Creating Culturally and Biblically Aware Parents

2 Corinthians 6:14

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"



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Halloween

Paganism | **Catholicism** | **Satanism**

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.



Samhain: Ancient Celtic Origins (Before Christianity)

CELTIC FESTIVAL: SAMHAIN

Samhain: Pagan festival of the dead. Marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter.

Druids believed that the veil between the living and the dead was very thin.

Focus on spirits, death, divination and necromancy

Ritualistic community bonfire



The Origins of Costumes & Trick-or-Treating

(1800s–1930s)

- **SOULING:** Door knocking to pray for the souls of the dead in exchange for a soul cake.
- **GUISING:** Dressed in costumes that resemble spirits and the dark kingdom to appease and ward off evil spirits.
    - Children wore costumes and performed songs, jokes, or verses for treats.



Jack-o-Lantern: Folklore

- **Stingy Jack**: Lived a sinful life and did not make it to heaven
- Deal with the devil ensuring the devil would never take his soul.
- When he died, since he could not enter heaven or hell, he wandered in total darkness.
- Devil gave him a coal which he put in a turnip used as a lantern
- Cured to walk the earth for eternity





Carved Turnips

Celtics carved turnips and placed a candle inside to:

- Ward off evil spirits
- Sacrifice to the spirits
- Represent the souls of the dead
- Appease and communicate with spirits



Halloween & the
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic Religion

October 31st: All Hallows Day

- Eve before the feast of the Saints
- A day of fasting
- Pray for the soul of a dead relative
- Dress up as your favorite saint or character for trick-or-treat
- Light a candle and set it in the window of your porch.
- Ask a saint to walk with you and pray for you and your family while trick or treat
- Save the trick-or-treat candy received for tomorrow's feast



Dressing up is okay if representing a saint or positive character.



All Saints Day (Nov. 1st)

The Saints are with God in Heaven

- All Hallows Eve fast ends after Mass
- All Saints Party begins
- Children can eat their trick-or-treat candy
- Arrive at mass with favorite saint costume on
- Select the name of a saint for the Year
- Ask the chosen saint to pray for you until next November
- Believe your saint is your friend in Heaven, praying for you by name

All Souls Day: Nov. 2nd

Pray for the Souls of the Dead

- **Pray for the Dead:** Ask God to grant deceased loved one's mercy and eternal rest.
- **Attend Mass:** Offer special masses and prayers for the deceased.
- **Visit Cemeteries:** Visit graves, light candles, and pray.
- **Light Candles:** Symbolize Christ’s light and hope of eternal life.
- **Pray for Souls in Purgatory:** Pray for souls undergoing purification before heaven.
- **Offer Indulgences:** Perform prescribed prayers and religious acts for souls in purgatory.
- **Remember Loved Ones:** Gather, share memories, and honor deceased relatives.





Skeletons

- **Reminder of Death:** Symbolize life's temporary nature
- **Death and Resurrection:** Represent mortality and eternal life.
- **Saints and Martyrs:** Symbolize reflection on death and eternity.
- **Church Decorations:** Human bones remind people of death and repentance.
- **Skull at Home:** Reminder that Jesus defeated Satan



Halloween Comes to America (1700s–1800s)

- **Irish and Scottish immigrants** brought Halloween customs to North America.
- The **Great Irish Potato Famine** (1845–1852) accelerated Irish immigration.
- Immigrants brought traditions involving costumes, storytelling, games, and seasonal gatherings.
- By the late 1800s, Halloween increasingly became a community celebration.

Pumpkins Replaced Turnips



Early Celtics placed carved turnips with lit candles on their porches to ward off evil spirits.



Modern Halloween traditions replaced turnips with pumpkins because they were easier to carve.

Modern Day Lantern:

Irish immigrants adapted their carved lantern traditions using pumpkins, which were larger and readily available in America. Many Celtics still believe Stingy Jack still roam the earth.

Evolution of Halloween in America

Ancient Era

Samhain

Celtic seasonal and spiritual traditions

8th–11th Centuries

Catholic observances

All Saints' and All Souls' commemorations develop

1845–1852

Irish immigration

Halloween customs spread further in America

1920s–1930s

Trick-or-treat

Door-to-door customs grow in the United States



Evolution of Halloween in America

1951

Peanuts

Trick-or-treating appears in the comic strip

1952

Disney

Donald Duck's Trick or Treat reaches audiences

1950s–1970s

Candy industry

Packaged candy becomes the dominant treat

Today

Modern Halloween

A mixture of religious, cultural, and commercial traditions



How Disney Helped Popularize Trick-or-Treating

October 10, 1952: Disney released the animated short Trick or Treat.

- Featured **Donald Duck, Huey, Dewey, Louie, and Witch Hazel**.
- Showed children wearing costumes and visiting homes for candy.
- Presented Halloween as humorous family entertainment.
- Helped bring the trick-or-treating tradition to a wider audience through film and television.



Evolution of Trick-or-Treating in America

From European traditions to today's community celebrations



1800s

European immigrants brought guising and souling traditions—visiting homes in costume for food or small gifts.





Early 1900s

Halloween became known for pranks and mischief, such as soaping windows, moving gates, and other neighborhood tricks.





1920s–1930s

The phrase "trick or treat" appeared in print by 1927 and gained popularity as children began requesting treats instead of performing tricks.





1930s–1940s

Communities, schools, and churches promoted organized parties, parades, and treat-giving to replace vandalism. World War II sugar rationing temporarily limited candy.





1950s

Television, candy companies, and Disney's 1952 Donald Duck "Trick or Treat" helped popularize trick-or-treating nationwide.





1960s–1980s

Candy became the standard treat, replacing homemade items, fruit, and coins. Individually wrapped candy increased for safety and convenience.





1990s–Today

Trick-or-treating continues alongside neighborhood, school, church, and trunk-or-treat events, becoming a beloved community tradition across America.





SATANIC AGENDA

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- **Hallows Eve:** the night occultists climb the ranks in satanism.
- See it as a Celebration of death
- Halloween is an easy way to desensitize children to demons, death, and darkness.
- Neighborhoods with Halloween decoration opens the door to become a **hot spot for satanic activity**.
- Participating in any aspect of Halloween opens demonic doors.





MONTH of OCTOBER

- Most missing person cases reported
- Occultists fast the entire month

- Most blood sacrifices made
- Occultists know the “Blood” has value
- Blood is a physical currency that gives demonic power, authority and spiritual advancement
- Blood is spiritual currency in the spirit world
- The purer the person the higher the currency.

- The blood of Jesus is the highest currency in the world.
- Demons flee at the sight of the blood of Jesus



“Halloween to a witch is like Resurrection Sunday to a Christian”

~ Giaan Swiegelaar



WITCHES

fast and stay up the entire night to:

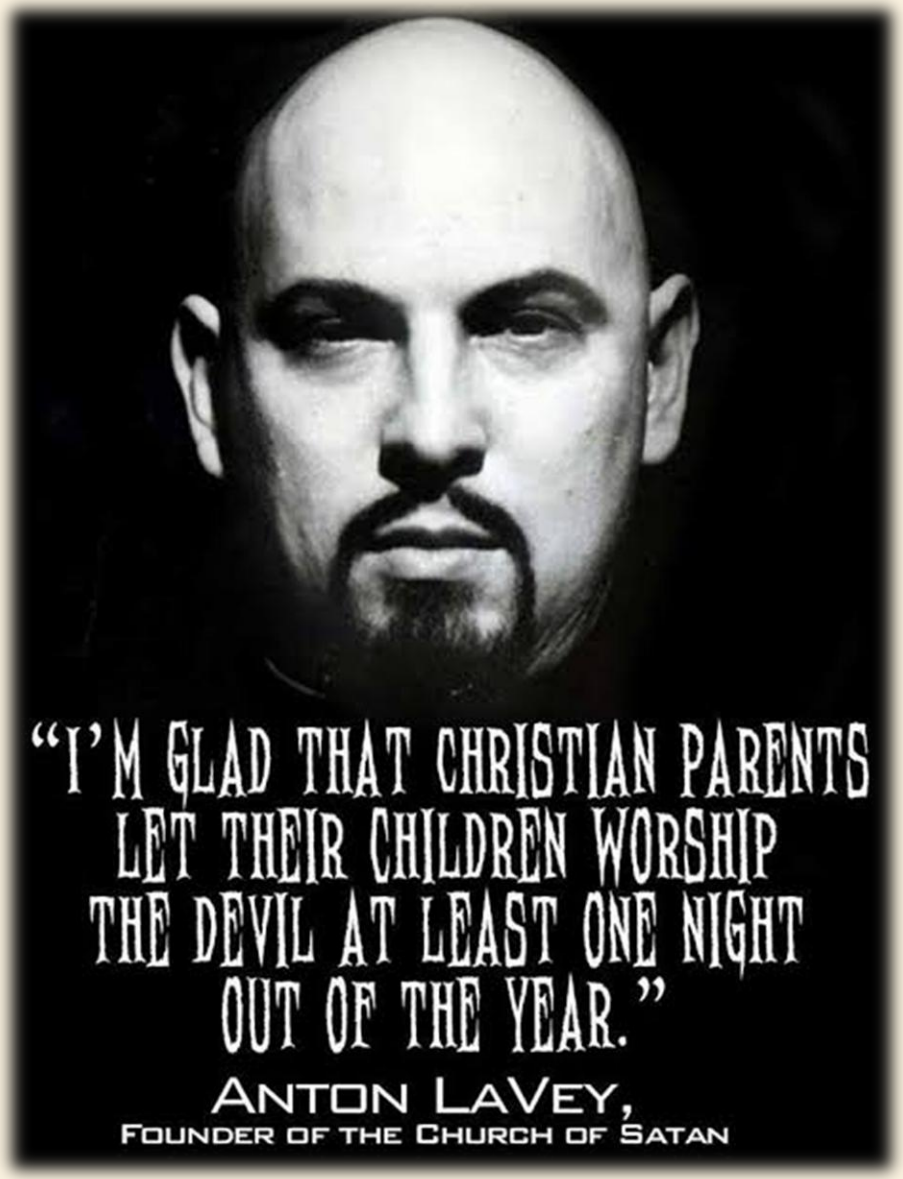
- Pronounce curses against churches
- Pronounce curses against people
- Connect with ancestors and/or spirit guides
- Astral project and start releasing curses at night
- Make blood sacrifices
- Perform rituals on October 31st
- Believes there is a very thin line between veil of death and the physical realm so there is an encounter.

Trick-or-treating at night is partnering with darkness



Anton Szandor LaVey

- **Founder of the Church of Satan:** April 30, 1966.
- **Author of The Satanic Bible:** Promoted Satanic philosophy and rituals.
- **Rejection of Christianity:** Opposed biblical teachings concerning God, sin, humility, self-denial, and morality
- **Promoted Self-Worship and Individualism:** Emphasized personal power, self-interest, independence, and satisfying one's desires.
- **Satan as a Symbol**: Viewed Satan as a symbol of rebellion and individual freedom rather than a supernatural being.
- **Occult Practices and Rituals:** Incorporated ceremonial magic, occult symbolism, and theatrical rituals into Satanic practices.
- **Cultural Influence:** Popularized Satanism and Satanic imagery



CHURCH OF SATAN

Influence On Halloween Celebration

October 31st: Recognized as Satanic Holiday

Promoted Satanic Symbolism: through the visual use of devils, demons, witches, and occult decorations

Normalized Satanic Imagery: Frightening symbols are treated as entertainment, costumes, and decorations.

Celebration of Satanic Beliefs: Observed through rituals, gatherings, costumes, and celebrations consistent with Satanism.

Encourage Exploration of the Dark Side: Opportunity for people to explore dark fantasies through costumes and role-playing.



CHILDREN'S MOVIES & SHOWS



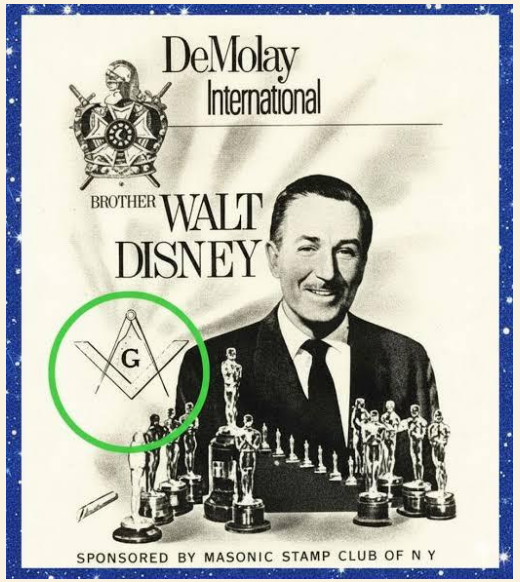
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Walt Disney

The Father of Children Entertainment





- Walt Disney was a member of **Demolay International.**
  - **Masonic youth organization** for young men from 12-21 years old
  - Fraternity sponsored by Masonic lodges and Freemasons
- Friends with Anton LaVey & Aleister Crowley
- His work was deeply influenced by his associations and beliefs

DISNEYLAND & DISNEY WORLD

Magic Kingdom



- Promotes the Kingdom of darkness
- Indoctrinates children through cute animation
- Minimizes the role of parents
- Most movies highlight single parent homes
- Promotes parents who do not understand their child
- Disney **removes gender-specific pronouns** and language in parks and movies

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- Loss of a parent
- Encourages disobedience to parents
- Puts a positive spin to the **kingdom of darkness through:**
  - Imagination
  - Creativity
  - Entertainment

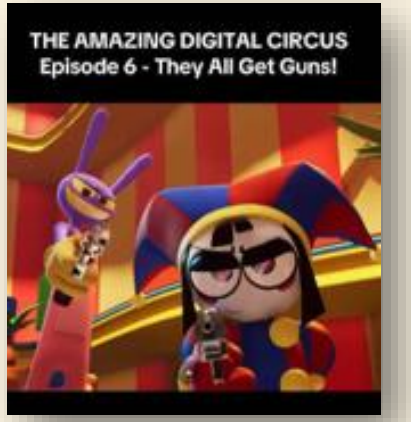


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WHEN CARTOONS GET DARK

PARENT MEDIA AWARENESS | RATINGS • PLATFORMS • CONTENT CONCERNS



THE AMAZING DIGITAL CIRCUS

TV-PG* | Netflix & YouTube

- Show people **trapped and losing their sanity**.
- Psychological dark comedy with characters hating their lives.
- Theme: **psychological breakdown**.
- Cursing, including the **“F” word** (reported)
- Includes **violence**; characters experience harm.
- References **drug use**.
- Children **as young as six** reportedly watch the show.



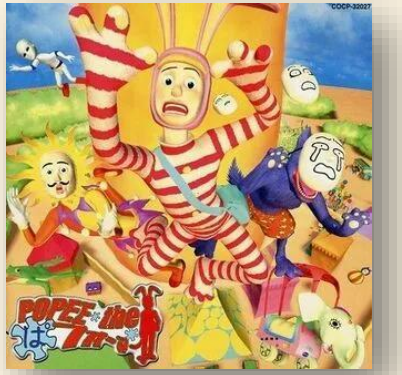
DON’T HUG ME I’M SCARED

Unrated | YouTube / Channel 4

- Three puppets and a teacher.
- Teacher becomes dangerously angry.
- An episode shows a **character being eaten**.
- Contains gory and scary imagery for children.

WHEN PLAYTIME TURNS DISTURBING

PARENT MEDIA AWARENESS | RATINGS • PLATFORMS • CONTENT CONCERNS



POPEE THE PERFORMER

Unrated | YouTube / online clips

- A clown is the performer.
- Content can become very **demonic in appearance**.
- Characters either **die or suffer a mental breakdown**.
- Everything is shown in **full detail** as the child watches.
- Parents reportedly feared children would **act it out**.
- Some parents reportedly had **nightmares** after watching it.



CORALINE

PG | Disney+ / other rental options

- Takes trust and love and demonstrate it as a **danger**.
- Storyline: character feels ignored by her parents.
- Meets woman who looks like her mother in secret tunnel
- The woman wants to **trap her** in that world forever.
- Creators of show wanted to teach children to face their fears.
- Parents describe show as **anxiety-inducing**.
- Reviewers indicate the show may create homicidal tendencies.

WHAT CHILDREN ARE WATCHING

PARENT MEDIA AWARENESS | RATINGS • PLATFORMS • CONTENT CONCERNS



SKIBIDI TOILET

Unrated | YouTube

- Toilets with **human heads**.
- Some children reportedly became **afraid to use the toilet**.
- Popular with children **under 12**.
- Some children reportedly became **inconsolable** after watching.
- Shows characters in **extreme pain**.
- Other children enjoy it and begin to **act it out**.



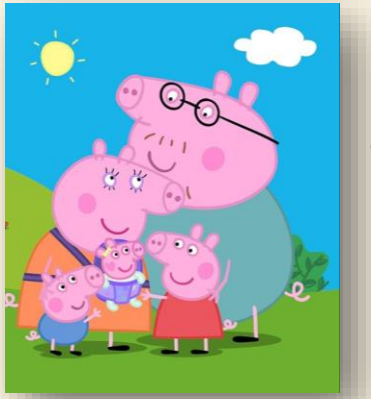
UNICORN WARS

Not rated (NR) | Independent film / rental

- Has images of **the all-seeing eye**.
- Children are raised to hate an entire species.
- **Violent** and **deadly scenes** depicted

FAMILIAR FACES, HIDDEN CONCERNS

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PEPPA PIG

TV-G | Netflix, Paramount+ & YouTube clips

- Made for **preschoolers**.
- Episode: “Mr. Skinny Legs.”
- Children become desensitized to what can hurt them.
- Introduce children to same-sex couples.



THE LITTLE MERMAID

G | Disney+

- Mermaid **sells her soul to the sea witch** in exchange of becoming human
- The sea-witch **takes her voice**.
- Also shows **caged souls** under the sea.

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PEPPA PIG

TV-G | Netflix, Paramount+ & YouTube clips

- Girl band secretly fight demons while performing
- Has demon imagery, supernatural powers, combat, and frightening scenes.
- Violent, scary images, and suggestive material
- Falls in love with a demon in boy band
- Realizes she is a demon and accepts her demonic identity



DEAD END: PARANORMAL PARK

TV-Y | NETFLIX

- Two teens and a talking dog work in a haunted theme park.
- Demons, possession, supernatural threats, and frightening creatures
- Includes LGBTQ+ characters and relationships
- Focus on friendship and identity issues.

FAMILIAR FACES, HIDDEN CONCERNS

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BIG HERO 6 / FILM

PG / DISNEY+ / 2014

- Hiro and Baymax become heroes after a family tragedy.
- Experiences grief.
- Depicts male buying feminine napkins for himself
- Promotes gender confusion,



LITTLE DEMON

TV-MA / DISNEY+ / 2014

- Main character has a one-night stand with Satan and gets pregnant
- Gives birth to a daughter
- Satan is fighting for custody of the child
- Violence, sex, nudity and profanity
- Demonic rituals and occultic imagery







CHILDREN AND SPIRITUALITY

Parents Teaching Witchcraft

- Parents believe they are protecting their child but unknowingly opening the door to demonic strongholds
- **TRUTH:** Creating generational bondages.



Burning sage - Smudging

- Native American cultural practice
- Believe it is purifying their space
- Believe it is ridding the home of negative energy
- Believe it is clearing your space from demons
- **TRUTH:** Sage will not protect from demons, it invites them



TAROT READING

- Accessing spirits to predict future.
- Believe it is predicting your future
- Gives a voice of certainty
- Involves divination
- Involves palm-reading
- Cards are usually read by those in the dark kingdom (witches, psychics, fortunetellers, etc.)
- **TRUTH:** Traps your soul



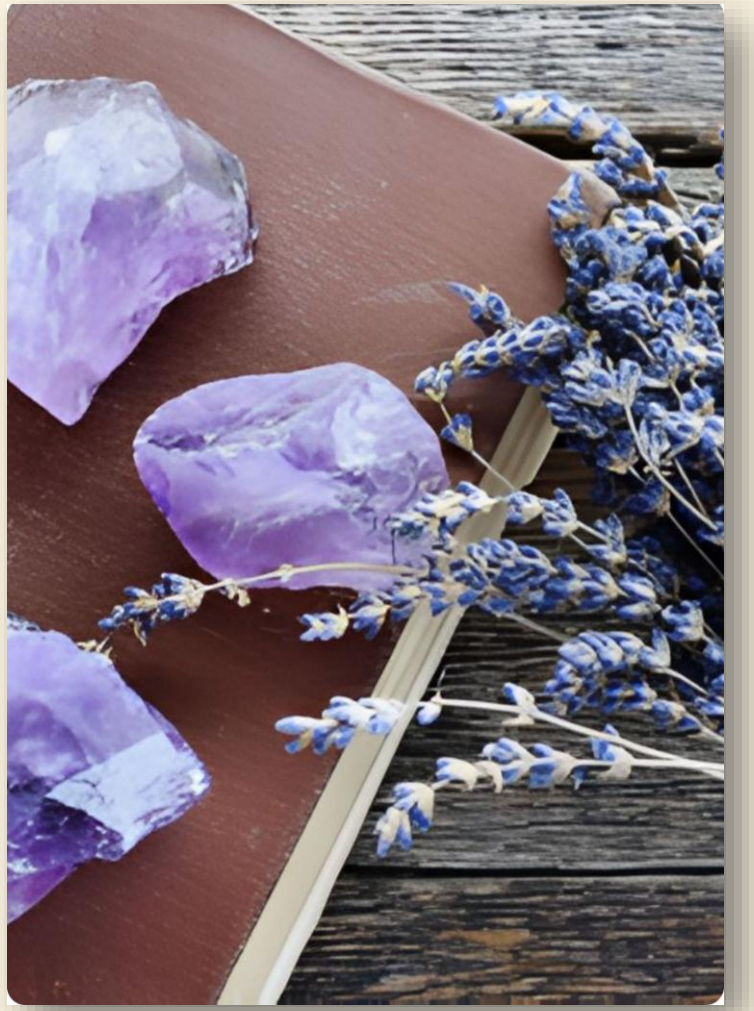
Ouija Board

- Used in an attempt to communicate with the dead.
- **Necromancy:** communicating with the spirits of the dead.
- Targets children as young as 8 yrs old.
- Invented in 1890 with connection to the occult.
- **TRUTH:** Open portals to the supernatural



Magic Crystals

- Used for different purposes.
- Used for its mental, physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual power.
- Opens the door to dependence on magic crystals
- **TRUTH:** Opens the door to witchcraft and the occult
- **TRUTH:** Using crystals can conjure evil spirits.



Palm Reading

- Analyze the physical features of your hand *(such as lines, shapes, etc.)*
- Evaluate your character, personality traits, and potential life paths.
- **TRUTH:** Opens door for severe anxiety and chronic overthinking



Horoscope

- The process of decode one's life
- **TRUTH:** Opens the door to spiritual deception
- **TRUTH:** Carries psychological, financial and spiritual risks.

Jeremiah 29: 11
For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end



Dream Catchers

- Symbol of Native American culture and spirituality.
- Believed to ward off bad dreams and give you good dreams
- Traditionally hung over the bed or sleeping area
- Believe bad dreams are caught in the web
- **TRUTH:** It creates room for evil spirits to enter home



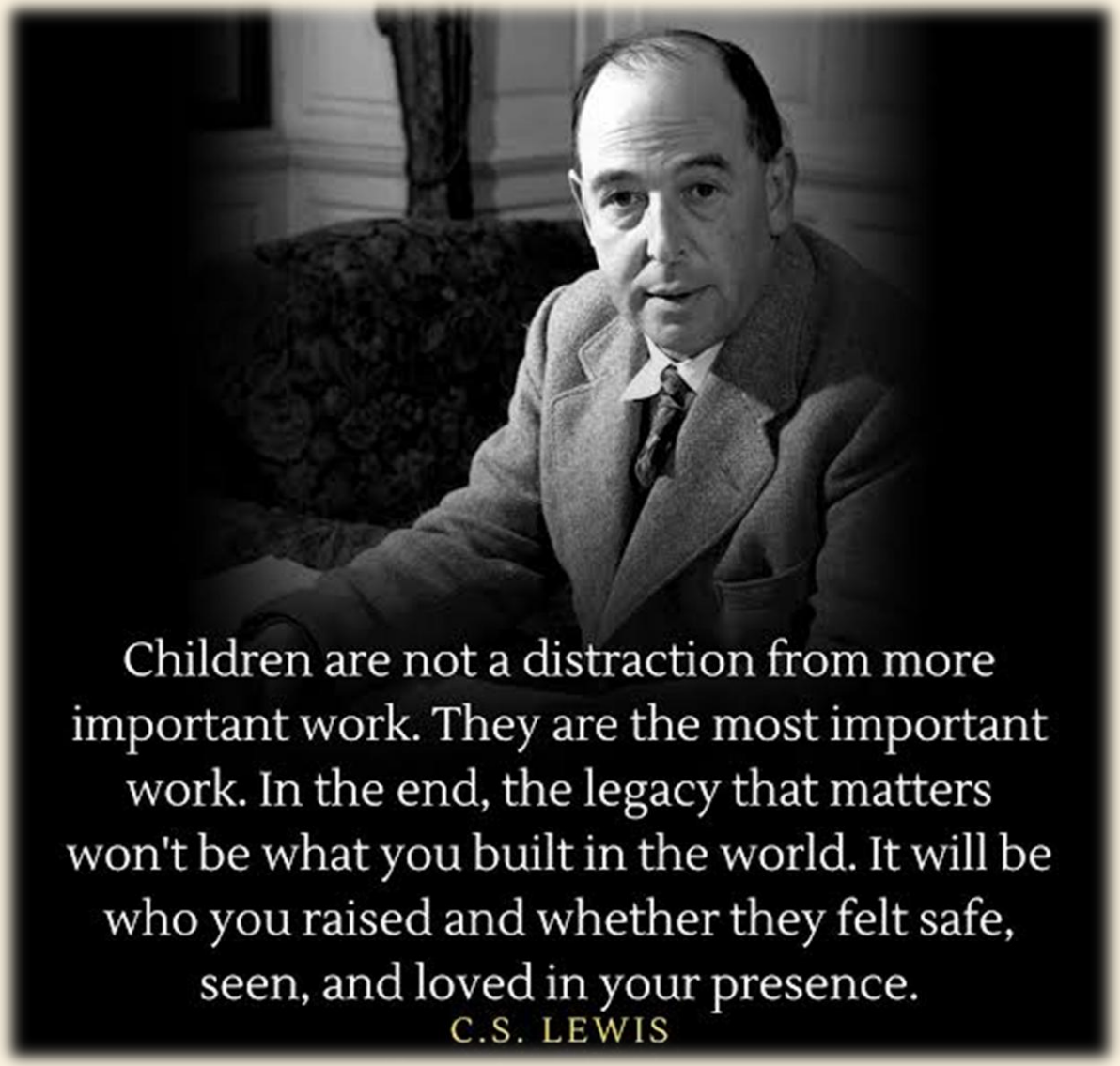
Train Our Children



PROVERBS 22:6 · NKJV

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Keeping Perspective



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