

**General Topics :: Contemporary Christian Music****Contemporary Christian Music, on: 2017/9/4 15:45**

I just read a pastor's blog about a christian radio, and I checked on Youtube the radio he mentioned. I felt sick looking at the so called christian music. The singers are just using God to be famous and earn money out of it. The contents of music videos of singers are extravagant that can be compare to a secular music, no simplicity, no reverence for God, and their music lyrics are "far from Biblical"...

Re: Contemporary Christian Music - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/4 17:39

I agree- it is simply a sub-genre of pop music.

Re: Contemporary Christian Music - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/4 20:05

You are experiencing 'christianity american style'.

No worry...it will go away soon!

Re: Contemporary Christian Music - posted by staff, on: 2017/9/4 21:00

Hi Ernestiu,

I have commented on Christian Music before along these lines.

There are two types of Christian music A:Worship Music made to worship God and B:Christian Music made for the world both have their place.

1:Contemporary Christian Music has an identity Crisis

It is caught between two stools ,it is neither good for the Church(it doesnt worship God) or good for the world(it isnt good enough for the world to take notice).

2:The standard is very poor,it may be produced well but the actual musical content is poor whether or not the lyrics are biblical.

3:Why is it poor?It cant compete with worldly music because the world has more singers,producers and songwriters.

Most of it is just what I call filler.Made for a deadline which takes away its quality.Which plays into Ernestiu's point that if the purpose of the exercise is to be famous and earn money then you will have tight deadlines and then you will have filler.

4 Remedy:We have one overwhelming advantage when it comes to making music namely The Holy Spirit.We need him to guide us in our work in creating music,we are not doing this in the main.

5:It is a good thing if the Christian song is Catchy and Beautiful,in fact its necessary.Compare Christian Poetry and Christian Music for a second.A poem can have a great message but will not be repeated over and over again in media.The poem gets its message across quicker than a song though.

A Christian Song if its good enough catchy or beautiful it will be repeated and repeated and repeated hence bringing its message to a wider audience and hammering it home to the individual.

6:I'll say this again as its worth saying The Holy Spirit is the most Creative Force In Heaven and Earth we need to listen to him and be inspired by him to create great music and with lyrics that are in line with what God wants to say,ours staff

Re: Contemporary Christian Music - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/9/4 21:39

Everyone can't have our taste in christian music, now can they?! I don't listen to KLove or any other Christian station, not cause I think badly of them but because I'm usually listening to sermons in the car!! But I do have some of these song on my iPod.

Here is Billboard's top 20 for this week, I challenge you to google the lyrics of some of these (or all).

What A Beautiful Name - Hillsong Worship
MercyMe - Even If
Lecrae - I'll Find You
Elevation Worship - O Come to the Altar (Live)
Zach Williams - Old Church Choir
Casting Crowns - Oh My Soul
NEEDTOBREATHE - "HARD LOVE (feat. Andra Day)"
Andra - Love Can Save It All
Tauren Wells - Hills and Valleys (Acoustic Video)
Matthew West - Broken Things
Citizen Way - Bulletproof
Ryan Stevenson - The Gospel
Danny Gokey - The Comeback
Andra & Mara - Sweet Dreams
Jeremy Camp - Word Of Life
Wonder // Hillsong United // New Song Cafe
Lecrae - I'll Find You ft. Tori Kelly
for KING & COUNTRY - O God Forgive Us
Jordan Feliz - Beloved
Tenth Avenue North - I Have This Hope
Zach Williams - Chain Breaker

God bless,
Lisa

they are exalting "themselves", on: 2017/9/5 13:35

Contemporary Christian Singers should look and learn at these people in China, this is the real worship...

A Rare Look At Secret House Churches in China
<https://youtu.be/v0v1feK6H5U?t=2m20s>

Contemporary Christian Music is not exalting God, they exalting themselves...

I'm not saying all CCM are bad, but mostly are not in right direction....

Re: they are exalting "themselves" - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/9/5 14:18

Quote:

-----by emestiu
A Rare Look At Secret House Churches in China
<https://youtu.be/v0v1feK6H5U?t=2m20s>

Contemporary Christian Music is not exalting God, they exalting themselves...

I'm not saying all CCM are bad, but mostly are not in right direction...

I watched the video and it's beautiful but it's China. Perhaps if America was in it's 50th year of persecution, we would worship just like they do or better.

The Holy Spirit will guide us into all things if we want to be guided. The Word says 'hunger and thirst after righteousness and we shall be filled.'

I have this to say about worship... everyone in America, Canada, Africa and even in China has the ability to worship the Lord as long and as deep in the Spirit as they like... right in the comfort of their own homes. But do they?

God bless you,
Lisa

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/9/5 17:58

Hi,
I wonder are we talking about Christian Worship Music only?
Although there is so much to sing about God in a worship, it isn't inexhaustible either. We need the Holy Spirit involved if we need fresh worship songs, the music needs to be inspired by God or the lyrics won't be listened to and remembered. We have to differentiate between the Worship Song quality and the quality of the worship. By that I mean the worship song maybe perfect but the Worship may be insincere or not heartfelt.
So is your complaint Ernest that we are not sincere like in China or that they have better worship songs? Or are you saying that our lack of sincerity in our worship is reflective of the songs we are producing?
I think maybe there are two different mini subjects here crossing paths yours staff

Re: whatever - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/6 6:57

1 Corinthians 10

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

NO COMPARTMENTALIZING!

All of life is worship -

Romans 12:1

I plead with you therefore, brethren, by the compassions of God, to present all your faculties to Him as a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to Him. This with you will be an act of reasonable worship.

I therefore urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God, for this is the reasonable way for you to worship.

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Don't be deceived!

All music, and the listening thereof, is done unto God or unto men!

not complaining, on: 2017/9/6 8:59

Staff,

I am not complaining about CCM, they are what they are..

I am just saying that CCM is like secular pop culture...

And that is "all my point"...

Re: not complaining - posted by staff, on: 2017/9/6 18:42

Hi Ernestiu,

And I'm agreeing with you CCM is like secular culture..

The problem as I see it is 1: If we make a Christian Song to compete with the secular market it has to be top notch and from God, saying something God wants to say. Why: Because we are saying when ever we make a song that this is from God, we are representing God.

2: Christians who make CCM have to realize what it is and it's not Worship music for the most part.

urs staff

recently noticed - posted by dohzman (), on: 2017/9/7 20:40

I was driving to an appointment recently and put a piano only rendition of the old hymns of the faith and had a really big realization about contemporary christian music, and it was so simple, where is the rest in this modern christian music? There is none. It seems to me that what has come out of much christian artists for the last 20 years is like drinking an energy one right after another. It amps you up emotionally but does very little to offer the hearer peace of mind or a sense of rest in the deep places of the heart/head, let alone directing the hearer to magnify Jesus Christ in their heart.

Re: recently noticed - posted by staff, on: 2017/9/8 21:43

Hi Dohzman,

Very Good point "where is the rest" and thoughtful point of view.

I think but I could be wrong that it goes back to a point I made earlier that Modern Christian Music has an identity Crisis. It's neither good for the goose or for the gander. It neither offers as you say "peace of mind or a sense of rest" to the Christian nor does it have the quality to bring a message to the world. We are generalizing here also so some songs do buck the trend and are good,

urs staff