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Title: Commodities Devil

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Medium: Oil on canvas

Description: "Commodities Devil" is inspired by an earlier work, "Stock Market Angel" (1998), which Hempel painted during a period of economic stability. "Stock Market Angel" depicts a young man dressed in a robe reading numbers off of an old-fashioned ticker tape machine. "Commodities Devil", on the other hand, is a complex commentary on the economy, capitalism, and the way commodities are traded and valued today. The "devil" himself attempts to seduce the viewer with his direct gaze, brazen nudity, and treasure pile of valuable commodities. It is ironic that he is wearing the white bracelet of the "Make Poverty History" advocacy group since oftentimes commodities such as oil, gold, and produce come from developing countries in which large corporations from industrialized nations profit and the local citizens do not.

Dimensions: 32 x 22 in.