

A decorative border of musical notation surrounds the central text. It consists of two horizontal staves at the top and bottom, and two vertical staves on the left and right. The notation includes various note values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, some with stems and flags, and some with beams connecting them. The notes are black on a light yellow background.

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Plato, the famous Greek philosopher said, "When modes of music change, the fundamental laws of the State change with them."

Aristotle, another great philosopher, observed that music had the power to form character and therefore requested it be regulated by the State!

Vladimir Lenin, the co-founder of Communism and one of history's greatest experts in revolution and subversion said, "One swift way to destroy a society is through its music."

Changing laws, forming character, toppling societies! Most of us are not accustomed to speak of music in such costly terms. To understand therefore the impact of music upon mankind, we must first understand how music affects people in their spirits, souls and bodies.

When the human being is conceived and begins to grow in the womb, the one system that develops first and which we cannot switch off, is the auditory system. Look at our ears, they are not designed to be shut. We are consciously or unconsciously, listening to sounds even when in the womb! Truly, sound is a most potent force that influences the life of all mankind.

The human brain is organized to filter and interpret sounds. For example, the actual sound of the heart beat is very loud within our bodies but there are systems that filter out that sound. There are thousands of sounds in the world, yet our brain can recognize each of them distinctly and then cope with suitable editing and eliminate all that is discordant and personally unsuitable to us.

Almost everything in motion around us has a rhythm or a speed by which it moves. In musical language, this speed is called tempo. Our human body also has a tempo, or an internal rhythm by which the whole body functions. Our nervous system is designed to respond harmoniously to this internal rhythm of the human body. Loud music with a heavy beat or rhythm tends to alter the tempo of the body and also the way in which our brain responds to it. Repeated experiments have shown that even plants respond

positively to classical forms of music, actually growing and flowering faster than when there was no music at all. Conversely, dissident forms of music retard that growth and may even kill the plant. It is certain also, that music like “rock” and “heavy metal” can make a person sick without them actually knowing why!

If you are listening to “rock music” my friend, you also are a member of a religious order, for rock music is a religion in itself.

At a rock concert, you will behold all the ingredients that make up religion.

At the rock concert there is a congregation - an audience and you are a part of that congregation if you listen to such music.

The “rock” musicians are the priests.

The stage is the altar.

There is a sacrifice – it is you!

And, this religion has a god – Satan.

THERE IS A DEFINITE EFFECT UPON THE SPIRIT-SOUL-BODY

The type of music we listen to tends to reproduce itself in human conduct. Moving from the “gut” (the string) to the brain, music is a powerful encoder. (A term in psychology for something that helps determine the way we perceive and think about the world.) Music has an inside tract to the subconscious level of our minds. One musicologist called music “the language of languages.” He said that of all the arts, there is none that so powerfully moves and changes the consciousness in a person as does music!

In this, our day, music is used widely to condition the human mind. It is just as powerful as a drug but even more dangerous because “**most do not take music manipulation seriously.**”

Satan is waging an invisible war against us. He expertly seeks to control the minds of the youth within a nation. Rebellion, hate, drugs, violence, murder, illicit sex, false religion, liquor, and the disrespect of women, are all subjects in the “rock” and “heavy metal” message.

This is an appeal to not let Satan sell this product to you. When you see and hear his salesmen present “rock music,” swiftly move far away from it! It will seriously harm you and actively hinder your soul’s necessary experience of God’s salvation.

To be fair and balanced, it must be said that although music may be widely used for destructive purposes, the Bible also presents to us positive examples that demonstrate that music may be used by the hearer constructively and can actually result in blessing.

There was music in the Old Testament. King David purposely set apart priests in the house of the Lord for music and song. There was a group who “prophesied with a harp.” (1 Chronicles 25:1-3) Elisha prophesied when a minstrel played. (2 Kings 3:15) King Saul’s evil spirit departed when David, the shepherd boy, played the harp. (1 Samuel 16:23)

There is ample evidence in the Bible to show that there will be joyous music and song in eternity. There is also joyful melody and song in the body of Christ, the Church today! What matters now is that all helpful music should make a melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19) and not a malady in our lives!

“Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.” Psalm 150:3-5

“... Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16

Music can be used to alleviate stress and quieten a troubled soul. On the other hand, music may be used to break down resistance to evil, that a door be opened to invite demons to enter the soul!

Yes, there are **very** serious issues involved in the choices we make relative to what we listen to!

Consider the type of music to which you listen, friend. And if you discern the very sinister dangers involved from the powerful encoding beats of “rock” and “heavy metal,” you will commence on a path that will result in a

massive victory over Satan, for your heart and soul will then be able to hear the sound of the voice of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

He came to save you from sin's curse and power. He came, "Emmanuel." "God-with-us" to give Himself – His life a ransom for sinners.

Come, hear Him and God's gospel —

Hear Him and your soul will live! Isaiah 55:3

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