

**General Topics :: Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book?****Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book? - posted by yblek (), on: 2005/7/26 2:34**

What comments do you have regarding this fantasy novel which many have deemed dangerous? Would Tolken have purchased this book?

Re: Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book? - posted by arbustum (), on: 2005/7/26 2:45

lol, i bought it for my mum because i know how much she loves the series but when you think about it, it wasnt such a smart choice eh? i wont read it, nor will anybody else in the house. she's a very fast reader so she was finished it in 5 days, tops, whilst managing the household (what a legend, heres a tribute to mums!) but the content is less than appropriate to be filling your head with. she doesnt tell us about the story, but i cant say that she doesnt meditate on it as any good book makes you do! and i use the term 'good book' loosely because good is relative to the individual. ohh and to be literal, no we didnt wait in line, we ordered it and had it delivered to our door.

Re: Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book?, on: 2005/7/26 4:43

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Re:, on: 2005/7/26 5:57

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As with anything in life, our guide should be the Word of God. So what does the Word of God say about the subject matter of the Harry Potter books? Here are only a few things:

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, **witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Lev 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

(Wesley's commentary: Wizards - Them that have entered into covenant with the devil, by whose help they foretel many things to come, and acquaint men with secret things.)

Deu 18:10-12 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, **or that useth divination**, or an observer of times, or an **enchanter**, or a **witch**, or a **charmer**, or a **consulter with familiar spirits**, or a **wizard**, or a **necromancer** For **ALL** that do these things are an **ABOMINATION** unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

I understand that Harry Potter is a fictional character. That's not the issue, the issue is the subject matter of the books... which is witchcraft. I think most adults can read these books and not really be effected, but this is not who the books are aimed at. They are aimed at children.

But in all honesty I have to wonder why Christian adults would want to read books that deal so blatantly with the occult in a positive way. Do these adults read the Word of God with as much fervor and anticipation? I doubt it.

Do the Christian children who sit down and stick their noses in a Harry Potter book for days on end ever open their Bible

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s? Have they even read their Bibles all the way thru?

If not, then another issue with these books is idolatry, not just witchcraft.

But as to whether Christian adults or children should read something like Harry Potter... if you take the verses I quoted above, and then add the one below this paragraph, I think the only conclusion one can come up with is: NO.

Phi 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

God forgive us for our idolatry and love of the world and its entertainment. Forgive us for our spilt allegiance.

Krispy

Re: Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book? - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2005/7/26 5:59

nope i didn't wait in line for hary potter 6, i did read the first 5 though before i was saved i got into them after book 4 was released but didn't buy book 5, i just borrowed it, the 5th one was rubbish anyway not a patch on the 4th, i doubt even if i wasn't saved i would read the new one, but as for should we agree with the whole harry potter phenomenon or not, ill quote a preacher for Northern Ireland

it's long sorry

I'm referring to Harry Potter - surely it's an innocent story, it's an innocent novel for children? Well, if you even look at Harry Potter and look at the hype that is around about it at the moment, I think even that would put a question mark on it. The fact of the matter is, in our society today, whether it's through Harry Potter, or through horoscopes, or through Satanism, or Paganism revived: the Devil wants everything in society to be under his control, and he will stop at absolutely nothing. He is ingenious in his methods and in his organisational skills.

I want to say tonight, publicly, that Harry Potter is an evil book. Be under no illusion about it. You don't have to go into it too much - and we'll not have time this evening to go into it - save to say that the author herself, J. K. Rowling, researched into occult, into paganism, into spiritualism, in order to be as authentic as she possibly could in the book. She incorporated these things into this book, so that they could be believed. If you looked at this woman's life history, J. K. Rowling, you find out that as a student she studied Mythology at Exeter University in England. The philosophies that she found in paganism, neo-paganism, and Satanism of the past centuries, she has incorporated into the story of Harry Potter. Now, the reason I'm telling you this is to warn you about this book, and to warn your children about it - but more than that: I want you to see the ingenuity of the devil, the cleverness of how he brings a society round under his control and under his influence.

Do you know that the publicity of this particular book has brought together three of the biggest companies in the world? Maybe you don't know that Coca-Cola are sponsoring this book. Mattel that makes most of the toys that you see advertised on the television screen with regards to films, that relate to films, they are also a co-advertiser of Harry Potter. Then you have WB - Warner Brothers - they're looking after the film side of it. So this is not just a Christmas fad and faze that we are going through, it's not like the Teletubbies, that after a few months or a year this will be off our screens. Three of the largest companies in the world have committed themselves to continue to bombard us with Harry Potter memorabilia and advertising. One hundred million of these books have been sold already - in 200 countries and over 40 languages. You've seen it on the news, that children all over our world are devouring these books - some of them are 700 pages long! Now in the computer age that we are living in, that is nothing short of supernatural - in my opinion - how you can get children today, who wouldn't read a comic, to read a 700 page long book! It's nothing short of magic.

This book has now been recommended to schools in the United States, and they have recommended that it be read by the teacher audibly. The reason why it can be recommended in schools in America is because Scholastic, the organisation that publishes this book in America, is the biggest seller of educational books to all schools in the United States, and has been for over 80 years. It is using its influence to get this book into the schools. It's ironic, isn't it, that you aren't allowed to pray in a school in America? You aren't allowed a Bible-based message in any shape or form, or lesson, in a school in the United States - but children are allowed to be taught witchcraft through this book.

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I was horrified recently to find out that from the Harry Potter website, you can be linked to other websites that teach you occultic practices, spells, divination, and all manner of evil. I was further horrified to find out that the Pagan Federation of America has now appointed a youth officer - why? They claim it themselves: 'Because of the flood of enquiries since Harry Potter was published'. Children, boys and girls, contacting the Pagan Federation, being led to it from this book. 'Oh, but it's innocent. It's just fantasy'.

the whole message can be found here

<http://www.preachtheword.com/transcripts/ezek18.html>

Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/7/26 9:01

nope. i think this book is dangerous. matter of fact if you disagree im sorry) i don't see a whole lot of difference betwixt Tolkien, Lewis or Rowling's fiction. Jesus was able to use allegories without incorporating bizarre and occultic fantasy, why can't we?

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/7/26 11:44

Krispy

How many Harry Potter books have you read?

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2005/7/26 12:02

I haven't read the books but you'd be surprised to know that I've seen all the movies. More out of interest than anticipation. She weaves an interesting story. I wasn't as taken back by the open occultism in the movies as I was in the subtle worldly undercurrent that is in all of Hollywood.

The amorality of men finding their own way--I believe that the Bible calls it, "Doing what is right in our own eyes,"--is much worse and is very present in Harry Potter and in all movies. If I could use the term, "The Devil's in the details", that would be a good way to describe it.

But what do you expect from something that's earthbound? The best way to preach against Harry Potter is to preach Christ crucified and raised from the dead. And then LIVE it.

Re:, on: 2005/7/26 14:54

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-----Krispy, How many Harry Potter books have you read?

I've read The Sorcerer's Stone and Chamber of Secrets, and I have seen the first movie. Why? Because two of my kids fit the demographics of who these books are aimed at, and I know sooner or later some of the friends will encourage them to read it.

I never offer comments on things without knowing something about it.

I also feel the same way as an earlier poster on this thread about Tolkien and CS Lewis's fantasy books. (Read them too...). Not judging whether the authors were believers... just don't think the fantasy, magic, etc is something that Christians should embrace. Especially when scripture couldn't be clearer about avoiding it.

Krispy

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/7/26 15:16

I have never read one of the books but seen about 15 mins of the movie. I was over at my aunt's house watching her children (my cousins) and they were watching one of the Harry Potter movies. I thought it was completely demonic. He was making spells using foreign words. The two boys would hear him say the spell and they would repeat it! It was killing me inside. They did not watch much more of the movie. I don't remember if I asked them to turn it off or if they just did.

It's very possible that kids will go around saying these spells and not even know what they are doing. What's going to happen when they start saying these spells and something (demonic) happens? A complete turn to witchcraft? Demon possession?

Oh I long for the supernatural power of God to sweep children! How would children be if we taught them the word of God? If one of their friends fell and hurt themselves and he laid hands on him to be healed, and he was! Possession? No! but possibly a bond-slave to Christ!

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/7/26 17:56

I have read all the books, even the latest one, and seen the DVDs.

Re: Richard Baxters personal quote on what to read from - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/7/26 18:31

I am someone who has the chronicles of Narnia on tape and in England the amount of witchcraft items in bookshops is tremendous.

In the Old Testament we are told to stay away from suchlike !!

Advice On Reading
by Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

"Make careful choice of the books which you read: let the holy scriptures ever have the pre-eminence, and, next to them, those solid, lively, heavenly treatises which best expound and apply the scriptures, and next, credible histories, especially of the Church . . . but take heed of false teachers who would corrupt your understandings."

1. As there is a more excellent appearance of the Spirit of God in the holy scripture, than in any other book whatever, so it has more power and fitness to convey the Spirit, and make us spiritual, by imprinting itself upon our hearts. As there is more of God in it, so it will acquaint us more with God, and bring us nearer Him, and make the reader more reverent, serious and divine. Let scripture be first and most in your hearts and hands and other books be used as subservient to it. The endeavours of the devil and papists to keep it from you, doth shew that it is most necessary and desirable to you.

2. The writings of divines are nothing else but a preaching of the gospel to the eye, as the voice preaches it to the ear. Vocal preaching has the pre-eminence in moving the affections, and being diversified according to the state of the congregation which attend it: this way the milk comes warmest from the breast. But books have the advantage in many other respects: you may read an able preacher when you have but an average one to hear. Every congregation cannot hear the most judicious or powerful preachers: but every single person may read the books of the most powerful and judicious; preachers may be silenced or banished, when books may be at hand: books may be kept at a smaller charge than preachers: we may choose books which treat of that, very subject which we desire to hear of; but we cannot choose what subject the preacher shall treat of. Books we may have at hand every day, and hour; when we can have sermons but seldom, and at set times. If sermons be forgotten, they are gone; but a book we may read over and over, till we remember it: and if we forget it, may again peruse it at our pleasure, or at our leisure. So that good books are a very great mercy to the world: the Holy Ghost chose the way of writing, to preserve His doctrine and laws to the Church, as knowing how easy and sure a way it is of keeping it safe to all generations, in comparison of mere verbal traditions.

3. You have need of a judicious teacher at hand, to direct you what books to use or to refuse: for among good books there are some very good that are sound and lively; and some good, but mediocre, and weak and somewhat dull; and some are very good in part, but have mixtures of error, or else of incautious, injudicious expressions, fitter to puzzle than edify the weak.

Baxter's Guide To The Value Of A Book

While reading ask oneself:

1. Could I spend this time no better?
2. Are there better books that would edify me more?
3. Are the lovers of such a book as this the greatest lovers of the Book of God and of a holy life?
4. Does this book increase my love to the Word of God, kill my sin, and prepare me for the life to come?

source

(<http://www.puritansermons.com/baxter/baxter30.htm>) The Article

I personally think it should be banned that book I do not think there is not an ounce of christianity of in the books!! One thing I have heard is that those who read evil become evil!!

Here is another few articles

from what I have heard of the books that it introduces witchcraft to the younger generation as the books by c s lewis introduce them to our lord jesus it is all to do with world views!!

(<http://www.leannepayne.com/harrypotter/index.php>) Harry Potter

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO EVERYONE - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/7/26 18:35

Mar 16:18 they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

This doesn't mean that I'm going to willingly handle serpents and drink any deadly thing. This is for me and my family, so I speak for only myself here. Potter is a NO go in our household. Bro. Daryl

Re: tolkein is a christian - posted by arbustum (), on: 2005/7/26 21:35

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funky way of reaching the lost eh!?

hmm, most of the names in harry potter that i found in the first 4 books were made of silly little anagrams and the like. eg Diagon alley, -'diagonally', a direction. and the spells are latin words i think. they certainly sound latin.

she does write well, although i couldnt stand the 5th book, it just threw me off with the way she introduced it, and i couldnt stand her style of writing again. but i think there are worse books to be filling your head with, the davinci code..., and most fantasy you'll find is demonic by default, it goes hand in hand with the genre.

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but if you have to read something imaginary, but with every chance that it could happen try reading something that will really hit you like ted dekker, and i cant remeber the name of this other author, but i read a book by him where there was a charachter called 'brandon' who was hitting a town called antioch and the main character a former pastor was left to work through the situation and arrive at a conclusion that just catches you offguard, but you put the book down swearing you never want to mislead another soul...a couple of times i had to put the book down and wait to catch my breath because of the conviction and fear of doing something wreckless against the Lord grips you, see, much more beneficial! lol, the book's called

'visitation' get some of that into you! anyway, i'm going to read another of his books starting with the letter 'o' soon, but i've lent my ted dekker books to a friend and am dying to read them again! i'm a sucker for psychological thrillers, they get me every time! these guys are good christian authors with serious christian convictions in their books, they haven't actually happened but it's so possible some of the things i've read, it kinda scares you!

guys, i have resolved that i'm gonna start reading things that feed my spirit, not my flesh, because the last thing i want is to have my flesh override my spirit when i really really need to hear from God, Practise makes perfect!

Re:, on: 2005/7/26 21:52

Dohzman... I'm with ya bro... no Potter in this house either.

Only **He** is the potter, I'm am just the clay.

Krispy

Re: Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book? - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2005/7/26 23:43

Todd Friel (who is hilarious) of Talk the Walk Ministries has a great article about Harry Potter:

<http://www.ttwministries.com/articles/The%20Truth%20About%20Harry%20Potter.pdf>

My personal opinion is that it is obviously steering kids toward witchcraft. Just as modern media steers kids towards alcohol, pre-marital sex, etc. So it's nothing new.

But, man. I tried watching a Harry Potter movie on a flight just to see what all the fuss was about. It was so incredibly boring! It reminded me of when I was stuck at my grandparents house as a kid in front of the TV, so I would just pick the best bad show on, and watch that. Potter ranked right up there with 'Too Close For Comfort.' I couldn't get all the way through it.

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Tolkein stated quite definitely that his writing were not allegories or metaphors of the Bible. He said that because he himself was a Catholic it was inevitable that his mores would present themselves in his saga, but that there were no parables or allegories. His writing certainly does have 'catholic ethics' underlying it, but this was not his conscious intention.

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I am not advocating that anyone should go out and buy Harry Potter books, although I do think it is a bit steep when folks begin their mails with 'I have heard that ...'. I am interested in eye-witness accounts and in personal convictions, not the echoes of other voices.

However, I don't personally, having read them all, think that the Potter books are really occult. The 'magic' in them is actually very mechanical. In fact, it is computer magic. You put in the right prompts and it does certain things. 'Apparating' is just 'Star Trek' transportation. Owls are emails complete with 'flamers'. Magic maps are just 'tracers'. Wands are just 'star trek' phasers set on 'stun' or 'kill' as appropriate. It is the struggle between good and evil, but using magic rather than science-fiction or the western as the vehicle. Lewis and Tolkien both use 'magic' and fulfillment of ancient prophecy as their narrative tools too.

Why do I say Harry Potter is not directly 'occult'? Because there is no 'fellowship' between the the magicians and an evil spirit. This is not an evil communion but a contest between but an evil use of magical technology and a good use of magic technology. If you say why use 'magic' I would say just because it is the story teller's choice. I don't believe in Potter magic anymore than I believe in a talking mouse called Mickey, and I think most 10 year olds will feel the same.

There is a case for the avoidance of all works of fiction. This would eliminate most of ancient and modern literature. It would include 'Left behind', 'the Robe', the Passion of Christ, Shakespeare, Mark Twain, Jack London, Tolkien, Lewis, Star Wars, Star Trek, Laurel and Hardy, West Side Story; in fact almost everyone and everything you can think of in the media world. It would also eliminate street theatre as an evangelistic tool, and every sermon illustration that was not grounded in absolute fact. The puritan parliament of the 17th century tried to ban theatre because, by definition, an actor was a liar. The Greek word for actor is hypocrit. I repeat there is a case for this and I would have more sympathy with those who held it than with those who want to demonise Harry Potter.

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Not necessarily, it could simply be the art of a good story teller. I would love J K Rowling to do some Agatha Christie whodun-it type stuff; I think she would be brilliant at it.

Having said all this there is a darker side to J K Rowling. The one-death-per-book formula, I suspect, is her own way of making people face up to the sorrows of life; of which she has experienced a few. The problem with all fiction is that it can never adequately include the grace of God in its narrative, so consequently all fiction is atheistic, even 'Christian' fiction. It cannot include God, full size, in its canvas. So all you get is a tiny human view of a corner of life.

There is a theme to Harry Potter books which has run throughout and is a much more noble theme than that present in some world classics. It is the philosophy of Professor Dumbledore that the 'greatest magic is the magic of self-sacrificing love' as was seen in the voluntary life sacrifice of Harry's mother for one she loved. Harry Potter, fictionally, is the creation of a love which sacrificed itself for the benefit of another; seems like I heard that theme somewhere else. :-)

Re:, on: 2005/7/27 6:04

I have to respectfully disagree with you on this one, philologos.

... think I'll stick with John Grisham. :-)

Krispy

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/7/27 6:19

I have read some Grishom. He is my son-in-laws favourite too. BTW there is an English author who is much more ominous. Philip Pullman. This man's writings are very popular in the UK among 10 year olds but his intention is quite plainly to create an alternate spiritual history of the human race with the demons as the good guys. This is a deadly mixture of 'creative' theology, magic and occult practice and is much more dangerous than the comic strip world of J K Rowling.

Re: - posted by coops (), on: 2005/7/27 8:13

At the risk of my end point being drowned out by my raving... Im not ANTI-HARRY-POTTER as such, in fact until i started this post I was very un-opinionated. I just had 2 verses to quote... anyway my brother was really into them at the start and has grown up a bit and just doesnt have time to read the next...
I havent ready any, and I tried to watch one of the movies twice, but fell asleep both times! So please excuse me if I say something without understanding it all fully:

If this is now, what next? If high school prayer is banned and Harry Potter is in, are we going down the wrong road? If our children love magic-based-fiction as a child, what will they read as they hit their mid teens? What will they do for excitement and to be different, or when things go wrong? We might not just have Gothics, we could have more Warlocks too! And when they hit their adulthood: horoscopes. OK a little doomsdayish and possibly over-reactive, :-) but honestly one thing leads to another and we all know it will happen to at least some of our youth. :-)

I like what was said earlier: it doesnt lead us to Christ... It made me ask myself, "Are we trying to justify the importance of reading it, or the importance of not reading it, or something in between?"

Anyway the two verses that come to mind with Harry Potter (and much more) are these...

I wont say "Harry Potter is evil" or "Harry Potter is good", but for those who say that its ok... **"Everything is permissible" —but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible" —but not everything is constructive.**
1 Corinthians 10:23

To be honest I couldnt find a way to twist this next verse to mean something else, so I'm going to have to take it very literally...

Let it be our rule of thumb:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

Does it fit our criteria? :-)

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2005/7/27 8:39

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Yes. I know that Tolkein said there were no allegories, etc. to scripture. But I do notice frequently his use of names that are "spin-offs" from Hebrew and Greek. His use of "im" is one that comes to mind right off. Tolkein was a veteran of WW I and lost several of his friends in that war. It was not until I visited the Liberty Memorial WWI museum that I really came to appreciate why he seemed to press the issue of how industry had revolutionized war. The stories, if nothing else, are reminders of how man has become callous in dealing death. Mass production of weaponry, etc. I have been to Gettysburg and Liberty and can tell you that man had come a long ways in mechanized warfare. At the end of the day I read Tolkein and its wondrous adventures as books essentially about death. Maybe that is a shortsided view, but the lengths to which man will go for the lust for power. We have a saying here among my friends, "their smoked out on 'the ring'." It means that something has captured their heart. I have never seen a better depiction and chronicle of lust than Peter Jackson's work with Frodo and the one ring.

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As a side note to all this I once read where Jack Hayford tried to describe the beauty of "spiritual language" (tongues, 'glossolalia'). He used Tolkien's description of the Elven tongues in his analogy.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/7/27 9:03

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Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/7/27 9:12

Jim Elliot could recite Robert Service's poems and delighted his fellow bible college friends with renderings of 'The Face on the Bar-room floor'. He read widely. Tolkien's 'bible' for his saga is the Silmarillion. It provides a compendium of 'legends and ancient wisdom' as is the theology behind his Middle Earth narratives. It is sheer fiction and no conscious derivative but I would encourage folk to read the part relating to the original rebellion of his 'fallen angel'. It is not bible, but as with Lewis and the Voyage to Venus you will hear notes which would not be out of harmony with the biblical revelation.

I note that Paul quoted from poets in Acts 17. Their words were not derived from biblical revelation but somehow the poet can sometimes touch a reality. We need to return constantly to the scriptures to adjust such 'revelations' but as Paul showed in Acts 17 they can sometimes carry a revelation of truth.

Re: - posted by coops (), on: 2005/7/27 18:59

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That's a good point, philologos... I hadn't thought of it that way... I wonder how it can be interpreted, but I guess this probably isn't the thread for that.... :-)

Re: Lot of Responses to This Question - posted by yblek (), on: 2005/7/30 4:58

It is interesting all of the viewpoints that have come out with this question. It is also amazing the number of books that this woman has sold using the means of fantasy. Thank God He is REAL!

Re: Did you wait line for the recent Harry Potter Book? - posted by modivarch, on: 2005/7/30 8:09

Isn't this kind of like the food discussion in 1 Cor 8?

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Re: - posted by coops (), on: 2005/7/30 8:41

it could well be...

what parallels can you draw?