

Sherlock Holmes: The Movie

by Wayne Goff

The recent remake of the movie Sherlock Holmes has been a fairly decent hit. No doubt there are those who love detective works who will be tempted to watch the show, or have already done so. I'm considering going to the movie myself.

However, in today's Hollywood one must almost always expect a New Age twist, or a Satanic influence to a movie. One can attend a movie and get so caught up in the plot, that he might not even notice the very subtle messages dabbed throughout the show. For that reason, I always strongly encourage Christians to read a review of any movie -- however seemingly innocent -- before attending. That way you know what you're getting into beforehand, and can be aware.

For example, in Sherlock Holmes there is much religious content. The evil villain, "Lord Blackwood" is the devil's loyal servant, and there is even a suggestion in the movie that he might be the child of Satan himself! His father admits that the boy was conceived during a dark, pagan ritual, and that "death followed him wherever he went." Later, this same villain is heard reciting from the book of Revelation. He even fabricates his own death and appears to have resurrected from the dead when he returns to villainize some more!

Mr. Blackwood attempts to control a shadowy, illuminati-like organization. "The Temple of the Four Orders" is a pagan entity consumed with rituals, rites and mysteries.

So there you have it. You just wanted to be entertained for a little while by a harmless detective-like movie, and if you weren't paying attention, you were told unwittingly about all these evils. Almost any movie coming out of Hollywood today contains much of the same type of material. It can be most damaging when our young people watch it without warning.

The usual response to such a warning as this is, "Oh, don't worry, that won't bother me!" But as Paul warned us about evil influences in 1 Corinthians 15:33: "Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." Part of the "deception" may be the fact that you are more influenced to consider the "dark side" than you would like to admit!

Am I saying "Don't attend the movie!?" Not at all. But I am saying to all Christians in America today: "Be aware of your surroundings. Have your spiritual radars 'on' at all times." "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). And remember that Satan walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, 1 Pet. 5:8. He has many ways to devour. Be sure you are not his next victim.

In addition to all the religious content, there is a ton of violence as well. Apparently, from the review I have seen, for the most part it is not very graphic. But the violence exists as well while "good" tries to overcome "evil." (Now there is a plot that is found throughout the Bible, and especially in the book of Revelation!)

Finally, pay attention to everything that goes into your mind, Christian friends. This world is often hostile to the eternal goal we seek.

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