



News and Current Events :: Larry Norman 1947-2008

Larry Norman 1947-2008 - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/2/26 15:47

The Great American Novel (1972)

i was born and raised an orphan
in a land that once was free
in a land that poured its love out on the moon
and i grew up in the shadows
of your silos filled with grain
but you never helped to fill my empty spoon

and when i was ten you murdered law
with courtroom politics
and you learned to make a lie sound just like truth
but i know you better now
and i don't fall for all your tricks
and you've lost the one advantage of my youth

you kill a black man at midnight
just for talking to your daughter
then you make his wife your mistress
and you leave her without water
and the sheet you wear upon your face
is the sheet your children sleep on
at every meal you say a prayer
you don't believe but still you keep on

and your money says in God we trust
but it's against the law to pray in school
you say we beat the russians to the moon
and i say you starved your children to do it

you are far across the ocean
but the war is not your own
and while you're winning theirs
you're gonna lose the one at home
do you really think the only way
to bring about the peace
is to sacrifice your children
and kill all your enemies

the politicians all make speeches
while the news men all take note
and they exaggerate the issues
as they shove them down our throats
is it really up to them
whether this country sinks or floats
well i wonder who would lead us
if none of us would vote

well my phone is tapped and my lips are chapped
from whispering through the fence
you know every move i make
or is that just coincidence

well you try to make my way of life
a little less like jail
if i promise to make tapes and slides
and send them through the mail

and your money says in God we trust
but it's against the law to pray in school
you say we beat the russians to the moon
and i say you starved your children to do it
you say all men are equal all men are brothers
then why are the rich more equal than others
don't ask me for the answer i've only got one
that a man leaves his darkness when he follows the Son

(<http://www.larrynorman.com/>) Larry Norman 4/8/1947 - 2/24/2008

MC

Re: Larry Norman 1947-2008, on: 2008/2/26 15:56

A legend in his own time.

A great singer and song writer.

I liked his song, "Jesus is God" powerful message.

Quote:
-----Goodbye, farewell, we'll meet again Somewhere beyond the sky. I pray that you will stay with God Goodbye, my friends, goodbye.
Larry

Re: Larry Norman 1947-2008 - posted by tj servant (), on: 2008/2/26 15:57

Wow.

What an indictment.

Re: - posted by Mangan (), on: 2008/2/26 16:11

does anyone know how he died?

Sincerely Magnus

Re:, on: 2008/2/26 16:25

My two favorite singers... Keith Green and Larry Norman.

He's has heart trouble for years, been very very sick.

Krispy

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/2/26 16:37

Quote:

-----My two favorite singers... Keith Green and Larry Norman

What Album, I mean CD, would you recommend? (Larry Norman that is)

Any and all feel free to respond.

Re:, on: 2008/2/26 17:05

Quote:

-----What Album, I mean CD, would you recommend?

I have a bunch of them, but the trilogy is the best:

1972 Only Visiting This Planet
1973 So Long Ago... The Garden
1976 In Another Land

I also have a career retrospective as well which is a 7 CD set called... **Essential**, and they are titled as follows:

CD1 Agitator
CD2 Collaborator
CD3 Instigator
CD4 Survivor
CD5 Emancipator
CD6 Infiltrator
CD7 Liberator

All of these are available at his website... larrynorman.com

Boy, I'm really gonna miss Larry. But he has suffered for a long long time, and it's nice to know that right this very moment he is experiencing perfect health and peace and sinlessness. He is right now looking upon the face of Jesus.

Larry is more alive right now than he has ever been.

Rock on, Larry... I'll see you soon!

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/2/26 18:57

In case anyone is interested in hearing Larry's music, I'm listing below just a couple of his songs that are noteworthy... just a couple...

In no particular order:

Why Should The Devil Have All The Good Music?

I Wish We'd All Been Ready

Forget Your Hexagram

No More LSD For Me Please

Moses In The Wilderness

Baby Out Of Wedlock

Walking Backwards Down The Stairs

Peacepollutionrevolution

Looking For The Footprints

I Don't Believe In Miracles

The Rock That Doesn't Roll

I Am A Servant

Nothing Really Changes

Strong Love, Strange Peace

Let That Tape Keep Rolling

Up In Canada

Christmastime

Sweet Song Of Salvation

You Can't Take Away The Lord

Righteous Rocker

Song For A Small Circle Of Friends

Why Don't You Look Into Jesus

Diamonds

One Way

U.F.O.

I've Searched All Around

Six Sixty Six

The Great American Novel

Reader's Digest

Be Careful What You Sign

Nightmare

My Feet Are On The Rock

Country Church, Country People

Blue Shoes White - Unreleased Version

Hymn To The Last Generation

The Man From Galilee

Nightmare # 49

The Outlaw

Shot Down

The Sun Began To Rain

Watch What You're Doing

Letters To The Church

Put Your Life Into His Hands

White Trash Stomp

A Woman Of God

If God Is My Father

If You Don't Love The Lord

The Tune

Well, that was more than a couple, but everyone of them is a classic.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/2/26 19:08

Quote:

-----Rock on, Larry... I'll see you soon!

What? Krispy - you fixin' to kick the bucket soon? (To non-southerners that means "are you planning on dying before to o long?)

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/2/27 6:35

Quote:

-----What? Krispy - you fixin' to kick the bucket soon?

To quote Larry Norman:

"Dont ask me, I'm only visiting this planet!"

Krispy

Re:, on: 2008/2/27 8:51

Is there only 4 or 5 of us on here that know who Larry Norman was? He had as much of an impact on the generation before me, and my own, as Billy Graham or Keith Green. In fact, Larry Norman was a huge influence in Keith's life before he was saved... pointing him to Jesus.

I was reading a website last week by a guy who is attempting to write a biography about Larry. He asked Larry about the helping him with the book... and Larry's response was "People dont need to know about me... they need to know about Jesus."

(Thankfully he was later convinced to help the biographer. The book isnt complete yet)

Truly one of a kind.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/2/27 9:48

Krispy,

I had never heard of him, but that doesn't mean a whole lot - I am from a different generation. And I was never into pop music which explains a whole lot more.

Yesterday I got this newsletter from "Christianity Today" and they had a news article about Norman. All I can say after reading it is he must have been an enigma. Here is the link:
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2008/februaryweb-only/109-22.0.html>

My opinion of CT is that it is liberal - now, but their news articles are such you may not find else wheres. We started getting CT magazine over 30 years ago when we were in our late 20s. We quit in recent years because they have drifted to far into liberalism that I consider it a waste of resources to subscribe to it - a lot like going through garbage to find something to eat when my shelves and freezer are full of raw, nutritious foods. My Opinion.

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2008/2/27 10:02

Quote:

-----All I can say after reading it is he must have been an enigma

Yea, thats an understatement. He didnt live a perfect life, he made mistakes along the way... but what was refreshing about Larry is that he was honest and transparent about it. There was nothing fake about the man.

Krispy

Re: - posted by DJ_McKay (), on: 2008/2/27 22:09

No...you're not the only ones who know who he was...I left this message on his website.

---SNIP---

I personally owe a lot to Larry.

When I was a stubborn soul and I listened to nothing but rock n' roll...I heard an electric guitar and a message about Jesus' love from Larry. He had the long hair of the time. While nothing is impossible with God, I'm not sure I would have accepted anything at that time in my life that didn't come from someone with long hair and an electric guitar. The Holy Spirit began a work in my heart that ultimately led to my repentance and acceptance of the Lord Jesus as my Savior.

The CCM industry owes a lot to Larry too.

Notwithstanding the majority of the commercial driven "clanging cymbals" (1 Cor 13:1) we hear on "Christian Radio" today, there was a time that "Jesus Music" really was worship driven...it really did minister His truth and His love to a generation. It really did reach the lost. It really did accomplish His will.

I pray that you who are left behind remember the messenger, but more importantly the Message. May God grant His peace, which passes all understanding to the hearts and minds of his family.

Thanks Larry. I look forward to finally meeting you face to face and THANKING you personally.

---SNIP---

For his last message and more information here is the link:

<http://www.larrynorman.com/news/022408.html>

If you would like to leave a message or view the messages being left for his family here is the link:

<http://larrynorman.activeboard.com/index.spark?forumID=119764&p=3&topicID=15643436&commentPage=0>

Re:, on: 2008/2/28 7:15

Yep... in this day and age when Christian music is an industry that is raking in billions of \$\$ of year, and the artists have reached "superstar" status... Larry refused to be a part of it, and died poor.

But I am sure if you asked him right now, he'd tell you that he died rich!

Krispy

Re: - posted by Mangan (), on: 2008/2/28 7:47

What was cause of his death? Cancer, heart-attack, suicide, cerebral haemorrhage, stroke?

Magnus

Re:, on: 2008/2/28 8:29

Larry had had serious heart problems for the last 10 to 15 years. He had several heart attacks, and had been in and out of the hospital many many times. He had become very weak and could only do 3 or 4 concerts a year.

Apparently last week they knew his time was near because he dictated a farewell message to those who appreciated his ministry.

On Sunday morning (kinda neat that Larry would go to heaven on a Sunday!) he died of heart failure.

Even tho we lost a treasure... Larry had suffered for so incredibly long, I'm excited for him. He is in perfect health this morning.

Krispy