

## **Subliminal Suggestion?**

by Tricia Berg

I saw a disturbing thing at Walmart yesterday. They had two magazines side by side. One with Emma Watson dressed as Belle and the other with the Virgin Mary. Both of their heads were facing slightly downward and to the right. The resemblance of the composition of each picture was extremely noticeable. Is this just a coincidence or was it deliberate? (We know that when we follow the money trail upwards, everything is owned by a very small group of people.)

Emma received the first "genderless" MTV Movie award in the first Disney movie with a "male to male" kiss. Roman Catholics esteem Mary sometimes to the point of considering her partly responsible for their redemption and very often as being capable of providing them aid in this life (whereas she is neither). Is this just a coincidence, or is the entertainment industry trying to suggest that Mary would approve of Emma or that the two are similar in some way? Either way, my take on it is that it is time to wake up!

*And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. Romans 13:11-14*

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its*

*passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:13-25*

*Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly. Revelation 17:1-6*

These are the saints who have been persecuted, even unto death:

*Then the dragon became furious with the woman [who gave birth to the male child Satan wanted to devour] and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. Rev. 12:17; Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. Revelation 14:12*

*Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Revelation 18:4-5 (You can read the rest here:*

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+17%3A1-19%3A4&version=ESV>)

If we are part of "my people" referred to above, then we should "come out of Babylon." That includes refusing to support the evil modern entertainment industry with our dollars, because that is the same as casting a "vote" in their favor. It empowers them to produce more works against God and His values.

*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them*

*and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1*

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:1-17*

*Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. 1 Corinthians 15:33-34*

*“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.” John 15:18-21*

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the*

*flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17*

Please pray on this to discover what GOD wants YOU to do. For our family, we canceled cable TV quite a while ago (and we did not replace it with Netflix, which is still supporting evil, as they have a HUGE offering of depraved shows to view) and we try to be discerning about which movies or TV shows (on antenna) that we will watch. Even the supposed "Christian" movies often fall far short of sticking with the Bible. I have noticed that the longer we have been avoiding the consumption of "junk food media," the more I can recognize the negative influence that has been programmed into it.

It's not my job to tell anyone what to do, but it is sad how much time people will spend in front of the tube and yet say they have no time to read their Bibles. ☹ We read the Scriptures to know our beloved Lord better, not because we "have to." If we don't read it because we "don't have to" (because our works don't save us), then we have sent God a message that we don't want to know Him better, and perhaps we love worthless things more than Him. How sad is that? If God pricks your conscience and/or your heart today, then do something about it ASAP while you still can. Tomorrow and everything we expect from it is not a given. God is worthy of ALL of our devotion. Is there anyone like Him or could there ever be? You know the answer.

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