

MUSIC

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Isaiah 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, And come with singing unto Zion; And everlasting joy shall be upon their head: They shall obtain gladness and joy; And sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Psalms 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Matthew 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

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Music is a highly debatable issue today → more heat than light.

De jure: # by right/law

De facto: #1 in fact

If it was really a #3 we wouldn't discuss, fight, get angry...about it!

Christian music vs Secular:

Some won't allow a division/ distinction

Some m the two as if they are the

There is a distinction & it's best to keep them distinct but not radically separated.

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Exodus 15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Judges 5:1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

Is Christian music #1?

Most would say no !!! But obviously elements of music move in this direction.

“Music bypasses all the intellectual barriers, and when the anointing of God is on a song, people will begin to believe things they wouldn't believe through teaching.” The “Apostle” Bill Johnson

The Arians taught their heresy through songs

All Christians music must be rooted in biblical teaching

The message is King The music is Queen

Is Christian music #3?

Most would say yes !

And some elements are...

- How loud
- Accents
- How much
- How non-e / e
- The language
- Even the instruments

Why the piano & organ? They support singing

Is Christian music #2?

Much of it is!

- It must be congregationally oriented

Why is this true?

We obviously love to be entertained & most of us can't recognize the difference

We can certainly have solos, duets, small groups, & choirs sing.

However WE must worship

- Songs must be Hymns - like & Psalm- like

Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves (λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς) in psalms (ψαλμοῖς) and hymns (ᾠμοὶς) and spiritual songs (ὠδαῖς), singing (ᾄδοντες) and making melody (ψάλλοντες) in your heart to the Lord;

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifest in the flesh,
justified in the Spirit,
seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up into glory.

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **Colossians 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Revelation 1:4-6

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace,
from him which is, and which was, and which is to come;
and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
And from Jesus Christ,

who is the faithful witness,
and the first begotten of the dead,
and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Unto him that **loved** us,
and **washed** us from our sins in his own blood,

And **hath made** us kings and priests unto God and his Father;

to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Psalms, with a few exceptions, are quite complex & sophisticated

- Connected to the Church Universal across time & space
- Full-range of Christian doctrine, experience, emotions,....
- Centered on the gospel , the Trinity , the Faith , & the Christian life.

MUSIC – OTHER THAN CHRISTIAN!

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ASSUMPTIONS:

- I begin with the assumption of many kinds of music
- **Many kinds / genres with many functions &/ purposes**
- I also assume that right & wrong and good or evil categories are in different categories
- I further both assume and argue that music must be, and can be, evaluated

#1: Written in blood

I grew up on the right & wrong | good & evil paradigm → and for a few years this helped me immensely. **Much music is, more or less, a direct assault on who I am & what I believe → and therefore it must CSN:**

LSD:

Back masking:

Back beat:

#3: Written in pencil

Music and musical styles have elements that are preference...personal taste

* Dr Moritz driving through Chicago

Obviously some struggle with anything being a preference

Many factors play into this such as: personality, background, age

#2: Written in ink

This is based upon the assumption that music can, & must be, evaluated → plus that music (words & tunes) shapes us

(Not in order)

A. Music must not become our identity

Examples:

I'm just country!

That's my music!

Pastor Warren, you don't like my ghetto ways!

Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: **but Christ is all, and in all.**

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

How would we **know** this is an issue / problem?

We dress	like	We talk	like	We walk	like
We think	like	We live	like	We understand	like
We evaluate	like	We value	like		

C. Music should be **chosen...not merely adopted!**

Most people listen to what they grow up around!

Eclectic:

- Choose what to listen to
- Choose when to listen
- Choose Not to listen!
- Choose how long you listen
- Choose to explore new & different genres!
- Choose to move beyond so-called likes & dislikes
- Choose from a great variety of good music

D. Music must be **kept / held** at a distance

E. Choose to actually sing, play, write, & participate in music → **not merely be en**

2 Samuel 23:1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, And the man who was raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

DEALING WITH “THE LOGIC OF MUSIC”:

This is, of course, a joke since music usually contains no logic!

- Everyone has / listens to music
- Everyone has likes & dislikes
- Everyone likes what they like
- Everyone likes it **because...well...uhhhh...they like it**

My personal testimony &/ experiences:

1975~ - 1977 My long war with music

My breakthrough came when I started listening and taking music seriously.

1975-1976 hard rock

1976-1977 other forms

1977-1988/89/90~ no music

For several years, I think I was afraid of going back...

Very little, and very gradual, with much more evaluation, and at much more of a distance...!

- Everyone's likes will change over time!

Some more

Some less

Some (?) not at all

One would hope we grow up a little!

- **Everyone has likes and those likes are / were learned**

We like:

What we grew up around

What we were expected to like

What we were exposed to

What everyone else likes more or less!

(Leaders will lead & a small group will not conform)

- **No one is born liking any form of music!**

What does that mean?

Where do many of the greatest classical musicians come from today?

- **Everyone's likes can be learned, unlearned &/ relearned**

- **Everyone's likes can be rather easily explained**

Deeper likes might require longer & deeper work & and that work will be invaluable

It will also be very worthwhile work!

- **Everyone's likes are irr & ill**

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: **Deuteronomy 6:5** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God **with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **Deuteronomy 6:6** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **Deuteronomy 6:7** And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **Deuteronomy 6:8** And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **Deuteronomy 6:9** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**

Jeremiah 5:31 The prophets prophesy **falsely**, and the priests bear rule **by** their means; **and** my people **love to have it so**: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, **and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** **John 3:20** For every one that doeth evil **hateth** the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. **John 3:21** But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **2 Thessalonians 2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** **2 Thessalonians 2:11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **2 Thessalonians 2:12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, **but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;** **1 Peter 2:12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Titus 2:12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, **Walk** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

AND THAT'S THE REAL PROBLEM WITH MUSIC & MOST OF LIFE...

Logic of music...& most of life...	Logic of Scripture
L (S)	Texts
L (S)	Truths
L (S)***	Application of Scripture
L (IES)	Reasoning
LAZINESS!	

*** LUSTS = passions, drives, impulses, compulsions...