

Contemporary Christian Rock Music

The Rebuttal

Music is not neutral.

1. Language is a means of communication.
2. To communicate, we use certain language (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, German, English, etc.
3. Each language has letters. The Hebrew language are composed of 22 consonant letters and 5 vowels; the Greek language Has 24 letters of consonants and vowels; English-26 letters.
4. Each letters when combined, will form words, sentences, paragraph, Stories, Novel, Poems and even love letters.
5. Music is also a language. The National language of man's soul.
6. The Music language are composed of 7-notes.
7. At present, our modern musical notes are represented by the first 7 letters of the English Alphabeth. It is called the names of the notes.
8. We used to sing the notes by "solfeggio" or in Spanish, "solfeo" ei. Do, re, mi...
9. The good teacher of music is going to teach the students both the name of the notes and its solfeo; memorized, understood and used interchangeably.
10. Notes are arranged in each measure like letters to words.
11. Each notes composed in each measure will form the musical sentence called phrase.
12. Each phrase tell a story called musical stories.
13. single notes and even single letters can mean nothing.
14. In each musical phrase, we learn such as: musical forms such as Melody patterns, rhythmical patterns, harmony patterns and even finger patterns.
15. Rhythm is the soul of music: It is by giving accent to the beat, usually in $\frac{3}{4}$ time measure we give accent to the first beat of each measure.
16. Then we have tempo, contrast: the rudiments of music like mf, mezzo forte-medium loud.
17. There are many kinds of music: Dance, Folk, Western, Classical, Blues, Jazz, etc.
18. Each kind of music can be either spiritual or sensual, demonic, fleshly and worldly.

Isa 14:11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

The noise of thy viols - Instruments of music were often used in their feasts; and the meaning here is, that instead of being surrounded with splendor, and the instruments of music, the monarch was now brought down to the corruption and stillness of the grave. The instrument referred to by the word 'viol' (נבל *nēbel*, plur. נבלים *nebalīm*, Greek *νάβλα* *nabla*, Latin *nablium*), was a stringed instrument usually with twelve strings, and played by the pecten or by the hand (see the notes and illustrations on [Isa 5:12](#)). Additional force is given by all these expressions if they are read, as Lowth reads them, as questions asked in surprise, and in a taunting manner, over the haughty king of Babylon - 'Is thy pride then brought down to the grave?'

Let's look in Isaiah 14 verse 12; He is termed as "Lucifer" which means "Morning Star", a title, which belongs to him before his apostasy. Please read it, use KJV or NKJV, thank You. I don't really mean we don't have to use a guitar in the singing of congregation, but the kind of music (according to such criteria based on biblical principles) should be studied if it belongs to the Rock Music. Look in verse 11 of Isaiah, "Thy pomp, which in Hebrew word is, גאון "ga-own" means; arrogance, excellence, majesty (the magnificent splendor displayed) is brought

down to Sheol (“grave” in KJV) and the sound of your stringed instruments...”.in KJV “the *noise* of thy viol.” The word “noise” in Hebrew is הַיָּמָה “hem-yah” which means, the sound of a musical instruments. Satan has his own guitar, the viol, which is the forefather of the guitar “stringed instruments” in ancient history called the “lute”.

Exo 32:17 And when Joshua heard the *noise* of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is a noise* of war in the camp.

Exo 32:18 And he said, *It is not the voice* of *them that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the *voice* of *them that* cry for being overcome: *but the noise* of *them that* sing do I hear.

5 times in these 2 verses.

קוֹל *qôl*: A masculine noun meaning a voice, a sound, a noise, a cry. This is an all-encompassing word that is used of any kind of sound.

Remember, when Moses after receiving the tables of stone which was written by the finger of God, which is the ten commandments, He met Joshua while waiting for Moses. And when Joshua heard the *noise* of the people as they *shouted*, he said unto Moses, There is a *noise* of *war* in the camp. And he said, “It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the *noise* of them that **sing** do I hear” (Exodus 32:17-18) Screaming! Shouting! Wailing! And worshipping the graven image! Note: the word translated in English “noise” came from the Hebrew word, קוֹל, means, to call aloud as a sound of a voice, the bleating sound of an animal or the sound of a musical instrument. But since the context of Joshua’s description is “a war-like sound” wherein you can hear shouting and screaming, it has been translated correctly in KJV as *noise*. More is the word followed “the *noise* of the people as they shouted” the word “shouted” which in the context is from the Hebrew word רָעַר “rea” means, a crash of thunder and noise of war. So when Joshua said they are shouting (rea) the word “qowl” instead of translating to just a “sound” it was translated correctly as “noise” because that is the context of Joshua’s comment to Moses. Same thing as the nature of rock music!! And all your body in flesh has a tendency to move with the beatings. While the Hymn, when you sing, your soul and spirit moves!! Do you not see that Joshua’s description is *noisy, shouting and war-like!!* But Moses said, they’re just singing - more beating, no melody, and no harmony, the nature of today’s Rock Music. Do we need to compromise and listen to Christian Rock Music!!!

Addendum2: If Moses and Joshua is alive and walking around the city of Lethbridge and when they hear such sound (qowl) Joshua will say, what is that noise (qowl) do I hear in that building? Moses comment will be like this: “that is not a noise of quarrelling but the noise of singing Rock Music do I hear!

“The philosophy that music is neutral and that apart from the words it has no influence or voice of its own is the Devil’s lie (pseudos, falsehood) and this falsehood philosophy is being used to build the ecumenical end-times apostate religion.”
CCM Under the spotlight by David W. Cloud p27.

Music is not neutral. The biblical principles and foundation:

I Samuel 16:23 When the evil spirit of the Lord troubled Saul.

“And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp; and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.” KJV

Note 1: The word *evil* from the Hebrew word *ra* means adversity, calamity, misery injury and translated either evil or bad.
The word *RA* came from the root word *ra-a*, means to spoil, do mischief or punish. Be displeasing, injurious, do evil or wickedly.
Sometimes it is called and meant as “ethical evil” as in I Sam. 12:17-19 and also in Isaiah 45:7

Note 2: The word *play* is a Hebrew word נגן “Nagan”, means beat a tune with the fingers or to play the stringed instruments.

David did not sing but only played the harp with his fingers! It is a spiritual music, a plain music!

Note3: See also I Sam 18:10; 19:9 “David played with his hand”

Amos 5:23 “Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.”

Note: The word *noise* in Hebrew הָמוֹן is “hamon”, means tumult, rumble or noise.
The word *melody* is זִמְרָה “zimrah” a musical piece or song to be accompanied by an instrument. According to the context, the musical instrument is the viol so “zimrah: is the musical piece or the music itself.

Isaiah 51:3 “For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her derert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.”

Note: The Hebrew word *voice* is the same word used in the Exodus Incident with Moses and Joshua, which is קוֹל *qowl* means loud sound. The word *melody* is “zimrah” which is the music or the musical piece. So the words “voice of melody” can also be properly translated as “the sound of music”. The music itself and it is spiritual!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

Note: The word *melody* is φαλλοντες, psallontes, which is the verb of φαλλω, psallow, means sing a psalm, sing praise or composing music by accompaniment of a harp, to sing OT psalms, and the Greek ψαλμος, psalmos, is being referred to the OT book of psalms. This music is spiritual: psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Now we go to Romans 15:9 “And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, (Ps 18:49) For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.”

Psalms 18:49 “Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen and sing praises unto thy name.”

Note: The word in Hebrew is שִׁיר *shiyr*, means sing.
The word in Greek is -φαλλω, psalow, means I will sing praise!!

These are the spiritual music, even without words and lyrics is spiritual, a kind of music which when you composed is spiritual. Music is not neutral.

This study is *offending* but *demanding!* It is like when you preach and/or evangelize it is *offending* that the people who hears and listen to the gospel without the works of the Pneumatos, the Holy Spirit, is offending, but when the Spirit works, it is *demanding!* The message is realized with the demand to Repent!!!

May the Holy Spirit works that the principles and foundation from the word of God be established in our hearts so the Christian Rock Music CCM be rejected 100% from the true congregation of God which is the Church, the spiritual and mystical body of Christ.

2Ch 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, **to make one** sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their voice* with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; to make one- ⲚⲧⲚ *eḥād*: A numerical adjective meaning one, first, once, the same. It may mean simply one of various things:

Please read II Chronicles 5:1-14, when the Ark was brought into the Temple and they sing unto the Lord, “indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as **one**”, the word “one” in Hebrew is אחד “e-chad” which means, to unify and the meaning here is unity and one-ness. There is a principle of playing a note in music called “unison” where two of the same note but different pitch, sometimes octave notes when played together at the same time will create a “harmony”. . It has the idea of unity or integrity as when it designates one justice for all .

Applications:

The criteria:

19. Who is the composer, the singer and what denomination do they belong?
20. What is their faith and where do they stand?
21. What is the biblical nature of the content or message of the song? Is it Arminian in nature or declaring the whole counsel of God?
22. Is it according to the infallibility of the word of God?
23. Search the Scripture and compare their life and belief if it is according to the word of God.
24. Search the internet and learn about their faith?
25. Are we going to compromise with them?
26. Is there such thing as Christian rock music?

You can add more to these!!

This is the latter times and don't let the church depart from the “truth”.

There is no such thing as perfect church, even the leader(s) have some weaknesses, just let us continue of teaching one another, edify one another and pray one another, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the **unity of the faith**...amen.