

"I Want a Ouija Board!"

Dear Antwort Mann,

I am a thirteen year old girl, and I told my Mom I wanted a Ouija Board for Christmas, but she said "No Way!" I don't understand. I think it would be fun to play it with my friends. I mean, if Wal-Mart sells them, how can they be bad? It's just a game, right?

Signed, "Wannabe a Player"

Dear "Wannabe,"

Wal-Mart sells guns, too. Do you want to play "Russian Roulette?" The fact of the matter here is that, just as the "game" of Russian Roulette can be potentially deadly for the body, The Ouija Board is potentially deadly for the soul. Though it's marketed as a game, the very nature of the Ouija Board is anything but a game.

I won't bore you with a lot of background, but the principle of the Ouija Board goes back to ancient Egypt. It was used by pagan priests to communicate with the dead, and to attempt to discern the future. But the Bible is very clear that any communication from "the other side" is in reality demonic forces at work. It's as true today as it was in ancient Egypt.

The modern incarnation of that device is now perceived as simply a spooky game. For many using this "game," nothing actually happens – at least, outwardly. But when you play around with occult devices, you do open yourself to spiritual influences that are opposed to God. And because God's Word forbids His people from engaging in these kinds of practices, you would be sinning against Him.

As hard as it may be for you to understand, playing around with these things can very negatively affect your life by either drawing you away from Christ and to a greater dependence on these demonic devices and practices, or by filling your life with an unnamed dread or fear. There's enough in this world to concern us without opening ourselves up to further influences by the devil.

So, your Mom was doing the right thing in not allowing you to have this "game." She is guarding you from potential spiritual harm, just as she tries to protect you from physical harm. And the more you are involved in hearing God's Word, and the forgiveness and life that are ours in Christ, the less you will want to dabble in the devil's games.

***"Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part
in wicked deeds." Psalm 141:4***

Best Regards,
Der Antwort Mann