
Subject: I have a question

Posted by [LouisS](#) on Sun, 12 May 2019 08:21:05 GMT

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Before i was a Christian, i used to play a lot of video games. After becoming a Christian, i stopped playing all games that i knew were bad. But i still continued to play games that i thought were ok.

So, i have a question. Is playing this game bad or not? What do you think?

The game is called Europa Universalis 4. Its a game about history that starts at 1444 ad. It actually helped learn about some things in history.

In this game, you just look at a map and press buttons.

Here is how the gameplay looks:

https://proxy.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=http%3A%2F%2Fcalmdowntom.com%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2013-08-06_00004.jpg&f=1

Subject: Re: I have a question

Posted by [Wolf](#) on Tue, 14 May 2019 03:42:03 GMT

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Looks interesting. I dunno though. You know how it goes in giving Satan an inch, and he'll take a mile. My attitude regarding gaming has changed a lot PTL. Especially since I dropped \$100 on Steam credits (I've never paid for games before). The following day I deleted all gaming accounts and all email accounts associated with them so I couldn't restore access. The accounts I couldn't delete, I changed the passwords to an impossible to remember password. So then that drove it home on just how futile and vain gaming is.

I slide into despair if I find myself gaming because what am I doing with my life? All these hours and for what? Why can't I improve myself, my life, my relationships, etc in real life instead of improving a fake character or army or country on a computer screen? See if you can adopt that kind of mindset, cuz that's what really helped me. Another way to look at it is to treat real life like a game (sorta). So the character(you) needs to get stronger, send him to the gym. Character is bored, get in car and go to park or whatever adventure. It's a real life FPS adventure/RTS/whatever immersion. You are low on resources? Send your "character" to a job, accumulate resources.

So while that game may be completely fine to play, ask yourself if you want to spend valuable time on it. We have only so much time left on this planet, and the more it is wasted we get that much less opportunity to do our part in getting to heaven where we'll have eternity in the best "game" ever. Skyrim couldn't hold a candlelight to what we'll experience up there. So let's work and fight on towards that destination shall we? :d

Subject: Re: I have a question

Posted by [LouisS](#) on Wed, 15 May 2019 02:26:28 GMT

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Makes sense. I could use free time to pass out tracts instead of playing video games for example. Or instead of using the extra money you have on buying video games you can use it to help spread the message. And of course, skyrim cannot hold candlelight to what we'll experience up there. First of all its just fiction. Second, that game is just satanic, the main character is called dragonborn and we know who is the dragon from the Bible. The character dragonborn is treated like a messiah who will save the world, and that's just a mockery of Christ. And since you played the game you can figure out the rest. And of course, Heaven is much better, you can build your house any way you like it and it will be real unlike in video games. And in Heaven, you can also explore the whole universe, I can easily spend 2000 years just exploring one planet. And we only know just a little bit of what we are going to be doing up there.

Subject: Re: I have a question

Posted by [Wolf](#) on Wed, 15 May 2019 03:06:14 GMT

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Yeah. Although don't focus strictly 100% on the work, do allow for recreation and find something else besides gaming. Personally I go to the gym, hiking, and/or fabrication projects. Not so much recreation as volleyball or gokarting with friends but since the part I like about gaming is overcoming challenges and building things, why not do that in real life at the gym and making stuff ya know?

That's my take on it anyway. I'm curious to see what others say here (even tho the forum isn't much of an active site :yawn:).

Subject: Re: I have a question

Posted by [Michael32](#) on Fri, 17 May 2019 20:22:37 GMT

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I can pitch in!

Not so long ago i was stuggling with games again. Not those on steam, origin and other platforms, big games like you mentioned above. I dumped them on 1st July 2017 and haven't played them since. PTL! But it was those little browser and android games. Last game i had was on android device and it was Tiny Space Program. It was about shooting rockets into space, reaserching and crafting, setting bases on other planets, developing. Nothing strange, weird, bad. I downloaded it so i could 'kill time' when i was bored or when i couldn't focus on anything because i was at work and had a short brake for example. But because i noticed that i was actually wasting more time than those "5 minutes", and because i very often heard a reminder in my mind that i shouldn't waste my time, i uninstalled this game also. My take on it now is that i don't want to fall into trap of playing again. At first it's like: "i'll play for 5min and leave" but soon it can get to the point when you think "why i can't stop playing this game?".

I was a gamer till 1st July 2017. I could easily play for 6-12h before. So when i thought that i'm not into gaming anymore and that i'll probably control myself more in that matter... .. yeah, no. It's my weak point and satan still tries to get me into playing. But i choose Jesus over satan and i choose

not to play anymore. Developing an account, earning points, etc is not worth it. It's something that will perish soon. But as for the education in games: it's cool to have fun and education combined but the gameplay, mechanics and visuals could overtake the mind making it harder to focus on the educational part. I know from experience that when i played i wanted to get more action than reading.
