

Digital Dementia - The Modern Plague - Ephesians 4:23

- **current situation**
- **devil's scheme to enslave and destroy mankind is well underway**
- **to be successful, devil has to destroy people's souls**
- **of the mind, will, emotions; the mind is the most important**
- **drugs, ungodly music, occult etc. have done a lot of damage in the past**
- **now, with modern technology, all are being combined with disastrous results**

- **in 2009, Popular Science had an article, Boot Camp for Gaming Addicts, Gaming Addicts for Boot Camp.**

There's playing online games, and then there's collecting 68 virtual "husbands" in a game. That's when Chinese parents intervene and send their wayward offspring to a boot camp staffed by soldiers of the People's Liberation Army.

Many of the Internet addicts are young males hooked by online games such as *World of Warcraft* and *Counterstrike*. But other residents of the camp include some young women addicted to dance and virtual family video games, not to mention people suffering from addictions to work, shopping and sex. All of them adhere to a rigid routine of drills and physical exercises on a military base outside Beijing.

More than 300 such camps have sprung up in China to tackle modern "non-material" addictions. China boasts the world's largest number of Internet users at 290 million, and subsequently finds itself coping with many addicted netizens. It may soon become the first country to classify Internet addiction as a disorder, by registering the condition with the World Health Organization.

- **in 2010, the Guardian had an article**
- **Girl starved to death while parents raised virtual child in online game.**
- **South Korean police have arrested a couple for starving their three-month-**

old daughter to death while they devoted hours to playing a computer game that involved raising a virtual character of a young girl.

The 41-year-old man and 25-year-old woman, who met through a chat website, reportedly left their infant unattended while they went to internet cafes. They only occasionally dropped by to feed her powdered milk.

"I am sorry for what I did and hope that my daughter does not suffer any more in heaven," the husband is quoted as saying on the asiaone website.

According to the Yonhap news agency, South Korean police said the couple had become obsessed with raising a virtual girl called Anima in the popular role-playing game Prius Online. The game, similar to Second Life, allows players to create another existence for themselves in a virtual world, including getting a job, interacting with other users and earning an extra avatar to nurture once they reach a certain level.

"The couple seemed to have lost their will to live a normal life because they didn't have jobs and gave birth to a premature baby," Chung Jin-Won, a police officer, told Yonhap. "They indulged themselves in the online game of raising a virtual character so as to escape from reality, which led to the death of their real baby."

- Biblical Christians are also under attack; especially the young ones

- Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- Ephesians 4:23 - And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

- recently this was described in an article

- 'Digital dementia' on the rise as young people increasingly rely on technology instead of their brain'

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Doctors have reported a surge in cases of 'digital dementia' among young people.

They say that teenagers have become so reliant on digital technology they are no longer able to remember everyday details such as their phone numbers.

South Korean experts have found that those who rely more on technology suffer a deterioration in cognitive abilities more commonly seen in patients who have suffered a head injury or psychiatric illness.

‘Over-use of smartphones and game devices hampers the balanced development of the brain,’ Byun Gi-won, a doctor at the Balance Brain Centre in Seoul, told the JoongAng Daily newspaper.

South Korea is one of the most digital nations in the world and internet addiction, among both adults and children, was recognised as far back as the late 90s, says a report in The Telegraph.

Heavy technology users are likely to develop the left side of their brains, leaving the right side untapped or underdeveloped,’ he said.

The right side of the brain is associated with concentration and underdevelopment affects attention and memory span, which could in as many as 15 per cent of cases lead to the early onset of dementia.

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Sufferers are also reported to suffer from emotional underdevelopment, with children more at risk than adults because their brains are still growing.

The situation appears to be worsening with the percentage of people aged between 10 and 19 who use their smartphones for more than seven hours every day leaping to 18.4 per cent - an increase of seven per cent from last year.

The Korean findings come after a study, carried out by UCLA, found that young people were increasingly suffering from memory problems.

The research, published earlier this month, found that 14 per cent of young men and women between aged 18 and 39 complained that their memory was poor.

The U.S. study blamed modern lifestyles for the problem - saying that spending time on a computer and texting prevents people focussing and memorising information.

They also blamed stress, saying hectic lifestyles prevent concentration information retention.

- There is a lot of spiritual warfare to be waged.

- First, the person has to want to change.

Luke 15:17-24 - And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

- Restoring the soul is important - mind, will, emotions

- There are a lot of spirits to be binding up and casting out.

- addictions

- pathway to destruction - curiosity - escapism - fantasy - altered state of consciousness & controlled by demon (familiar spirit)

- occult

- rebellion

- rejection

- John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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