



General Topics :: Getting rid of secular music...

Getting rid of secular music... - posted by carters (), on: 2011/6/18 22:43

Hello,

I've been a Christian now for 16 years and since completely living my life for Jesus I have started to feel more and more uncomfortable with non-Christian music.

Has anyone else felt like this?

This has been a long time coming...almost 2 years ago I went completely Worship music only...can't believe how that time has flown. It changed me alot.

BUT...I realise that the time has come to delete all the songs off Itunes. I don't know why, but this is big deal. Every time I think I will do it, I start to back off.

Background: I love music and I have been emotionally affected by music. Secular songs ususally bring up issues from the past. For me I find that secular songs have quite "dodgy" lyrics and they bring out very ungodly thoughts and reflections.

Does anyone else feel the same about this?

I realise that I am not making a rash or rushed decision this has been 2 years in the making, but why do I feel so attached to this music that is only glorifying the enemy and his ways, rather than my King?

In Him alone,

Re: Getting rid of secular music... - posted by carters (), on: 2011/6/18 22:45

PS, I meant to add that I read this very disturbing statistic today about getting rid of secular music. I quote, "In 83% of cases, the secular music parted with will be bought back by the evangelical." WOW!!!

Re: , on: 2011/6/18 22:52

After I got saved the next evening I went to put on some sec music and I started listening and emmediatly the Holy Spirit said, " this isn't what we listen to."

So I ended up tossing most of it out and then later got rid of the rest.

Keep pressing onward and upward for His glory!

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/6/18 22:52

Quote:
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I have almost 100% left all other music aside that is not Christian and also most Christian music lately. 15 years ago that choice of repentance was life to me and I am glad to be on the narrow way with Christ.

This world will just kill the passion and devotion for Christ alone. Seek that above all.

Re: - posted by carters (), on: 2011/6/18 23:01

Wow, I am so convicted. The place where I got the stats from...I just returned to the website and read the whole article and then the comments. I was just heartbroken at the comments... <http://www.stuffchristianculturelikes.com/2009/06/87-getting-rid-of-their-secular-music.html>

So after being compelled to write my own comment, it completely confirmed and convicted me to get rid of the filth on my iTunes.

Thank you for your testimonies.

Thank you for

Re: - posted by gazzler, on: 2011/6/19 0:25

yea i hate secular music , from rap to rocken roll ,and even love songs ,which are realy singing about lust and fornacatio n ,

iv only been a christan about ten short years

and hive come to a point where i wont listen to that satanic stuff ,

at work when the gyes play there music , ijust put on head phones and listen to sermons and bible readings

but one thing i have noticed ,was i form of mucic that i have allwaysed hated ,,was rap

and never believed for one minute could be converted into gosple music,, inoticed ,,that a few songs that are rap songs ,,sung by timithoy brindle ,,and shai linne

where some of the most powerfull gosple songs iv lissened to to date

just by memory this is the liereks to a songs called the humility of christ

for ever befor creation

or there was satan

the son was with the spirit and father in glorafication

befor the worship of fine angles above

the trinity was in the perfect tryangle above

chilled with no one else ,no need for others

for god is self suffishent ,fullfilled with in him self

and we can only guess the conversation

but the son agreed to rescue all those the father gave him

altho this lord shold be worshiped

he volentared to take upen him self the form of a servent

the father commaned ,yet asked him to come

so now lets examend the fassion it was done

let me ask ,you do you seem confussed with this

god passed through his own cratours utterous

i admit this is odd but the bible can persaued me

AN ONIPETENT GOD CRYING AS A BABY

NO DOCTORS around, no spot to be found

to give birth to a child, the only option in town

was to be born in a feeding , with breeding cows , and phesses plies ,the scene was foul

it wasnt fancy ,but raunchy ,

how the son of god was born next to camels ,and donkeys

what an aswem feat to drop so deep

he didnt step down ,he took A QUANTEM LEAP

and im amased at god infenent in wealth
put asside his fame and limited him self
to time and space and eyes and legs
he died to save a violenT race whos sin would bring them HELL
WHOD assume that this could be ,god becasme a men and penetrated in to humen history
but he did it oppasite that people thought he would
so unbelievers were mocken it
the promised messire didnt come in the honner of sire
but humbly rocken ,some modest attire
so people missed it
to be pasific
the ligelists,thought ,the king would be the richest

and we no we like comodaties ,but the persesor
of all riches choose a life of poverty
but wait this is not the desendent of david ,is this
yes and hes desended the greatest distance

he chilled with sinners and tax robbers
who amoungs his creatours ,to him were grace hoppers
he dwelt with lowerr class ,lowly men
and those known as trash were hi choosen kin

and the unbelieving jews were sick of his him
they said he runs with a team of stupid fishamen
and speaks to samartins ,and bararians
the pharries stared at him with harh aragantes

it was shown with the saviour
took notice of beggars
healed the blind and the sick
and those with the lowest of wages

he even touched those with leproce
which was seen as the most descusting noen infestion
see
wait are you kidden me
watch JESUS go low and wash petters toes
what great HUMILITY

SEE THE SECONED PERSON OF THE TRINITY
CAME DOWN TO RESCUE WORKERS OF INIQUITY

check his earthly ministry ,he didnt make a bed
he had no place to lay his head

but he became bound to his own law but we found no flaw
was from a ruggered town so raw

slumbered and slept
hungered and wept and sweated
plunged to our depths the som,of our depths pathetic
the humbelest yet ,the humbelest death that was dreaded
THE SON IS OUR REST COME UNDER AND GET HIS CREDIT

NO QUESTION THAT YOUR DEITY
BUT YOU LAYED ASIDE ,THE FULL EXPRESSION OF YOU DEITY
AND SURFED THE CHASIM ,NO WORDS CAN FATHOMED

HOW GOD WALKED THIS EARTH THAT WAS CURSED FROM ADAM

he was falsly condemed by jews and filthy pagans
on the cross was the peek of his humiliation
no discussing sure they best remove him
he got the most desusting form of exacution

he who sits on the throne
was kicked and stomped
and spat on by romen fools

despised by israle
tryed by sinfull souls
but was silent when struck by vilen imbasouls

AND JESUS WAS ABLE TO CALL DOWN LEIGONS OF ANGLES
BUT HE WAS TO FAITHFULL
OH GRAISOUS AND PAIENT WAS HIM
BUT HE WAS HATED AND FORSAKEN BY MEN

jews they hated his soul
judus betrayed him for gold

when it got tough
his crew was affraid so they rolled

the sukkers they merked him
this suffering servent
was beet up and looked like he was cut by a surgen

slaughted bleeding ,gushing ossing blood
THE FATHER PLEASD TO CRUSH HIM WHOM HE LOVED

so he probably didnt even feel the crown and nails
he had to suffer more then this to bring down the vail

our eyes are haughty
our lies are naughty
THE HOLY CHRIST BOAR OUR SINS INSIDE HIS BODY

yea his veins they birst
but no ones pain was worse

BECAUSE THE ONE WHO MADE THE EARTH BECAME A CURSE
AND HE WAS ONE WITH THE FATHERS PRESENCE
BUT ON THE CROSS ,THE GOD OF HEAVEN
CUT OF HIS PRESENCE

SO I CANT SHARE ANY LANUAGE
THAT CAN RIGHTLY DESCRIBE THE CHRIST DESPAIR ,AND ANGUISH

SO FOR EVER WILL I TELL
IN THREE HOURS CHRIST SUFFERN MORE THEN ANY SINNER WILL IN HELL

HE WHO HAD INFINET JOY AND PLEASURE
BECAME A MAN OF SORROWS ,SO WE CAN JOIN FOREVER

he took a cosmic plung

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put on some lungs
on the cross became to god a spoung
TO SOAK UP HIS WRATH
SO THE WIKKED WOULDNT BE SIFFED AND BLOWEN

IN TO CHAFF

Re: Getting rid of secular music..., on: 2011/6/19 0:50

Quote:
-----Has anyone else felt like this?

Oh yes! It is something that happened to me after I became a Christian; i became more and more irritated and nauseated by secular music, particularly of the rock variety. It was not my mind being offended so much as my spirit being disturbed, for it is just NOISE.

Around here you just walk into stores like JC Penney and they have it playing from the rafters. I could gag. Why do they think i want rock music shoved down my throat when i shop? What is wrong with classical? Or country? Why is ALL the marketing strategy aimed almost solely at teens today?

I also used to exercise at a fitness facility. I really needed (still do but that is another issue) exercise to control my pain and kept a membership at that time. However, i really found it almost intolerable to listen to some of the so-called "music" played. Some of the lyrics were abominable, occasionally so offensive that i had to go to management and complain about the music being played and request them to change the channel. If i am paying money to be in a place then i reserve the right to have a voice in what sort of "music" i am forced to listen to. But it is not just lyrics, often it is the drumbeat that is disturbing to my spirit. Now, before i became a Christian, I felt the need to have that very "music" playing all the time! I often thought to myself how wonderful it would be if stores and all the world would keep Top 40 music playing all day long everywhere so the whole world could be bathed in such music at all times! I needed the drumbeat to keep my spirits up and to motivate me through my day back then. Now that it IS played everywhere i can hardly stand it. My spirit finds it to be nothing but noise. What a change. I much prefer Christian music, and certain classical and country music (if the lyrics, etc are ok).

Quote:
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Yes, I notice this too. Amen! Secular rock artists don't even know what love is!

Re: - posted by carters (), on: 2011/6/19 2:45

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LOL, that is brilliant.

I love sermon index, I finally feel like I am around like minded believers.

I thank God for you all & your encouragement.

In Him always,
Sherid

Re: Getting rid of secular music... - posted by Koheleth, on: 2011/6/19 3:08

Quote:
-----Has anyone else felt like this?

Everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit and has listened to secular music has felt like this. Definitely!

Jesus and his Spirit are not of this world. I agree with some of the input here and elsewhere--the real difficulty comes in trying to sort out (1) which so-called Christian music really is Christian, and (2) which non-Christian music is acceptable. I don't mean godless filthy songs or worldly pounding noise. I mean, is it acceptable to listen to Mozart or Bach or mountain music? To a gentle, cheering folk song by a local?

If you try to figure this all out yourself, you will end up in a spiral, since you are like me and are drawn to music and God placed in you a love for it. Fortunately, there is a better way! God will be your Guide and Shepherd! Hallelujah, he can lead you in paths of righteousness for his name's sake!

I could give you the long version, but here's the short one. Get rid of it. All of it. Every last piece of secular music and/or anything else that is even remotely questionable. Go on a "music fast" except for worship songs. You won't ever miss it. Okay, now let me be honest. You will miss it. There will come times you crave it, and doubt your earlier thoughts and whether you want to still go without it. But, hang in there. Here is the great news, when you experience deeper moments of worship and spiritual thoughts than you have before, you will sing out loud with joy to the Lord. (That will be some really good music!) It will all be worth it. You will have a great foretaste of what it will be like to be before the throne. And you won't want to go back.

There came a point early in my Christian walk when I got rid of all of my secular music. I could never stand CCM, and I never listened to any except for a few songs by one particular Christian musician on the life of Christ. A few of those are really excellent (for me). After a few years, I couldn't find anything to fill the void and I bought back a few of those secular albums. It didn't take long to learn that that kind of music didn't fill what I was looking for. I went through a few hard years of praying and searching, but God has both changed me and brought me a variety of music that is in harmony with the Spirit and allows me to worship or have some significant reflections on this life and the life to come. A good portion of it is instrumental. I reject about 99% of modern music, whether secular or "Christian", but it is important to be aware that there are a few good selections out there. Check the nooks and crannies and keep praying for God to lead you into everything good. Be prepared, if necessary, to go through "music wilderness" and feel like you are dying. It's not just the music God may lead you to, but the changes he is going to work in the process that are precious.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/6/19 20:04

Quote:
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I can relate to this troubling scenario. Actually, what I do is quit patronizing that business. I have complained to the checkout clerks and they just think it is amusing....well, this store is no longer in business locally, not that I purchase there all that much. But I do wonder how often offensive music will drive customers away.

In any case, not only is the music bad so is the dress of the other shoppers. To save me much grief, I do a lot of shopping online.

Re: - posted by carters (), on: 2011/6/19 22:23

It is done! I deleted all the secular music off of my itunes.

I hadn't listened to any of it in at least 2 years BUT it was still there sitting on my itunes...and I knew every time I went into itunes that God was bringing me to this moment of giving up everything that isn't glorifying to Him.

It must have had some sort of hold over me. But it is gone now. It is glorious to be free from these sorts of things.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support.

In Him
Sherid

Re: , on: 2011/6/20 8:44

I agree with all of this. I have pretty much abandoned most Christian music too... not because of style, but because you have to be a complete fool to really think that Christian music is about ministry. It most certainly is not. Now, there are some artists out there who are sincere in what they do, but they are few and far between. It's a money-making idol factory and the proof of that comes out when you watch something like the "Dove Awards". Most of the people up there singing did not even sing songs that had anything to do with God or the Bible.

I just received (for Father's Day) a CD I recommend to everyone... it's called "Exalted Worship", and it's by Scott Krippayne. The first track is an introduction by John MacArthur, and it's all hymns for the most part with Scott Krippayne doing the music and Kirk Cameron reading scriptures and offering up prayers to the Lord. It's amazing!

As a former heavy metal head banger... just the fact that I love a CD like "Exalted Worship" is proof of the work the Holy Spirit has done in my life, amen and amen.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2011/6/20 11:04

brothers and sisters,

let me offer a word of understanding. Let us not become or appear as the pharisee does, music just like Harry Potter is only entertainment, a movie or music, view it or focus on it only as such, not to move the soul, not to excite any channels within our lives, but just as it is.

nothing wrong with love songs for you and your spouse, I mean, are we really convicted of such or are we trying to clean the house that Jesus can only purify?

I use the music to workout and to just pass time even as I pray, the real truth is that Our Lord knows our deepest thoughts, our heart, and our intentions.

He knows what if we love Him regardless if we say it or not, He knows how unclean we are regardless if we know it or not, nothing is hidden from God. Our intentions are what's most important.

Now if you are truly convicted out of love to not listen to music or watch TV then that's understandable, if that really is the case.

I have had to talk to Jesus about many of the things that I have done to try to clean my house, I have sought deeply to determine what is right and wrong in the sight of God, but we are to listen for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth. Everything isn't sin or bad, but too much of anything is not good.

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/20 16:44

i would say it is more out of conviction from the holy spirit ,that would be the reason why i dont listen to secular music, and most secular tv

about ten years ago ,i could listen to and watch anything secular ,it doesnt have anything to do with phariseism,or legalism ,but conversion and conviction and about keeping our mind as much as we can upon holy things ,and rejecting things that dont cause holy thoughts in our minds the bible said be renewed in the spirit of our mind

harry potter and 90 percent of what the world gives us in music and television ,doesnt play a part in renewing our minds but in all reality does the very opposite ,and degrades the mind

but i do believe in some people there may be a legalist element ,but from the comments i read here sounds like genuine conviction ,so its not a good idea to call genuine conviction and a move towards renewing ones mind as phariseism ,that in itself would be classed as phariseism

it is a beautiful thing to see brothers and sisters convicted towards the renewal of their regenerated mind ,

love to see that ,and for me that is a genuine love

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/20 16:49

and to say what the bible says ,that what is not of faith is SIN ,is to be biblical, and i do sin if i watch or listen to anything ,not in the spirit of faith ,and i dont want to justify what the bible calls sin , that wouldnt be healthy

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2011/6/20 18:55

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Brother the road to hell is paved with good intentions!

Every man will give an account of himself to God. The bible says our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and that we are to glorify God in our body and spirit. We are to come out from amongst the world and be separate unto God. We are to touch not the unclean thing and God will be a Father unto us and we will be His sons and daughters.

Having these promises dearly beloved let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God according to 2 cor. 7:1-2.

Blessings to you!

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2011/6/20 19:15

Quote:
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Dear gazzer,
God bless your heart my friend! God has done a work in you.

I cannot stand rock and pop music either. I do love music and play classical music and listen very occasionally to some selected instrumental jazz tunes. I shun away from christian rock and disdain some of the shallow Christian contemporary music. I fell in love with the old hymns and my kids like them, too. There are also some noteworthy new Christian hymns that I like such as "The power of the cross" or "In Christ Alone' etc.

Re: - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2011/6/20 21:26

Rbanks,

i hear ya, but it appears that every response is so holy and filled with such conviction.

So I am assuming from the manner in which many of u have written on this subject that u are all dead completely dead to the world and secular music and tv is sinful?

This is not about good intentions its about the intent of the heart period. I dont profess to be good or ever have good intentions, I just want to be real, real with my friend Jesus and myself.

No sense in me or anyone pretending outwardly but yet the heart still longs for such things.

So again, I assume everyone that has responded has no dealings with anything worldly? Because that is the manner in which many of u all make it sound.

Doesnt really matter to me because we all have personal relationships with Christ, but I though it was important to point that out, man looks at the outward, but God sees and searches my heart.....

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/6/20 22:04

May as well while were at it, get rid of Baked Beans, Campbell's Condensed Soups, Have you seen how much salt is in your classic Campbell's condensed soup? Chicken Pot Pie, Hot Dogs, Luncheon Meats Commercial cold cuts are highly processed and packed with unhealthy additives. Ramen Noodles ,Saltines crackers, White Bread, White Pasta, White Potatoes, Baskin Robbin's Large Heath Bar Shake, Coffee,Diet Soda, Eggnog, This creamy drink is a favorite around the holidays. Even without the liquor, it is quite fatty and unhealthy. Fruit Juice, Most commercial fruit juices are loaded with sugar. In fact, some fruit juices offer more sugar in one serving than a candy bar. Think about that the next time you go for some Hawaiian Punch.Fruit Smoothie, Red Bull, Soda, Whole Milk, Chocolate, Coffee Cake - This sugary baked good definitely tastes great, but it is full of refined sugars, artificial additives and fat.Cookies, Corn Chips, Doughnuts,French Fries,Ice Cream, Lunchables, This Oscar Mayer product is convenient for lunch or a quick snack, but contains highly processed meats, non-enriched bread and a lot of sodium.
Potato Chips, etc. if were going to get rid of things that are bad for us lets not stop at secular music.

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2011/6/20 22:19

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I can't speak for everybody else but as for me I have learned a lot the hard way and have made a lot of wrong choices. I have repented a lot. I have come to realize that I need to abstain from certain things that are considered worldly in that if it cools my affection for God and is not uplifting to my spiritual walk with God then I must refrain from it altogether or get control of how I use the things of this world. The bible teaches that we need to be filled with the Spirit continually and that we need to be strong in the Lord. So I must guard my heart and make sure I am not indulging in something that pleases my flesh so that I would become more carnal instead of being spiritual in walking with God.

We need to have power with God. The Spirit is always ready the flesh is weak so we must pray continually and spend time building up our spiritual man. We must build up ourselves on our most holy faith praying in the Holy Spirit so that we can keep ourselves in the love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ at His appearing.

Blessings to you!

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2011/6/20 22:32

Quote:
-----May as well while were at it, get rid of Baked Beans,

Very comical Bill but remember the words of Jesus that it's not what goes in the mouth that defiles the man but what comes out.

There is a big difference in eating food in moderation that is sanctified by the word of God and prayer, than in receiving worldliness in your spirit that is reserved only for communion with God.

Blessings to you!

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/21 0:45

thanks for you kind words ,narrow path , may you also be blessed

i dont think we can put on the same level baked beans

and renewing the mind

like our brother just said it not what goes in but what comes out of the mouth

and paul said all foods are considered clean if eaten with thanks giving ,and santified the word by prayer

maby a person has a genitic problem with weight ,ar are on medacation ,wher by they need to only eat ceataint foods lik e vegetables and very little fats , to stay healty probable shoud by pass the backed beans ect

like our brother said moderation is the word

idont think it is possable consume satan in moderation and still be effected

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the words of many secular songs ,are not gods words ,but in reality are satanic and damaging to the mind

most songs are about fornication ,we dont need to be encourage in these things , nor should we justafie songs that are clearly desensatising our youth to the horrible realty of fornication

im not trying to be silly but it is mind controling,and brain washing realy ,,and the film clips ,are leading young boys towa rds pornoragapy , becasue of the simalarity ,

i dont think our brothers and sisters here and me have fully detached our selvs from the world ,but if we will continue to move towards holiness ,justafiing wouldly things is something that has no proffet in our lives any more ,even if they still t ug on our hearts

Re: , on: 2011/6/21 1:02

Since Bill tried humor I think I will give it a go.

(satire on)

I am pretty sure they are going to be playing rock and roll in hell, at least I couldn't imagine a more fitting place for it. Forcing someone to listend to that blasted noise for eternity would be hell enough even without the fire. Throw in a little fire t hough, along with a little weeping and gnashing of teeth, and all of a sudden rock and roll would fit right in. Play it nice a nd loud too, all day and all night, so there can be no rest. I am sure it will not sound much different than all the rest of the wailing going on in there. Instead of banging garbage can lids together for the usual sound, people can just keep bangin g their chains over and over and over again.

I could add other types of music as well, but the old R&R whether secular or "christian" is just such an easy target.

(satire off)

How was that Bill?

P.S. Good job Carter on cleaning up that filth.

OJ

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/6/21 10:28

Quote:

-----Old_Joe Since Bill tried humor I think I will give it a go.

Thank you for recognizing that, you have to have a sense of humor to recognize a sense of humor, I think a few folks tho ught I was serious. I guess without the smiley faces it's sometimes hard to show were trying to be funny. I know there ar e a lot of Christians that think humor and being funny is a sin, but there are a few of them that out yonder that still enjoy some humor, so I try to help out the ones that enjoy it.

Re: - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2011/6/21 11:31

Thanx Mr.Bill

Re: , on: 2011/6/21 14:37

Bill

Now, all kidding aside, I find that when I am forced to listen to this music I truly do believe that it is a sound only fit for hell, and were it possible for there to be a CD player there that surely it would be playing this stuff.

OJ

Re: - posted by Vinny82, on: 2011/6/21 18:04

The Lord purify us and you also should purify ourselves brother. Be not deceived.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:2-3, KJV

Freedom and love for Jesus!, on: 2011/6/21 19:16

I couldn't resist. My too mites were burning holes in my typing fingers..

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD!" was perhaps the most popular tune sung at the October-fests, and Beer Halls during Luther's Day...

Here is a good link, that goes on to explore the impossibility of the "unholy note" argument by Rick Warren in his Purpose Driven Life."...

Following by Mark Sooy....

"But the controversy surrounding Luther's use of both 'religious' and 'secular' folk music may well be beside the point.

As observed earlier, the line in Medieval Germany between the sacred and the secular is, musically speaking, difficult to draw. A tune used to accompany a story about St. Anne may, the next night, be used to tell the news of the Emperor's death, and then to describe the value of a good mistress.

One historian of the period writes, "All types of music were monophonic...composed of four to eight lines of poetry, and based on simple musical structures such as the German Bar form (AAB)." Here is where the popular notion of Luther's use of 'bar music' comes in.

Luther did indeed use popular 'bar' music. What this means, however, is that Luther used a very common compositional technique in setting his hymns to music. It does not mean that Luther necessarily raided the taverns of Wittenberg for 'secular' tunes for his church.".....Mark Sooy...@ "www.The Worldview Church website.....

I spent many years in "The Vineyard" movement...which in my opinion, revolutionized Christian Music as much as the Early Days of Maranatha Music and Calvary Chapel....

The Vineyard however..propelled contemporary music into Godly worship on an higher level than ever...with beautiful songs with sweet melodies that expressed our love of the risen Savior, and adoration. Isn't Adoration in Praise to Jesus High Praise in itself?...Many other psalmists have arose to meet the challenge...along with many others bearing the stench of the Flesh.

Anyone out there ever hear STRYPER?... Heavy duty head-bangers with the "Ramones" wall of sound comin' at you , usually at 125 decibels or more. But there were no goats-heads or the "horns" handsigns..but Christianized satanic vibes from this hideous refuse of a musical invention.

Today ,also there is a spiritualized Romanticism of a syrupy love embrace that reduces to Jesus' love to the embrace of a sensual bride...a Bridal Paradigm type of love-song that in my view is equally sickening....marrying Jesus , kissing Him ...and other realms of marital bliss. This is primarily evident in catholic circles, and movement Christianity such as IHOP.

It is not worship..but reduces our soul-emotions and sensuality into a religious apparition of what loving God really is.

So...do we keep it all in the safety of the Reformational Fathers? Some do, for sure...and some refuse all music as carnal. The issue of Musical Psalter is within the heart, and the Faith of Man. It can be a simply broken cry, or statement that Jesus is worthy...and expressed in terms that your toddler would be familiar.....

Or "Playing Skillfully" as David did, and the evident pomp of an army of musicians and singers meeting daily to exalt the King....even marching to battle against real armies.

I vote for freedom in worship...and extravagant Praise....but let us keep it within the bounds of holy conviction that will be known by all. I would like to end by saying that I have had experiences in corporate worship the are unequaled in Joy and Love...and a couple where the manifest Glory of God fell in substance. I have seen 300 people arise at once, on a hidden que, and begin to dance unto the Lord with Shekinah Glory upon all....and have seen it end,,just a quick.

"QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT!"

Re: Freedom and love for Jesus! - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/21 22:00

hi, we old people think most music of the young has to be demonic.country folks think classical music is demonic and vice versa. latinos love latin music. there is only 8 notes plus sharps and flats.which ones are demonic?the rap ones and the loud rock ones of course.jimp

Re: Freedom and love for Jesus! - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2011/6/22 0:16

I really liked your post. Your post has given us a bit of history as well as a spiritual perspective.

However, I am really heart broke by many denominations (including mine) and the non-denominational churches, not only in my area but through out the United States as well, because of there unholiness when it comes to music.

It is my opinion that many churches believe (correct me if I am wrong) that in order to get juveniles into the church they need to play "rock band" style music during worship instead of the century old favorites in the hymnals. As an example "the old rugged cross" or "Amazing Grace".

A few weeks ago I met the pastor of a local Methodist church. Pastor "Buck" is considered to be a new church start pastor. He is a very nice gentleman, however, when I ask about his church, he told me that they have a very lively worship service. "So and so from one of the variety shows in our area is the worship leader".

That pretty much told me that they may play rock music in their worship service.

It is the same with IHop. When I tuned into one of the services they played rock music during the worship. How is that uplifting? I couldn't understand all of the lyrics at all. It leaves me wondering if the lyrics were even biblical.

How can you have revival with that kind of music?

Re: Getting rid of secular music... - posted by Questor, on: 2011/6/22 1:22

by carters on 2011/6/18 16:43:13

Quote:

-----I've been a Christian now for 16 years and since completely living my life for Jesus I have started to feel more and more uncomfortable with non-Christian music. Has anyone else felt like this?

BUT...I realise that the time has come to delete all the songs off Itunes. I don't know why, but this is big deal. Every time I think I will do it, I start to back off. For me I find that secular songs have quite "dodgy" lyrics and they bring out very ungodly thoughts and reflections.

Does anyone else feel the same about this?

Alas, yes. I recall the day I first noticed that one of my favorite country music songs felt and sounded sexually provocative... made to suit the secular night club circuit.

It jarred on me, like a note gone sour, even though I still liked the song a great deal.

Music is meant to cling to the heart and soul, and this would not be a problem, were it not for the words in most secular music. This is why it is so hard for you, for any of us, to give up music that we once heard and enjoyed.

Music actually is a part of memory and recall, and a few notes can often bring back full pictures of times before that one would like to forget forever.

One has to be very careful these days, even on good Christian radio stations, to choose songs by the good associations you find in the words.

These days, I just pick and choose amongst the songs I like, and buy them track by track, that I might have a safe library to retreat to.

Even when I'm working out, I find I can then pre-select a series of songs from my own library, and design them around my warmup and recovery (slower songs) and running/jogging/dancing (faster songs), which actually make me feel good, and yet are good for me.

Ezekial 28:

13. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the Beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Re: - posted by raguas (), on: 2011/6/28 12:07

Quote:

-----what is not of faith is SIN

In a forum like SI, I've been tempted to throw in my 2cents with so many threads but I have to restrain myself. I want to be few but purposeful when I speak. Most of all I want to be led and have the unction of the Spirit. Don't you feel like that at meetings? I sit so often wringing my hands cause I want to impart some wisdom for the rest of 'them'. I've learned to quiet myself. Not easy but I wanted to learn to listen. Hard to 'hear' when I'm constantly talking. Pastor Dave used to get us to just be quiet often in a the service when the Spirit was heavy . He also taught us that we should at times just be quiet before the Lord when praying. NOT EASY. I hope I didn't just contradict my point :)

Anyway, I believe I have something to add here.

Interesting thread. When we deal with things like this that are not so explicitly addressed in the Bible it makes for an interesting discussion or debate. I noticed the high 'views' on this thread. This obviously attracted a lot of attention because of the potential controversy it has. Grey area material but nevertheless important. Many things could be categorized with this: entertainment, recreation, social activities .

I am glad I attended churches that taught about 'seperation' and holiness. Of course the danger of that is 'legalism'.

As a young believer I applied my philosophy of 'all or none' to my spiritual walk. Which I believe is biblical. After my initial, renewed commitment to the Lord , I threw away all my collection of secular music, etc.

As I continued in my walk over the years, I began to question my motives. As another poster mentioned, I wanted to be 'real'. Was I being superficial when I still had longing in my heart for some of that old music? I did go back and started listening to them but with a different mindset and I did so with a guarded heart. My goal was that whatever I did, I wanted my motive to be because of my conviction coming from my 'personal relationship' with God, not because someone told me to. God is always concerned with the heart condition. they bring. I wanted God to do the circumcision in my heart and then let it be manifested in my flesh.

So as time passed, I realized that come to pass. We are not only called to be separated from this world, we are called to be separated unto the Lord. The absence of the latter can quickly lead to legalism. As I hungered for God and coveted a sensitivity to His voice , I found that somethings just cool my passion and distracts from my eternal direction. I wanted to guard the presence of God in my life and also guard my passion for Him. As vessels, what are we going to put in the limited capacity of our earthen vessel?

I think we can use several layers or filters when dealing with things that are not so cut and dry. Many already mentioned by others.

1. Motive - test your motive because you can give your body to be burned and without love, be in vain. God looks on the heart - always.
2. Impact - what is the impact it will have on your walk. Does it help or hinder, focus or distract - what we do is not our personal thing. What do we teach others in our example. When we fall, we don't fall alone.
5. Holiness - He said be holy as He is holy - friendship with the world is enmity with God. Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord - he that has clean hands and a pure heart
6. Other - we need to be careful how we encourage or teach others. We can speak the truth in love but allow them to mature and come to their personal conviction. They should not change because of what someone says even if it is right. Give them the space that we were afforded. Because one day that action can be reversed if it wasn't a work of God. For some of us, it also too time. Pray for them, love them, trust God.

Nuf said. Ok, I just preached to myself.

Re: - posted by carters (), on: 2011/7/6 0:30

Thanks Raguas,

Well written. I appreciate your post.

The motive is really important and in my case in getting rid of the secular music was because everyone of those songs reminds me of my past. As mentioned before, songs are very intertwined with my emotions, not godly emotions...

Songs remind me of a time when I was not walking with the Lord & partying up in the clubs...the songs pull me back to those times. Sometimes these memories can be drawing of the flesh back into an ungodly place where I stumbled before & where the focus was all on impressing those around me, trying to get attention on myself OR it could bring back memories of ungodly and sinful relationships from my past.

Most of the secular songs on my itunes take me back to these past relationships. These memories are depressing, humiliating or flesh enticing.

So in hindsight...I see things alot clearer now and I am extremely pleased I do not have any more of the memories of the past on my computer. I am very pleased I am rid of the past and I can face the present & the future without reminders of the past.

Everyone is affected by music differently. And just like you said, you need to look at your motives. I do not have anyone in my life affecting the decision I made, no legalistic influences - just wanting to glorify my God with my thoughts and wanting to move on from the past once and for all...completely & set free :)

In Him & through Him only
Sherid

Re: - posted by Scott1969 (), on: 2011/7/6 1:21

I quit secular music when I was saved . I wanted whatever God wanted in my life. The world's music didn't appease to me anymore. A Christian should listen to music that only gives glory to God. If the music overrides the message, it is not worth the time to listen to. Thanks and God Bless !

Re: - posted by Josef83, on: 2011/7/6 1:48

What is your opinion Guys about the fact That Paul Washer is promoting christian rappers like Flame and LaCrae ? I cannot find it in the scripture.
I know also William Botth used Music to evangelize.

Re: - posted by Veronica226 (), on: 2011/7/6 1:49

Wow raguas, I really appreciate your post. That was very encouraging. :)
This really caught my attention:

Quote:
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I had never thought of it in that way before. I gave up most secular music last year (except for some classical and instrumental music). The way I saw it was that I loved Him and wanted to do what pleased Him. I hadn't thought of it as "guarding the presence of God in my life" but looking back, that's what it was in my heart I just couldn't articulate it like that. Thank you. That makes things a little bit clearer for me. It's not just to separate from the world, but to the Lord. I wonder, if I just separate from the world and don't separate unto God, is it even worth it? I don't know. I don't think so, because th

en it could turn into legalism. But you have given me something to meditate on. Thank you.

On the topic...

I've had many bad and evil experiences with secular music so I abstain from most of it as much as possible. I can visibly see the change in my little sister when she listens to certain bands, even though she is not saved it still affects her. Also I recall one instance when we were painting the youth room in my church. One of the men helping us had put on worship music and we listened to that for a while. But as soon as it ended (the CD? the playlist? not sure) one of the youth jumped on the chance to put on her own music (VERY secular music) and you could physically feel the atmosphere change. Several arguments broke out and many snippy comments were made. And I felt the enemy's attacks in my spirit. I talked to another adult about it and they said they also felt the change when the secular music was put on. If the only reason not to listen to secular music was to keep the enemy from attacking in that way, it would be reason enough for me not to listen to it.

May we press on to glorify the Lord, even in such a "small" area such as music!!

In Christ,
Veronica

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/7/6 8:50

And then there is SILENCE.

Why are people afraid of it?

Why not 'play' it?

Why do people think silence needs to be filled with noise? Even music, whether it be good or bad?

SILENCE. Listen. What do you hear? Nothing? Listen some more.

What did you read this morning? Have you thought about God's word and what it is teaching you? Or, are you allowing music to drown out this voice that would love to teach you, speak with you...

SILENCE. Ahhh, it has the feel of velvet...

Listen! hear the birds singing? Hey! there is a mocking bird - hear his beautiful singing - he imitates other bird's songs! Now, no musician can imitate that beautiful warbling.

Silence.

Listen. You may hear something more beautiful....

Re: - posted by Enochh (), on: 2011/7/6 9:17

excellent ginnyrose. leave it to you.

Re: Getting rid of secular music... - posted by SamBuabeng, on: 2011/7/6 10:39

Hello brother, it takes all things to do it. YOU MUST NOT ONLY DELETE IT YOU MUST HATE THEM-the very thing that took Jesus to the cross. PLEASE DO IT FOR JESUS

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2011/7/6 11:16

While I am in agreement that followers of Jesus have no business filling their hearts and minds with much of what is out there it seems to me that the posts reflect far too much "blanket condemnation". It would seem wise to judge anything by its content and fruit...whether you personally label it "secular" or not. There are some very decent songs of devoted love between a man and wife out there. Songs that promote fidelity and the loyalty of wedded love. Although it may be "secular" it is also an excellent message that we would do well to follow. I think we could all agree on that. As an example I post the lyrics from the totally "secular"... but very Biblically consistent, "WHEN I SAID I DO". Obviously it deals with what the couple meant when they took their marriage vows. It follows

WHEN I SAID I DO

Songwriters:CLINT BLACK, CLINT PATRICK

These times are troubled and these times are good
And they're always gonna be, they rise and they fall
We take 'em all the way that we should
Together you and me forsaking them all
Deep in the night and by the light of day
It always looks the same, true love always does
And here by your side, or a million miles away
Nothin's ever gonna change the way that I feel,
The way it is, is the way that it was

When I said I do, I meant that I will 'til the end of all time
Be faithful and true, devoted to you
That's what I had in mind when I said I do

Well this old world keeps changin', and the world stays the same
For all who came before, and it goes hand and hand
Only you and I can undo all that we became
That makes us so much more, than a woman and a man
And after everything that comes and goes around
Has only passed us by, here alone in our dreams
I know there's a lonely heart in every lost and found
But forever you and I will be the ones
Who found out what forever means

When I said I do, I meant that I will 'til the end of all time
Be faithful and true, devoted to you
That's what I had in mind when I said I do

Truer than true, you know that I'll always be there for you
That's what I had in mind, that's what I had in mind,
When I said I do

end lyrics

While I am sure some may try to knot pick something wrong here... it simply isn't there. In a nutshell...we made a vow to be devoted to each other for all time. The world we live in will see us go through good and bad times, easy and hard times. Whatever times come...I made a vow to be devoted only to you (my spouse) and that's exactly what I meant and will do.

Secular or not.. it is a mind set and commitment we need in the church and world!

So...I hope we can be mature enough to evaluate a piece of music by its content and message rather than if we label it "secular" or not. What is the message and what fruit is it looking to produce... those are the better questions in my mind.

Blessings,

Solomon101

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/7/6 16:25

Enochh, it was the LORD...