This verse does not have to do with entertaining angels while you are involved in occultic activities.))) Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

^{xxxv} Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall. Romans 14:20-21