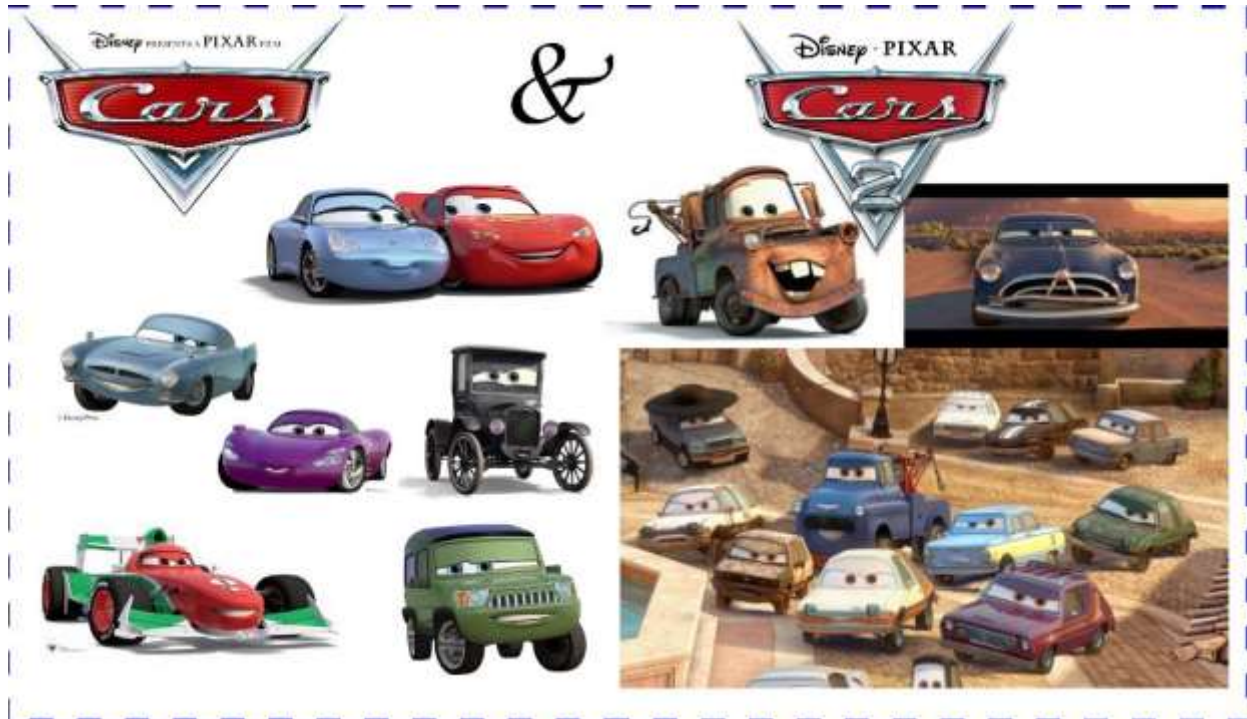




Short report on Disney's Cars1 and Cars2 (part 1 of 3)

Hello and welcome to this short report. Thank you to my brothers and sisters in Christ for caring to see and watch more carefully what they allow their kids to watch, and to friends for caring and paying attention as well. Greetings and welcome - this is Steven Henry here, with my fourth report on disney cartoon films. I hope you find it's explanations, quotes, and analysis helpful. Personally, this report has been one of the best ones for me spiritually as it covers many details that have helped me to figure out things in my walk with Christ. And I hope and pray that this will help you as well.

Before we dig in, though, I'd like to share this video link of me explaining about why I'm covering and examining disney so much lately. I pray it explains and helps you to understand the context better. =) ~ www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1J75zuMDKM

Okay, this report will be a little different than the others in that I'm sort of covering 2 movies in 1 report and aiming to keep it short enough to read smoothly while catching the main themes and what God says in His Word on those topics. I want to look at the plot of Cars1 first, then some short analysis, then the plot of Cars2 - then some combined analysis. So, first (as I always like to do) let's look at the plot or storyline of disney's Cars1.

Story of Cars1

>>> **A clarification:** *Please be aware that I watch as little of these disney movies as I have to. I don't want all the junk in my head and try to only spend the minimal amount of time to understand the story. I do typically see enough to understand the story plot and will usually find a written plot before I write my own short form of*

the plot. So that I can explain it and then analyze it from a Biblical perspective. So, if I get a detail wrong here and there - I apologize, and now you know why. =)
Lightning McQueen is the main star here - and he's... well just a bit prideful, cocky, and enjoying the limelight of being the new shining star in the racing world. Did I mention that in the world of 'Cars' - cars talk and there aren't people. But, these cars have been people-ized, meaning they act, talk, think, and look like people - in the form of cars. Just a little odd (and you'll see that in the notes following). So, Lightning has been both gaining popularity and has worked up to being in the 'Piston Cup' - the supposed top race in the country (presumably the US). The race has a couple hundred laps. Lightning is so cocky, though, that he uses poor judgment in not getting all the tune ups and loses 2 tires just yards from the finish line - way ahead of the others. While most of the other cars are all crumpled in a crash created by a top-competitor 'Thunder', Lightning tries to hobble to the finish line and makes a triple tie with the 'King' and 'Thunder'. So, no one can figure out who won, so a re-match is scheduled for 1 week later a good drive away - in California.

Everything seems to be going well, until Lightning's carrier (semi-truck Mack) falls asleep at the 'wheel' so to speak, and the vibrations open the back door and Lightning drifts out of the truck onto a highway - wakes up and has to dodge semi-trucks and in the process completely loses track of Mack. So, now Lightning is awake and mad and realizes that he has to drive himself to California. So, he starts speeding his way there. Which is unwise to do - but that pretty much describes Lightning. And on the way there, Lightning speeds (in the middle of the night) through a small town - right past an officer car. The officer car chases Lightning and Lightning creates much damage in the little town before coming to a stop hanging from power lines, with the officer car telling him that he's in a huge amount of trouble. Yeah - so that's a bad night on an already bad day.

In the morning, Lightning finds himself in trouble with the law and people of a little town called 'Radiator Springs'. Lightning is grumpy, nervous, angry, and insulting... just to name a few things - guess he hasn't learned to control himself when he wakes up in the morning (I should say - yet). The Judge talks a variety of ways to punish the young race-car... and then in walks Sally - the town's only attorney. After Lightning flirts with her (to everyone's surprise) and lusts over her, including flattery, etc, Sally then lightly rebukes him for treating the others so rudely and then proceeds to reason with the judge for a reasonable sentence so Lightning can leave. The settlement is that if Lightning will fix the road that he destroyed by repaving it, then he can leave. So, in haste, Lightning repairs the road - horribly. Lightning wants to convince everyone that he's done and can leave - nobody agrees. So, Lightning fumes about it... until Doc (a former popular race car) offers an idea - a race. Doc will race him on a dirt track - and if Lightning wins, Doc will take care of the road and the other stuff. If Doc wins, then Lightning must finish his sentence before he can leave. So, they race - well, sort of. Lightning races off and then loses grip on the dirt, slides off the hill and into the cactus. Doc already knew Lightning enough to know this was going to happen and didn't even try to out-race him - Doc just let Lightning hurt himself. Mater (tow truck) who's been becoming a quick close friend

of Lightning - pulls lightning out of the cactus and back onto the hill. So, with his pride (slightly) wounded, Lightning slowly works to repair the damage he's caused in the little town and the damage he's caused with his critical words and insults. Over several days, Lightning begins to repair everything, including the road, and the climax is that he and Sally have a date in the newly fixed up little back-roads town - with neon lights and old 50s or 60s music (see my comments on that). The scene is lively and everyone's having fun - until they see lots of cars coming, but they don't know who they are.

Turns out, it's Mack and the paparazzis who have been looking all over for Lightning. Doc had called the racing crew once Lightning had finished his sentence (but no one knew that until later). So after some coaxing, Lightning says goodbye to Sally and the rest of the town, gets in the truck - and off they go to California. In California, Lightning is treated like a star as usual - everyone's glad to see him back and glad to get the race going. The race day comes - but by now Lightning is missing his friends at Radiator Springs. He thanks Mack for being his crew and the race begins - with Lightning racing against the 'King' and 'Thunder' to win the Piston Cup trophy. Lightning isn't racing well - distracted, until he hears a familiar voice encouraging him and giving him tips in his headset - and it's not Mack. Turns out - it's Doc, the former racecar. Doc brought a crew from Radiator Springs to help Lightning win the race. Lightning stops at the pit stop - with quick friendly heys, he's off and running. Lightning is once again just about to win (well ahead thanks to his friends), when 'Thunder' hits the 'King' and sends him to a crumples stop off the road. Lightning looks up just in time to see what 'Thunder' has done and stops a couple feet from the finish line letting 'Thunder' roar past him. Then Lightning goes and gets behind 'King' and pushes him past the finish line noting that Doc had taught him that winning isn't everything and that the trophy is 'just an empty cup'. There's celebrations everywhere and Lightning goes back to Radiator Springs to join his friends, and Sally. -- If there's more, I didn't see it =)
>> end of story-plot <<

Just a word from this Bible student and write of this short report: My name is Steven Henry. Welcome - glad to have you here reading this and to hopefully encourage and equip you to help your family more. I have found this particular study to be one of the best for me spiritually because of the variety of topics raised here. And I sincerely pray it helps you and others too. Please keep in mind that in all of my reports, I don't yell at people - I plead with them, and reason with them to try to help them see things that are hurting them so that they might turn away from them, and/or protect themselves in whatever way necessary. If you take this information and use it to help your family move away from things that hurt them - great! If you don't... that's ok. Either way, my job is just to teach - God's Word and highlight evil that we need to watch out for and/or flee from, and the rest is up to you and your family. I know that. And I post these studies because I care and in response to other parents who care and have asked for my research and insight into things that affect their families. So, with that intro, I hope this helps you. =) ~ Please, feel free at any

time to find me on Facebook or email to ask questions or discuss things here further. You can find me by my email address in both places - Steven.H3@gmail.com.

This would almost be a good story - except as usual disney always leaves God out, the reality of consequences for **all** our actions (instead of just a few), and one other serious problem - infatuation, lust, sexual double-intenders... This film has all of the seemingly invisible sins you will find rampant in the lives of those who worship car racing and shiny pieces of painted metal (called 'fancy cars' or 'classic cars') - everything from pride (something God hates and opposes strongly), to anti-Biblical music that sounds 'smooth' but only stirs lust and hardens hearts in their rebellious ways, to greed, envy, fits of rage - just to name a few.

So, with that said, there are many things to discuss here. I'll try to keep it limited =) Oddly enough, this is the first disney movie that I've studied or seen that **doesn't** have seem to have any witchcraft at all. But there are plenty of other things to look at here and discuss. I'll post some insights here, but save most of them for in the review of Cars 2 (in part 2). But, as usual, Cars1 has the typical perverse stuff I've come to notice is in all disney films. Please note that these reports I do are written mostly for mature adults or youth with some deeper understanding. And though I try to always handle things well and Biblically, some things discussed here are not for just anyone. Please be aware of this.

As I mentioned a little above, in disney's Cars1 and Cars2, disney not only humanized cars, but they included a little sexualizing of inanimate cars as well. Disney loves to do this to sneak perverse conversation and content in without really getting caught enough to make parents turn it off and throw away the movie. But, that's horrible to do to kids... here's a few examples (and both of these movies are full of examples of this) -

-- As I mentioned in the story-plot section, Lightning's first hello and chat with Sally (Radiator Springs' only attorney) has him out loud making comments that are both flirtatious and lusting - including asking her to hold still so he can just 'look' at her. That's a perverse thing to get in a kid's mind. Sinful temptations are bad enough - the US culture seems to be full of them. But, to intentionally teach a child to lust after members of the opposite gender... is really, really wrong.

-- Another clip has Sally driving away from Lightning after a short conversation, and he spots a small tattoo on her rear trunk and Lightning makes note of it... um... Is it just me or does that by example get little ones to notice tattoos in intimate places?...
sigh



-- Another example. Read that picture on the left there. Now, if you don't mind - please read it again. Okay? What's it look like? Bumper ointment for cars, of course. Right?... hmm... If it's for cars - why is it 'medicated'...? Oh, and why does it have a specific application instructions included? 'rear-end' formula... it's clearly

talking about the cars 'tail' correct? Then, again - why is it medicated?... I think you're starting to see the problem. It's clearly a double-intender - partly (sort of) about cars, partly hinting at something intimate or sexual. That sticker is on the hood of Lightning McQueen. And, I do apologize if I made you nervously laugh in that little analysis. God commands us to flee sexual immorality and lust, so it definitely was not my intention to make such intimate subjects and coarse jesting a matter of humor. I personally find this kind of sick, sick humor from Disney for *kids*... unspeakably evil.

“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.” (1st Corinthians 16:8) - there are other examples of perverse things here in this movie, but I'll leave it at that. You can find more that your children are taking in - if you look for them.

‘Get your kicks on Route 66’ ~ That’s literally a line from one of the songs as Lightning is traveling. 66... what do we have there? In Revelation 13, we find that the number for man in his rebellion is 666. It’s easy to see that Route 66 is a play off of that, not to mention that just that little line in the song is hinting the same thing - get your sin-fix on route 66 (the highway to Hell?... don’t know). Another note that might be interesting here is that when Lightning first saw Radiator Springs, he called it ‘hillbilly Hell’... Hell is a very real eternal place - not to be made a joke. Jesus talked about and explained much more about Hell than He talked about or described Heaven.

Next topic - old 50s or 60s music. I was privileged growing up, though some wouldn’t look at it that way. Here’s what I mean - I didn’t grow up hearing lots of anti-Biblical songs. The most that played around my Dad and Madre’s house was Christian music, preachers or the Bible on CD. So, that allows me to look at some things with a fresh perspective - because I haven’t heard it before. That was my view of when I first heard the ‘Life Would Be Dream’ with a 50s or 60s style (which I can’t tell). You see, if you grew up hearing that music, then you probably aren’t analyzing the lyrics. But, if you were to, you would see that God is completely removed and the whole world of that song is based on the girlfriend/boyfriend being able to make life perfect for you. Do you know what God calls that? Idolatry. Why? Good question - it’s pretty simple. When someone builds their world around a person of the opposite gender and excludes God - that person they adore is an idol to them, because it’s taking the place of God. God is the One who made us - who gives us life - He sustains us so we can live and breathe His air, drink His water, and eat the food He made for us... only to squeeze Him out as our thankyou. Do you see something wrong with that picture? Yeah... me too. Can you imagine how He must feel in this repeated scenario again and again...? This might take some readjusting for all of us - single or married alike - yes? Let’s keep growing. But that does give a good segue into the next topic.

Next topic - dating. From my years of seeing youth ministries first-hand (not yet having kids of my own), I hate the dating game. The whole culture seems to be working over-time to get kids and young people as young as possible to think that their most important thing in life is to find a boyfriend or girlfriend and then to try to satisfy their every selfish whim... *shaking my head* It’s too sad for words. God didn’t

make childhood for playing. He made it for growing in maturity. See Jesus' example: **"And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."** (Luke 2:40) And again in Proverbs, we find God's wisdom: **"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."** (Proverbs 22:6) - It always deeply saddens me when I see various media (and sometimes the older generation) trying to stir up a young person to 'fall in love' rather than grow in character and wait on God's timing. I know some older people who don't know the Word of God (but they think they do) who push so hard as to even use lust to get a young person to 'fall for' someone of the opposite gender. I've been a youth leader for a dozen years - I've seen it many many times - and when they push the younger people like that, at some point they probably get themselves into the judgment Jesus described in Matthew 18. Now, having mentioned that hardened older category, let me also mention that I'm blessed to know many others (young and older) who are growing in understanding God's Word and just really care. I'm not talking about those who really - those people are really cool ^_^ ~ I'm mostly referring to those who want to get their selfish dreams fulfilled to the point that they see nothing wrong with causing someone to sin to get their way. This is what Jesus said: **"At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?' Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children [humbly, fully seeking to please God], you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."** (Matthew 18:1-6) - There are some among Disney and other entertainment companies and sectors that have brought the millstone judgment on them from God - so that if they do not repent before they die, their judgment will be far worse than most.

Brothers and sisters, please hear me - you cannot have morals without God. Period. You can't. You can have a facade that God (Who sees right through us before Whom nothing is hidden) calls: hypocrisy. And one good deed at the end of 1 story, doesn't mean a changed life. Anyone can fake repentance. Anyone can look like they've changed their life... but, if there's no real repentance, it's just whitewashing a tomb, as Jesus said. If we are not daily growing in obedience to Jesus and walking in His ways - yet pretending ourselves to be some spiritual or moral leader, then we are no better than the vile polished religious hypocrites Jesus rebuked face to face.... God does not accept a partial repentance or a token sacrifice. God's standard is one thing and one thing only. And He said it through His prophet Samuel. **"Has the Lord as great [or any] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in [in complete contrast to] obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."** (1st Samuel 15:22) ~ What's the solution? Genuine repentance. This applies to us sinners as much after salvation as before salvation. Repentance has a starting point, but the pattern must continue to repeat the rest of our lives - turning from more sin, to include more of God's Word and obedience to

Him. **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”** (2nd Corinthians 5:17) ~ Jesus said it this way: **“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me... He who does not love Me does not keep My words...”** (John 14:21,24) That keeping Jesus’ commands is not a one-time thing or an aim for absolute unattainable perfection... it’s the continual growth in obeying and walking in the ways of our Master and Savior, Christ the Lord.

At the end of the race and movie, it would seem to some that Lightning sort of learned self-control and humility... but, that view would not be accurate to the Bible. The version of self-control disney shows here almost looks genuine - but you and I know that this is not how self-control is learned. Please notice that Lightning didn’t really learn to humble himself - just to be more positive as he was prideful. The only real thing that disney made look bad was his pride when it showed itself in anger and *‘I’m better than you’* insults. Yet, pride - to God, is **always** an offense. God says this: **“God resists [opposes, wars against] the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”** (James 4:6) ~ And Jesus said this concerning humility: **“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”** (Matthew 18:3) - We can’t enter Heaven holding onto our pride. To God, pride is **always** an disgusting thing to Him. It doesn’t matter if we polish it up and learn how to flatter or encourage others... if we’re walking in pride - especially, if we are genuinely God’s adopted children through Christ, then He **must** oppose us. He cannot bless our sin, or our pride.

Well, that’s all for now ~ I pray this report has helped you some. And I hope you hear my heart and not taking my words harshly - for they are not meant that way. ~ The Lord be with you as you grow. Pray for me! I’m praying for you! ~ Let’s keep growing in hunger and thirst for God’s Word and in humble obedience to Him and sharing His Word. ~

Please pray for me to have wisdom and understanding to finish part 2 - on Cars2, soon. Thankyou! ~ your friend and growing brother, SH

>>> Cars 2 review - coming soon - Lord-willing <<<



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