

**General Topics :: repenting from american pop culture music****repenting from american pop culture music, on: 2017/7/30 22:17**

I am very convicted of listening to american pop culture music. I am repenting from it and only just listening to gospel music and music that only glorify God.

I find this american pop culture music is so catchy songs and good to listen, and your mood is happily uplifted but looking the lyrics and music videos, it is a demonic filthy songs.

I think that God is not happy when I listen to this american pop culture music that came from the pit of Hell.

Mainstream music today is fully operated by Satan, and he is doing his best to cater people of great music sounds to make them busy and not think of what matters in life.

I am wondering too, because in the Bible, the Angels are worshipping God. There is no accurate verse in Scripture that Satan was the chief of music in Heaven, but if he was. Is Satan using his gifts in this fallen world by producing demonic filthy songs through famous singers nowadays?

What you think, Saints?

And, have a bless Monday to all of you! :)

Re: repenting from american pop culture music - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/7/30 23:01

Evangeline, I would say you have made a good decision to follow the Lord's leading and stop listening to music that does not glorify God. I agree with you, music can be a distraction.

Music affects us on many levels, emotionally, spiritually and even physically.

May I suggest a few of the singers/groups I listen to? Keith Green is probably my favorite christian singer; I also like 2nd Chapter Of Acts, John Fischer and Phil Keaggy. Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and Times Square Church put out beautiful worship music as well.

To Brother Nigel, on: 2017/7/31 0:17

Brother Nigel, thank you for your insight, I will check those christian music you suggested...

Re: To Brother Nigel - posted by a-servant, on: 2017/7/31 6:48

Well American culture is dominated by occultism, it's not just pop music, It's in most movies, heavy dominance of the supernatural and occult, just like in pop lyrics.

The difference between a UK or German music concert critic and a US one is basically this:

The UK press next day criticizes the performance quality and content and was not happy when they messed up. The US media doesn't notice any such things, as long as they had a great time and where all emotionally high during the concert.

It's easy to influence people with music, and the enemy is very clever with that, I'm a musician myself and did compose a lot in the past, but gave it up because of its sensual nature that always falls for a catchy tune "that has got it" - and you would think that in the Christian music scene there would be different rules

and standards. Unfortunately not, I cannot even listen to most of it anymore, it's either musically 'challenged' or lyric wise just a bit too far away from the truth.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/7/31 7:17

//its sensual nature that always falls for a catchy tune
"that has got it" //

But even the best lived hymns are best loved because of their catchy tunes. There is nothing wrong with a catchy tune. If there is music is heaven (I hope so but not sure if scripture states this explicitly- can't remember) I am sure the tunes will be catchy.

to brothers todd and a-servant, on: 2017/7/31 8:38

to brother todd:

I agreed, there is nothing wrong with a song being catchy, specially if it is a Gospel song, but noted that the lyrics of a Gospel song should strictly TRUTH and biblical based. When I used the word "catchy" to describe worldly american pop culture music, is it because, it caught my ears and want to listen to it again and again, listening to an empty meaningless lyrics, it captured millions or billions of people too to watch the filthy music video of a popular pop culture.

to brother a-servant:

I agreed that movie and entertainment industry is very demonic, it shows all kind of sins that God hates. I also agreed that so called famous Christian music today is very polluted. Zac Poonen preached about it, he said that many Christians have no reverence of God, like "draw me close to you, never let me go", it is a love song, not a Gospel song.

Re: to brothers todd and a-servant - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/7/31 8:49

///like "draw me close to you, never let me go", it is a love song, not a Gospel song.//

What do you mean by a "gospel" song?" "Draw me Close" is a worship song; it is obvious the song is addressed to God.

Psalm 145:18 English Standard Version (ESV)

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

I am in agreement that much contemporary Christian pop music is vapid, especially when sung in breathy lyrics like so much of worldly pop music.

But "draw me close" is not one of those songs.

Re: repenting from american pop culture music - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2017/7/31 9:03

((Praise God, Evangiline)))

When the Lord saved me on April 12, 2009, I was living in Los Angeles recording 1st album (though I was singer/songwriter not pop:rock etc) and had worked as a nanny for (and then by that time just part time babysitter for) one of the most famous female singers in the world that you see on magazines at grocery check out lines.

Though as an unsaved person I had dreamed of a music career and had "connections" and had traveled with this artist to MTV, the talk shows, Good morning America etc.... When The Lord called me out of darkness, I immediately could no longer sing even the seemingly harmless secular lyrics I had written, but I was in the midst of recording this album I'd dreamed of making and not only that but the Holy Spirit so changed my heart that I threw all my CDs in the trash and to this day am deeply grieved by even hearing the music that plays in almost every store you walk into now.

Many people think of secular music as harmless and benign...it is not. The music industry absolutely has Satan as its king and I truly believe most of the music of the world casts a spell upon unsuspecting partakers of it lulling them to spiritual sleep in many ways or worse yet, subliminally searing the conscience of multitudes.

Anyone with internet can google the satanic and occult influences of much modern music...these are not conspiracy theories but the truth often shared in quotes from the artists themselves.

If you look at the popular modern artists (though i dont encourage anyone to) -- their music videos, performances, etc are filled with the occult, with demonic levels of sensuality and depraved behavior etc.

What was most grieving to me after being saved was visiting churches and finding similar music and celebrity culture (and immodesty among female worship leaders) ...not condemning anyone it just grieves my heart so, especially for the sake of the little children who are looking up to them.

Please have grace for me for rambling on so much....Just wanted to share from very personal experience and encourage you in following the Spirit's leading in consecrating yourself to our soon coming King!

God bless you dear sister in Christ.

To followthelamb, on: 2017/7/31 9:40

Thank you for sharing your story, followthelamb :)

When God gave us light of the truth, we see everything in this world in God's point of view through the Holy Spirit...

God Bless you and have a bless day, followthelamb :)

Re: To followthelamb - posted by staff, on: 2017/7/31 19:50

Hi All
Ok so I think there are a few issues here that are getting mixed up.
On Catchy Music:
Any of the really good music has some exceptional traits to it. One of them is its catchiness for the want of a better word. Mozart was catchy, Bach and Beethoven also.
If a Christian or a Secular composer produces music that is not catchy its probably going to have little effect. Keith Green was catchy no doubt

On Pop Music:
Yes the lyrics are clearly influenced in varying degrees by Satan. No doubt but music is mainly just symbols on a page that's all. I could play one line of symbols with a violin or harp and it sounds angelic and I could play the same line of symbols with a heavy metal guitar and it sounds demonic.
If I put a different set of lyrics to Amazing Grace for instance that didn't glorify God and played the music with Heavy Rock it would sound demonic. Music is just mainly symbols it depends what you do with them.

On Christian Music:
It clearly has an identity Crisis. We are playing worldly music for the Church thinking that it will have an effect on the World but it hasn't it is just effecting the Church.
Most of it is awful stuff in my opinion and I'm disillusioned with it.

Getting The Holy Spirit Involved:
The most important person when creating music is the Holy Spirit, God needs to be involved when creating music otherwise it will be uninspired simple as that.
We can't compete with the world when it comes to creating music unless God is fully involved. Its logistics the world has more musicians, more better musicians, more composers, more resources full stop but we have God and he makes all the difference.

God and Pop Music:

You can create Pop music that is Godly with Godly lyrics and that pleases God....

But it has its place, its more than likely not going to be played on Sunday morning etc.

God will use Godly music to great effect whether its choral, country or pop but it has to be good, it just has to be good. We are making a claim that we know God and communicate with God but then produce some of the stuff we're producing ... it doesn't add up.

No filler please, we need to put our best foot forward when it comes to music, we need to raise our standard, meet the challenge as we are representing this Great Great God we love....urs staff

Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2017/7/31 23:02

Good inside view followthelamb,

musicians and composers are touched by music on a much deeper level than listeners of it. We can be immersed by it and understand it on an almost 'atomic level'. I had months of composing one new song a day, usually until 5 in the mornings, didn't need much sleep anymore and went out on business at 7am. It's like a perma-high that captures your soul after a while.

When I say 'catchy tune' I don't mean normal, "usual" harmonics, composers usually already heard it all before and are in it for that special touch of brilliance that comes out of nowhere and suddenly materializes itself in front of them, and instantly makes the hairs on your arms stand up. It's an extremely joyfull experience to live inside an composition that has this touch of creative brilliance, it's like creating your own universe from scratch.

Unfortunately self-declared Satanists are the ones that usually write the the most catchy of these "monster-mega-hits" and eventually reveal their source when they get a Grammy for it. That's when it's time to realize not all brilliance is God given, some of it is created by a powerful spirit on purpose to "subliminally sear the conscience of multitudes." It's just like learning "gospel christianity" under a 33rd mason. You are taught on a subliminal level to accept the Masonic Christ when he appears .

Re: repenting from american pop culture music - posted by Elibeth, on: 2017/8/1 0:02

Evangeline

Followthelamb, is giving such Godly advice,.. We thank God for that.

It is The 'grace' of God that brings repentance from things that The Lord wants to change in our life,...that is not of Him,. And WHAT A BLESSING,..

In the beginning of my walk with God, He convicted me ,...He turned me away from worldly music. I had no more love for it at all.

'Grace',...God's influence upon your heart ,drawing you to His Way.
(And what a blessing is upon you) He wants to save you from this way,
So I want to exhort you, not to neglect so great a salvation,...not to receive this 'grace' of God in vain. (2Cor.6:1)

--- for His Spirit will not strive always if we shun this grace.

Doesn't Satan have a counterfeit of everything that is good?...if not everything, then many.....

After God sent out Cain for killing his brother, Abel....with Cains descendants came boostings of killings, and music. (Gen. 4:21) ...

Question: could this be where the ungodly music originated from ?

Then there is David,..he played upon his instruments to the glory of God.

elizabeth

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/8/1 8:32

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You nailed it.

Re: a new song - posted by savannah, on: 2017/8/1 20:02

I had rhythm in my soul
My idols name was rock and roll
When all was ended
It took its toll
I cannot tell you
All it stole

It all began when just a teen
It showed me things I'd never seen
The music gave me such a thrill
Though I could never get my fill
I tried and tried but yet still
I'd always need another pill

My life was overflowing now
But to the Lord I would not bow
I loved the evil not the good
Darkness was the place I stood
I took every trip I could
To give this up I never would

Satisfaction guaranteed
Even if I had to bleed
Music had become my master
I was worshiping my stratocaster
As I traveled I went faster
Oblivious of soon disaster

Not thinking of impending doom
I retreated to my room
The voices spoke to me and then
I found myself inside the pen
I must escape but how and when
And I heard about being born again

The evil one also sang that tune

He'd sing of the dark side of the moon
I remembered it awhile back
These guys called the sabbath black
So it could not be the same
And I finally called upon His Name

He removed my guilt and shame
When all along I was to blame
Now my music is all new
I parted with the old and burned it too
This bird is free on eagles wings
His praises are all that my soul sings

Re: , on: 2017/8/1 20:54

Followthelamb, you have a beautiful testimony. There's a lot of music I don't care for, that I'm convicted from listening to. I don't listen to the same music of my childhood...I desire to listen to praise, but I do very much appreciate Keith Green and anything with a strong message about Jesus.

I agree there is definitely demonic music out there, but my heart goes out to the youth of our generation. So many are hungry for Jesus....even if I don't care for the worship style, I put them in the Lord's hands and trust that He will use it for His glory. He alone knows their hearts. I was very judgmental in the past, and Jesus convicted me of that.

I won't compromise the convictions I have, but if I see good fruit coming from a brother or sister who listens to music that is more upbeat than I'm comfortable with, and the music absolutely praises and glorifies Jesus, I can't tell them it's wrong. That is between them and Jesus. I know a young lady who is growing strong in the Lord, she has such a hunger, and she listens to worship that is more modern, but it is drawing her close to Jesus. She has good fruit in her life, she witnesses to others, and lives a holy life.

The hard screaming music...and seductive music....and anything that points away from Christ is definitely flawed, because it's chaotic and sensual. But that is just my conviction, and I respect and appreciate the convictions the Lord gives to each of us.

A pastor once said something that always stuck with me.....

"Anything we do, ask this question....does it draw you closer to know Jesusor does it pull you away from Him?"

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2017/8/1 21:19

Sis Sherri :) you said: "...my heart goes out to the youth of our generation. So many are hungry for Jesus....even if I don't care for the worship style, I put them in the Lord's hands and trust that He will use it for His glory. He alone knows their hearts."

Amen!

Sis Evangeline, God bless you too! :)

And Savannah, thank you for what you shared...the pop/ rock and roll / rap etc music of the world is literally like a drug for so many, leading into spiritual darkness. It was for me growing up, but

"Praise the LORD! (Hallelu Yah)..."

The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.
The LORD opens the eyes of the blind..." Psalm 146

Thank you Jesus, Son of God....Your presence is so much more wonderful and...beyond words...than anything in this world. Worthy is the Lamb Who left His glory and became flesh and was slain on Calvary to rise again...and by His precious Blood we are set free from the power of the enemy.

Greater is He Who is in us.

Goodnight everyone...

Re: repenting from american pop culture music - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2017/8/2 10:34

Evangeline,

I see you posted this while we were gone so I did not read all the responses but feel like you need to know I appreciate your take on this issue.

When I consider God, the works of 'his hands' - how it reflects the beauty of its creator, I wonder why many professing Christians are attracted to the ugly racket moderns call music?

When I look at nature, God's artistry, I am filled with awe with his brilliance, skill, creativity. And the food he has made for us to eat, manipulate into tasty morsels via spices, herbs....amazing. But why does one draw the line at sound? Most folks love the sound of water falls - peaceful; or the sound of birds singing; or the quietness of a still morning - peaceful; or the lowing of cattle, livestock. Beautiful.

Much of modern music, art tells me its creators/compilers/composers have no clue of beauty in nature or sound, therefore are divorced from an understanding of who God is, what he did and still does. No concept of Him at all.

One time I asked a proponent of worldly music, "do you think it is beautiful?" He paused a while, then said, "but I like it." Never admitting it was not beautiful but implied it was not.

I have heard of people who have had visions of heaven and they talked about the music what was heard. They described it as soft and very beautiful. Would love to hear that...but do think Handel's Messiah must come close.

God bless you, Evangeline. Walking with God is an exciting journey, is it not?

Sandra

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2017/8/2 10:41

Love your testimony, Brandi. Others who have been involved in contemporary music have a testimony similar to yours. Dan Lucarini is one that comes to my mind - he wrote about it in, "Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Music Movement". Obviously, many folks do NOT like the book/message. (Dan spoke at one of our church conference meetings. He does not have any horns...)

Thanks for sharing.

Sandra

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/8/2 15:21

Hi All,
Think we are getting carried away somewhat.
Modern Pop music never stopped me accepting Christ.
The trouble with Contemporary Christian Music is that it's a copy and for the most part of poorer quality to music made by non-Christian producers. Contemporary Christian Music tries in vain to bring a worship message to the world. The world doesn't want to listen to worship songs about Christ. Why would they?
Music without lyrics are just symbols on a page that can be played in various ways,
Christian music has a crisis of identity. It doesn't know its function. Amazing grace very catchy, be thou my vision very catchy, etc. Catchyness is a great quality very desirable and beautiful music is catchy as well or it falls into the category of Not Remembered and Not Sung. Some of Amy Grant's songs catchy and beautiful as I remember.

I can flick through the radio in the car and within a half a second recognise the Christian station because all the songs sound so similar, the same genre, same instruments etc
Are all non Christian Modern Pop Songs Satanic? No but many are and many are worldly. "The night they drove old dixie down" is a fantastic piece of Americana that tells of the Civil War from a dirt poor southern view point written by a Canadian. Satanic? No catchy? yeah musically tasteful? very
Also I would say but hard to prove if not impossible that music made from lyrics is open to spiritual influence than songs with lyrics made from music.
I don't like poor quality hymns from 100 years ago or 30 years ago or today, I don't like music I can't remember generally and that don't have a definite melody which I can hum. So if I hear a Christian song with a great message, well produced and structured but the music isn't catchy or beautiful then I will end up only playing it once.
If I hear a Christian song with a great message and catchy or beautiful music I will play it many times and the message will be enforced.
Forget even about Christian music for a second. One radio station consistently has politicians on debating in the morning and another plays soothing, beautiful catchy music and songs, guess which one upsets me the most? Perhaps we should repent from listening to 100% news cycles all the time and we will be more at peace and less agitated,
Just some thoughts,
urs staff

(clip) When Darkness Entertains You by Shane Idleman, on: 2017/8/19 14:28

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Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2017/8/19 19:37

I wonder sometimes if we focus on the wrong part of the equation and as a result never quite see the nature of the problem or the solution. followthelamb made a really interesting statement at the end of her testimony.

Quote:
----- What was most grieving to me after being saved was visiting churches and finding similar music and celebrity culture (and immodesty among female worship leaders) ...not condemning anyone it just grieves my heart so, especially for the sake of the little children who are looking up to them.

I had the opportunity to have pizza and a conversation with the former band of a man quite well known for his Christian music. They related that for a year this man purposely listened only to top 40 secular radio. My wife and I remembered listening to this man and on one particular album his music was just off. It did not seem to carry any kind of anointing and it did not seem to minister to us one bit whatsoever. We realized that this album was the result of this year.

My point is this. I do not believe it is the music we should be focusing on. (I will tell you as an aside that apart from some purely instrumental bluegrass and occasional classical music, the music I listen to is 100% Christian music so you will know where I am coming from a bit better.) It is not the music, in my opinion, that is the issue. It is the life of the person writing and performing the music. When worship leaders seek to mimic the world and seek to attract a "fan base" that follows them, they are doing what they do out of a worldly motivation rather than a Godly motivation. The result of their root being in the wrong place is that they do not produce good fruit.

Instead of asking, "What music ought one or ought one not to listen to", how much better to ask, "What motivation ought one or ought one not to live his life from." If the second question is answered correctly, then the first question need not even be asked. If my relationship with God is in order and if I am obediently following Him, then He will direct my paths to that which pleases Him.

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2017/8/19 19:38

By the way followthelamb, it also grieves me when I see things such as this. Their job is to lead people into genuine praise and worship of God, not to be recognized and applauded.