Jesus' Day Off

LUKE 8:26-39

1. Jesus Conquers Demons

LUKE 8:28-33

The Counterfeit Eden

"Naked and unashamed"

Exercises power over nature.

Acknowledges God.

Is self-governing and independent.

Fascination with the Dead

 Shown in our culture with an obsession over vampirism.

• The "Twilight" series of movies grossed \$1.37 Billion in theaters approximated the GDP of Spain! (And that's just the movies...)

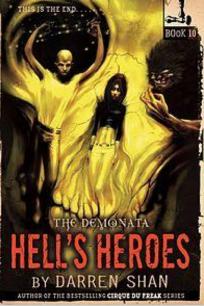
Vampirism

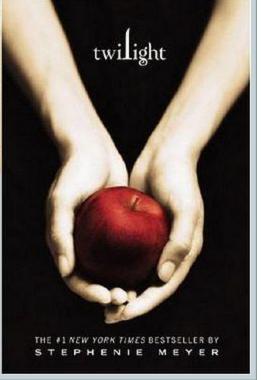
 Libraries and Bookstores now have entire sections devoted to "Teen Paranormal Romance"

○ The allure of a lie — achieving eternal life apart from faith in Jesus Christ.

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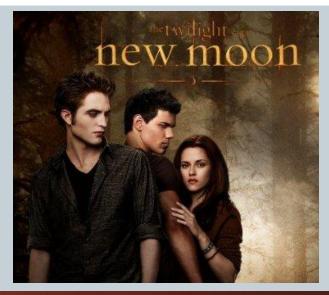






Mixing Sex and Demonism







2. Jesus Conquers False Religion

LUKE 8:34-37

"This is not a religion of repentance from sin, of keeping the Sabbath, of living as a servant of a sovereign divine, of steadfastly saying one's prayers, of faithfully observing high holy days, of building character through suffering, of basking in God's love and grace, of spending oneself in gratitude and love for the cause of social justice, etc...

"...rather, what appears to be the actual dominant religion among U.S. teenagers is centrally about feeling good, happy, secure, at peace. It is about attaining subjective well-being, being able to resolve problems, and getting along amiably with other people."

"The God [of MTD] is not demanding. He actually can't be, since his job is to solve our problems and make people feel good."

Does this describe what most "Christians" believe today?

3. Jesus Sets Us Free

LUKE 8:25, 38-39

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him."

Bought with a price, for a cause.

We are freed not from slavery to anarchy, but from slavery to mission.

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