

TIME TO SUIT UP!



"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11

Take a good look at this symbol.



I know you've seen it around. I sure have! I've seen it on earrings and necklaces, I've seen it on T-shirts, I've seen it on purses, I've seen it on wrist watch faces, and I've even seen it on the South Korean national flag.



DISCUSS: *Discuss some of the places you've seen the symbol. Do any of you have one with you right now?*

Most people (especially kids) think that this is just a simple little picture of who knows what. They may never really take the time to find out what it really stands for. Sometimes it pays for us to know what we're wearing before we strut around with something we might not like.

This symbol is called a **YIN-YANG**. (And all along you thought Yin and Yang were Panda bears in the San Diego Zoo.)

History Lesson: *Yin-Yang was the brainchild of a man named Lao-Tse. Lao was born in China in 600 BC. His name means "wise old child" (because legend says he was born an old man). He wrote a book called the "Tao Te Ching" which many people thought was the source of all wisdom. He wanted nothing to do with the true God—the real source of wisdom.*

The most popular thing that came from the "wise old child" was his idea of Yin-Yang. He said these two things show the balance of everything in nature. There are negative things in nature, things like sickness, cold, evil, death, and (sorry girls) females. These are the YIN. There are also positive things like health, heaven, hot, good, life—yes, and males. These he called YANG. Lao-Tse said that everything in nature contains these two forces. The trick is

to keep them in constant balance with one another. If you're feeling ill, it's because you're getting too heavy in the YIN department.

Sound strange to you? Me too! But to 30,000,000 followers, yin-yang is very important. Too bad they either forgot or haven't heard about our Jesus.

⚠ DANGER - MINE FIELD: *The Yin-Yang symbol represents the Taoist religion. It is to them just like the symbol of the cross is to us. They feel it is a sacred sign. So when you wear it, you may not think so, but you are actually wearing a pagan religious symbol. Perhaps that's not a real good idea!*

OTHER BATTLES: "Star Wars" movies mention the FORCE being with you. The force is good when Luke Skywalker uses it and bad when Darth Vader uses it. Producer George Lucas was greatly influenced by the Taoist religion.

BATTLE PLANS: Taoism says that a god can make man do both good and evil. Is that so with the True God? Read James 1:13.

What would Jesus say to those Taoist followers who feel they have found the way to peace and happiness through the practice of Yin-Yang? Read John 14:6.

DISCUSS: *Have you ever noticed people known for their sinfulness or wickedness wearing a necklace with a cross? How did you feel about them wearing that sacred symbol? What impression do they give? Might you give a wrong impression to others if you wear the Yin-Yang symbol? Can you think of other symbols which you would not wear?*

PRAY BEFORE THE BATTLE: Ask God to send his Holy Spirit into the hearts of the millions of Tao followers who are headed straight for hell. Thank God that he has given you the opportunity to learn about his saving love.

AMMUNITION: Galatians 6:14 *"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."*