



Pamagat: What about Dancing and Dance Music?

Bible Text: 2 Peter 2:1-3 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (v.2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (v.3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Pagsasalin: Ngunit may lumitaw ding mga bulaang propeta sa gitna ng sambayanan, kung paanong sa inyo'y magkakaroon ng mga bulaang guro, na palihim na magpapasok ng mga nakapipinsalang turo. Itatakuwil nila pati ang Panginoon na bumili sa kanila, na nagdadala sa kanilang sarili ng mabilis na pagkapuksa. (v.2) At maraming susunod sa kanilang mga gawang mahahalay, na dahil sa kanila ay lalaitin ang daan ng katotohanan. (v.3) At sa kanilang kasakiman ay pagsasamantalahan nila kayo sa pamamagitan ng mga pakunwaring salita. Ang hatol sa kanila mula nang una ay hindi maaantala at ang kanilang kapahamakan ay hindi natutulog.

Concerning dancing the Bible says...

1. Exo. 15:20 – And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. (MEKOLAW; – ancient custom in public ceremonies; group) [Judges 11:34; 21:21; 1 Sam. 18:6;] [Jer. 31:4,13 – MAWKHOLE; - a round dance).
2. 2 Sam. 6:14 - And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. (KAWRAR – to dance in a whirl) – These dances are outward expressions of inward joy.
3. Job 21:11 - They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. (RAQAD – to stamp, to spring about, jump, leap, skip). [Ecc.3:4]
4. New Testament – the one example of dancing is the lewd dancing of the daughter of Herodia – Matt. 14:6 - But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. (ORCHEOMAI – regularity of motion) and Lk. 15:25 (CHOROS – group or company of dancers).

Applications:

1. Dancing as an outward expression of inward joy is natural and non-performance based.
2. Dancing as a public antic, or mode of arts and entertainment, and bodily expression is often accompanied with sensual sounding music and is therefore not in keeping with a Biblical culture. The Dance itself supplies or corresponds to the rhythm and evokes sensuality (pumupukaw ng kahalayan)

Implications:

1. Rock music is sensual and the act of dancing to the music is a bodily expression of that sensuality.
2. As music is a moral form of communication; so are the outward manifestations of the music itself, a moral form of expression.
3. Other dance gestures are equally against Biblical norms of behavior: stage antics, headbanging; choreography which amplifies sensual acts; stagediving; bodysurfing; pelvic-thrusts; hip-rotations and swings; moshing; - these actions promote sensual or immoral acts. They do not promote: love (licentiousness), humility (pride), reverence (celebrity worship and idolatry), holiness (immorality).
4. Dancing and the dance music result in fornication and idolatry.
 - 4.1. There are things that are earthly, sensual, and devilish. (James 3:15)
 - 4.2. There are mutually exclusive sounds. (2 Cor. 6:15)
 - 4.3. We are commanded to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
 - 4.4. We are not to make provisions for the flesh. (Rom. 8:5,8; 13:14)
 - 4.5. Can we worship God with sensual music and dancing? NO.

Ps. 29:2 - Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

1 Cor. 3:17 - If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Cor. 14:40 - Let all things be done decently and in order.

1 Thess. 5:22 - Abstain from all appearance of evil. (Abstain from the show of idolatry; from vice, from every form of it).

2 Tim. 2:22 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 Jn. 2:15-16 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (v.16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.