## The Truth About Harry Potter Laura Stoneberg

Harry Potter is a fictitious book with a very real meaning. First off, the Bible is the standard I use to decide if a TV show or a book is acceptable to read or view. I have found verses and have done research correlating witchcraft with Harry Potter. Leviticus 20:6&7 "I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spirits to prostrate himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people." From what I have heard and read, Harry does just that. Thus showing that I should take no part of the book.

Children and youth today are desensitized to witchcraft and the occult. Shows like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Charmed, and Sabrina the Teenage Witch all revolve around witchcraft. This is a very unwholesome aspect of media. I don't watch these films, and I don't plan too.

Many believe that the Christian novel, The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and the Harry Potter books are one and the same. Both books take place in the fantasy world, involve British children, and magical creatures. Harry gains his magical power from learning and inheritance. Harry answers to no higher authority, besides himself and Voldmort. In the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe power and authority are intermingled.

Jesus is the supreme authority in the character Aslan. The children, creatures and even the witch have to answer to Jesus Christ. Harry Potter allows children the opportunity at a young age to find witchcraft neutral, when in fact witchcraft is evil and should be taken seriously.

Here are some other concerns and objections about the Harry Potter books. Characters in the novel conduct Wiccan style exercises, talk with spirits of the dead, practice sorcery and cast spells. The author uses gruesome imagery such as a mysterious figure drinking blood from a unicorn carcass, and a ghost with a barely attached head. Harry also has a problem with respect. He lies, breaks rules, and disobeys. Forgiveness is not in his repertiore. He is excited about retribution and a chance to get back at his family members.

This does not sound like a wholesome book to me! It is evil and gross. The Lord through the Bible says that I should not take part in reading this book. Acts 13:6&10 "There they met a Jewish sorcerer and a false prophet named Bar-Jesus. You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord." This verse is pretty clear about how I should respond to evil. Galations 5:19,20,21 "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: idolatry and witchcraft; I warn you as I did

before, that those who live like this will not inherit the Kingdom of the Lord." There is no disputing what this book says. Why would I read a book about witchcraft when the Lord says no to things of that nature? This book is unwholesome and I don't that it should be read at all, much less in schools.