

**General Topics :: Hate to bring this up but...****Hate to bring this up but... - posted by DIEDTOSELF (), on: 2007/1/27 11:20**

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In desperate need of true fellowship,

Craig

Re: Hate to bring this up but... - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2007/1/27 11:28

Hi Craig,

I will be praying for you. This entertainment issue is a really tough one in the church. Every Sunday I get filled in on the latest movie, video game, sports scores by the teenage guys and it grieves my heart not to be talking about spiritual things. It is encouraging then to come and read what everyone is learning on SI.

May Christ give you strength to stand firm in Him.

Jordan

Re: Hate to bring this up but... - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/1/27 12:04

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Re: - posted by vico, on: 2007/1/27 14:24

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amen. that sermon is definitely a good one. *changed my life anyways...*

Re: - posted by DIEDTOSELF (), on: 2007/1/27 14:41

I've had the opportunity to see keith preach what a blessing. That sermon you mentioned is excellent. Keith is a true messenger of Gods Word!! Thank you

Craig

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Re: Hate to bring this up but..., on: 2007/1/27 16:01

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Hi Craig.

It's sometimes a very difficult thing isn't it - to be "in the world but not of the world". It's not wrong to take pleasure in things of this life, including music, as long as they don't become idols, but...

Have you actually heard this group perform? I think there are some forms of Christian "rock music" that are probably harmless, but it's a very fine line. The spirit rather than the style of the music is the main thing, I believe. "New Age" music is very different from Rock, but has a horrible spirit. Of the classics so does Wagner...

I'm not "into" music particularly, but find certain "worldly" music bearable, or even pleasant, while other songs or music make me stop my ears and get out of there as quick as possible! This is also true of "Christian Rock" - the reaction is instant.

Don't know if that helps...

In Him

Jeannette

Re: Hate to bring this up but... - posted by ilive4only1 (), on: 2007/1/27 23:29

I've just seen this discussion and thought I would throw my opinion in.

The church I attend has a youth 'rock' band that performs on occasion. They also have a 'once a month' Christian concert featuring different Christian rock bands from around the area. This attracts the young people and give them something different to do on a Saturday night. Although I have never attended, I have heard our band a few times.

Although my opinion is "Why do Christians need a rock band?," I believe that you should pray about allowing the Lord to use this concert as a tool to shed more light on how like the world the church has become. This could be a starting point.

I know the guy who is over the band at the church I attend, and he really has a passion for the Lord. He has written many songs about worship that the Lord has given him during his secret time in prayer with Him.

You will still get the time to fellowship, the band may be really good and you never know what or how the Lord could use this.

I am always amazed at how God can use unusual situations to show forth His glory.

Please let me know how everything works out.

Re: Hate to bring this up but..., on: 2007/1/28 14:19

I understand that the old Scottish Calvinists, (and maybe the present "wee Frees" as they are called) disapproved of singing anything but Psalms. Hymns - ancient or modern - were a no-no. Yet the Psalms themselves were once "Top of the Pops" - David was a bit of a pop star himself! And our old hymns and choruses were modern once; some have a lively dance beat that set one's toes a-tapping. There are some wonderful modern hymns too.

As I said, it's a matter for discerning the spirit of the music, not only the words, or whether it attracts young people. We don't have to be "old-fashioned fuddy-duddys" to be able to say that certain music is evil.

I'm convinced that much modern Rock music, (especially of the "heavy metal" kind) including "Christian" rock, is literally demonic. There's the (supposedly true) story of some Christian young people who were on a mission (to Africa?). They were playing some "Christian Rock" music when the local witchdoctor passed by.

He became annoyed and confronted them, complaining that it was his business summoning the spirits, not theirs, so why were they playing that music?

A musician once told me that one of the characteristics of this kind of music was something to do with the emphasis being on the second beat of the bar, rather than the first; though not being musical I'm not quite sure what that means in practice.

Don't know if any of this helps, but folks are praying...

Jeannette