

Ouija Boards Become a Christmas ‘Must Buy’

Church Warns ‘Don’t Let This Darkness into Your Lives’

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A note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.



It would appear that Ouija boards are fast becoming one of the “coolest” and “must-have” Christmas gifts of 2014, but the church has fiercely criticized the trend calling it “absolutely appalling,” and strongly warned people to “not let this darkness” into their lives.

Google reports that sales of Ouija boards are up to 300 percent, and are flying off the shelves quicker than you can say, “Oh no, it looks like poltergeist activity’.

The reason for the resurgence in sales is a new low-budget horror film called *Ouija*. The film, which tells the time-honored story of kids meddling with powers they do not comprehend and then wondering why all of a sudden everything’s gone to [evil], was slated by the critics, but cinema-going teens adored it.

Cue the current demand for Ouija boards. Interestingly, toy manufacturer Hasbro, who are one of the companies currently selling Ouija boards to ghost-seeking teens, helped finance the making of *Ouija*. Vested interests perchance?

Although Ouija boards are viewed as a harmless parlor trick by some, many, including the church, regard them as dangerous tools which can trigger psychological harm — or something even more sinister. Church of England vicar Peter Irwin-Clark is one such man, and told the [Daily Mail](#) that he has witnessed the dark side of the Ouija, and believes it is hugely irresponsible to market and sell the controversial devices as toys.

“It is absolutely appalling. I would very strongly advise parents not to buy Ouija boards for children. It’s like opening a shutter in one’s soul and letting in the supernatural. There are spiritual realities out there and they can be very negative. “I would hugely recommend people not to have anything to do with the occult. People find they are having strange dreams, strange things happening to them, even poltergeist activity.”

Ouija boards were invented in America at the height of the spiritualist craze of the 19th century, where seances and mediums seemed to be awaiting around every corner to help one contact the dead. They enjoyed a brief resurgence in the 1960s, even outstripping sales of other well-loved board games such as *Monopoly*, and kids who didn’t have the money to buy a mass produced Ouija board would make their own.

Yet in 1973, the film *The Exorcist*, based on a true story of a teenager who became obsessed after playing with a Ouija board for long periods, seemed to change the public’s perception of the devices, according to Christina Oakley Harrington, proprietor of Treadwell’s, a London bookshop specializing in the esoteric and the occult. “The horror film shifted the focus of Ouija to the idea of lost or malevolent spirits. That was where the culture of danger came in. Once you have something said to be a way of consorting with malevolent spirits, you get the Church involved.”

The late Reverend Tom Willis, who was also a practicing exorcist, was also concerned about the dangers inherent in the Ouija board. “A lot more people are dabbling in the occult and having seances, and that is causing a lot of problems. In the Sixties, the Ouija board caused so many problems — people ending up...

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: This game was very popular when I was in junior and senior high school in the late 60s and early 70s, before I was a believer. My parents bought one for us and we “played” it in our house and with friends. I can state that there were times we were having our hands directed by outside powers, not subconscious manipulations.

My sister kept a diary during those days. After she became a Christian later in life, she went back through her diary and noticed a very marked change occurred immediately after our “games” of consulting the Ouija board. Her review showed, for example, that after we started playing, she started swearing in her diary entries, we turned against our parents, started stealing, sneaking out at night, and using drugs.

The game remained popular until I went in the Navy in 1973. I have wondered why it was no longer popular (until now) and didn't realize until reading this article that people attribute the decline in game sales to the movie The Exorcist, which scared people away as a result of the potential demonic powers that are behind this occult practice.

I find it interesting that now a movie like The Exorcist is actually reviving interest in occult powers rather than reminding people to stay away. The biblical prophets warned us that people will reject the truth and turn to lies in the days leading up to the return of Jesus (2 Thessalonians 2). It appears we are getting close to seeing this prophecy fulfilled and our Lord Jesus' return.

I strongly urge parents and anyone with an ear to hear to make sure they and their children stay away from the Ouija Board and other forms of occult practices (attempted contact with the dead, Yoga, Contemplative Meditation which is emptying your mind of all thought so that you can hear from spirit powers, etc.). The spirit world is real. The devil and his demons will use a person's willingness to open themselves to their influence as a means to gain control of their lives (possession or deception – both can bring severe heartache).

*“When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire [**killng newborns – abortion today**], or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you. Deuteronomy 18:9-12 NKJV*