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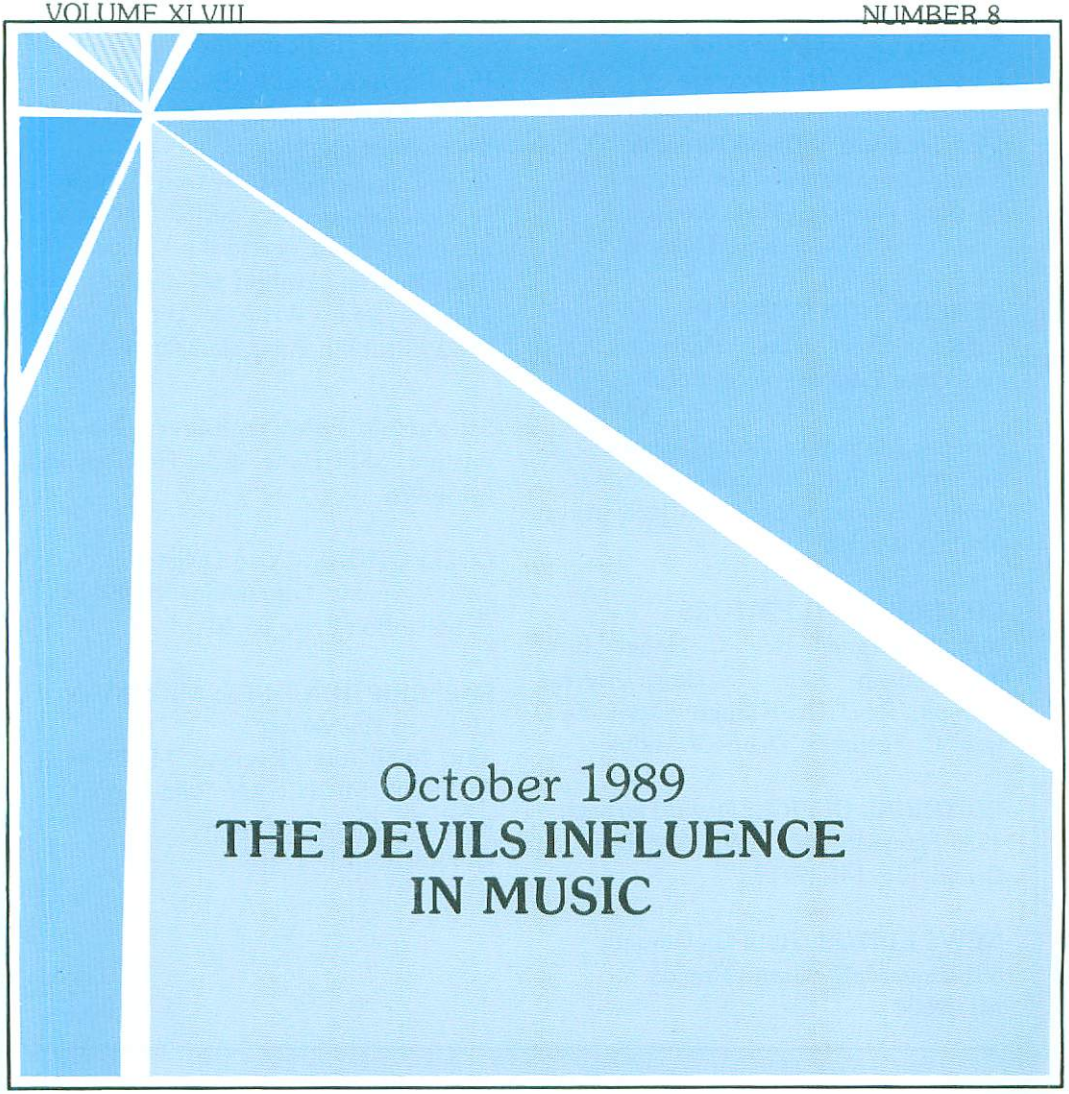

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Editor's Notes: October

by David Harbach

What is becoming increasingly obvious to me about you as young people is that you are willing to make strong statements concerning your reaction to the world of wickedness and concerning your faith in God.

Last year at Covenant High School in Walker, Michigan, Mr. Cal Kalsbeek gave some of you writing assignments for English. Fortunately for us, Mr. Kalsbeek encouraged some of you to have your papers printed in the **Beacon Lights**. Three of those papers will be found in this issue. They are strong statements about your life as God's people in a world of corruption. The shocking and vulgar lyrics quoted from two rock groups as found in "The Devil's Infludence In Music" written by Jeremy Huizinga, were left in this issue. These lyrics are offensive to us as God's people and show clearly why you, your parents, teachers, ministers, and godly friends abhor rock music.

"The 'Me' Generation" written by Chad Huber asks probing questions such as "Is there no hope to live in love and peace with each other again? What can we do?" Read this article to find out what you can do.

Kristi Moelker wrote a review of Everett Payton's book "I Won't Be Crippled When I See Jesus." Many of us know that this book is of special interest to Kristi because as she writes, "I also look forward to enjoying this perfection free from any disability when I reach my heavenly home." In a very real way we all look forward to being in our heavenly home, but God in

His wisdom has made some of us to live with disabilities while on this earth to show His grace is sufficient for us. Kristi's review may just be the spark of interest you need to buy a new book.

Thank you Jeremy, Chad, and Kristi for allowing us to print your articles. Somewhere in the next few issues of the **Beacon Lights** some of your other classmates' articles will appear.

Mr. Deane Wassink of Holland's Young People Society sent in the discussion outline on "Christian Rock." Mr. Wassink states that they spent about six weeks studying and researching the topic, during which time they played tapes of current "Christian" rock goups. They discussed and had questions the first four weeks then used the section on "Christian Rock: A Critique from Scripture" the last couple of weeks. What you read printed in the **Beacon Lights** is about half of what they did. Because they had concrete examples, they could apply these discussion outlines to what they had learned. Perhaps other of our Young People's Societies will be able to use these outlines.

If other societies have outlines or papers they have used on various topics of interest to our young people, we encourage you to send them to us that others might benefit from your efforts.

Rev. Harbach has finished his articles on baptism. That means we will continue with where he left off in Hosea. Of interest to you may be his remarks about Dr. Kurt E. Koch's book "Christian Counseling and Occultism." To be sure, Rev. Harbach's commentary on Hosea 4 will provide you with plenty of thought provoking material to discuss among your friends.

Mr. Dewey Engelsma of our Hope Protestant Reformed Church in Walker, Michigan has agreed to answer questions that our young people are willing to ask him. Mr. Engelsma has been an elder for many years and has been deeply involved in the life of our churches. At times he has been at the same time an elder and a member of a school board. His love for and genuine interest in our young people is abundantly evident in his desire to respond to your questions. Being the father of twelve children, now all grown up, brings years of experience at answering questions from young people. Look for his rubric in coming issues!

The Church has misery on earth, first, that we may keep in mind that we are banished servants, and exiled out of paradise for Adam's sake. Secondly, that we may always remember the misery of the Son of God, Who, for our sake, was made man, walked in this vale of misery, suffered for us, died and rose again from the dead, and so brought us again to our paternal home, whence we were driven. Thirdly, that we may remember our habitation is not of this world, but that we are here only as strangers and pilgrims; and that there is another and everlasting life prepared for us.

Martin Luther

THE "ME" GENERATION

by Chad Huber

We are the children of the hippy generation. The hippy generation according to the World Book Encyclopedia was a group of young men and women who believed in universal love and peace, and did not think that some people should be rich and others poor.

But we are a new generation, we don't believe in a universal love and peace, and don't worry about who is rich or poor, just as long as we are not poor! We are the "me" generation. A generation whose main goal is to glorify and raise up its own self.

This topic is one of great concern. Because it is one that shows to us how the world is changing, and not for the better. We have gone from a generation of love and peace to a generation of hatred and strife. A generation that has no feelings left for anyone except for himself. This act is going contrary to one of God's great commands found in Matt. 19:19 "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

So what happened to the generation of love and peace? This generation was the generation of the hippies. The generation of the hippies started in the 1960's with the people ranging from 17 to 25, and in 1967 300,000 of them left their homes and jobs to join the movement for love and peace. But they soon found out that they couldn't change the society by dropping out of it so the hippies slowly dwindled out.

When the children of the hippies were growing up in the world they didn't think as their parents did, instead of changing the world they went along with it and made it work toward their advantage. This was the "me" generation.

A generation as defined by the Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary is "A body of living beings constituting a single step in the line of decent from an ancestor." But how big a step have we taken and how far have we decended from our ancestors, the hippies? Today we don't live in love and peace with each other. We will do anything to promote ourselves. We think only of ourselves and not of our neighbors. So if we can't live in love and peace with our neighbors how could we live in love and peace with the other nations of the world? We can't. There is always a strife between nations to make their lives a little more easy, or to promote themselves as the greatest nation in the world.

Is there no hope to live in love and peace with each other again? What can we do? First as the nations of the world we have to recognize that you can never force another nation into doing what you want. Instead we should learn to work together, so everyone can benefit from everyone else. We as people must learn to live in love and peace by listening to the word of God

as He says in Romans 12:18 "Live peaceably with all men."

So as you can see this "me" generation is doing more harm than good, and to stop it we must first recognize that we are acting in this way, and are neglecting other people and God. And once we admit that we are the me generation we must break that generation by showing love. We show this love by saying we are Christians and believe in God because in I John 4:8 it reads "God is love."

BOOK REVIEW

by Kristi Moelker

"I won't be crippled when I see Jesus." These were the words of Everett Payton's son and these words are also the title of the book that he wrote about his son's short life. His son made this remark after hearing his mother sing and play a song which spoke of the perfection God's people will enjoy in heaven. I also look forward to enjoying this perfection free from any disability when I reach my heavenly home.

Everett Lee's name means "strong and brave." Being named after his father and mother, his name fit him quite well. Whenever people would ask him if he was tough, Everett would always reply "I'm tough!" no matter how he felt.

Everett Lee was born with hydrocephalus. The doctor informed Everett's father that hydrocephalus ". . . is a condition of excess spinal fluid which causes the head to be enlarged." Doctors had to install a shunt with tubes that were placed in his brain and in his neck which allowed the fluid to drain out of his brain. Before birth the fluid build-up caused Everett to lose his sight and motor control in his right side.

Concerning the life of his young son, the author writes, "It reveals the power of God to bring victory from despair." God did bring moments of happiness to Everett and his family during his lifetime.

One example of these moments was a result of being able to set the table. On one of these occasions, Everett placed a small fork by his father's plate. When his father asked who gave him the fork, Everett tried not to giggle, but he did anyway.

In writing this story of his son's life, the author not only wanted to tell of the joys and some of the pain of having a special son, but he also wanted to share them with those who read his account of the nine years of his son's life. The author deserves much credit for writing this story about someone who was very dear to him.

The Devil's Influence in Music

by Jeremy Huizinga

Rock-N-Roll evolved greatly since the time of the 50's when it originated. Adults back then were upset because they couldn't and didn't understand the music and lyrics. Today rock has created more opposition than that against music back then. Now the lyrics are clearer. The issue concerning them today is whether they influence kids' actions. Although there is disagreement about this between kids and parents, the rock today and heavy metal does express graphically, and thus promotes suicide, murder, satanism and perverse actions.

Kids explain it is the fault of the demented minds of kids or peer pressure which influences them to perform satanic rituals or even commit suicide. They say that some lyrics may mention such things as suicide, murder, and other things, but it doesn't mean that these groups are promoting and encouraging the kids to behave in such a manner.

The kids also say that just a few rock groups may have some perverse and disgusting lyrics, but not all groups are alike. They also say there are a lot of bands which are Christian rock groups and in a religious way do not promote perverse lyrics.

Throughout our nation kids are committing suicide. Almost all of these kids had been known to listen to heavy metal music and previously committed satanic rituals. The exceptions were mostly due to depression.

Just the names of groups express ideas of death and satanism. For example, a group named ACDC. The letters in this name stand for antichrist devil's children. Now, any normal person can conclude logically that this group promotes the devil. Other groups names such as Molley Hatchet, Megadeath, Motley Crue, Iron Maiden, and the Violent Fems express ideas of death and violence.

The singers of such groups are known to be drug addicts and alcoholics. Also their behavior and actions on stage and in public prove they have absolutely no morals. Such things as biting the heads off rats or encouraging female concert goers to remove their shirts certainly does not set good examples for their teenage fans.

Their sick names and uncontrollable behavior is only part of the problem. The lyrics of their songs are also proof that these musicians promote satanism, murder, and suicide. Here are some examples of lyrics. These lyrics belong to a popular group named Guns 'N Roses:

"I used to love her, but I had to kill her
I used to love her, but I had to kill her
I had to put her six feet under
And I can still hear her complain

I knew I'd miss her, and I had to keep her

So I buried her right in my backyard.''

Here is another example from a group called Motley Crue:

The blade of my knife faced away from your heart

But those last few nights it turned and sliced you apart''.

Now, could anyone with at least some morals logically say that these songs do not promote murder, fornication, and satanic ideas. Absolutely not. These songs clearly show that the demented ideas of rock singers would influence kids when they listen to it day after day.

Although there is disagreement, even though there shouldn't be, it is obvious from these few examples out of many that these musicians do condone and promote murder, satanism, suicide, and perverse actions. There is no need for such mind altering music. God gave us music to praise Him with. He didn't give it to us so we could sing about such things as murder and satanic rituals.

OUR FATHER

by Rev. Robert C. Harbach

Our Father, of whom the whole
family in heaven and
earth is named,
therefore not the First
Person of the Trinity,
but the Triune Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who art in heaven—
Heaven is Thy Throne,
earth Thy footstool;
Thy throne and its dwelling-
place are for ever and ever,
and Thou art God over all
blessed for ever.

Thy name be hallowed—
by Thine own self, as Thou
dost dedicate Thy holy
nature to Thine own covenant
being —

Thy name be hallowed
by the holy angels in
heaven, and by
the saints (holy ones)
on earth, where they
are made saints
(for Romanists have
them made saints
after eons in
Purgatory).

Thy Kingdom come — not
Thy Kingdom of Providence—
no need to pray for that
which always has been and
alway is with us;

not the Kingdom of grace,
which always has been,
and always is over the
saints;

but the Kingdom of glory,
yet to come—which
means; Let first
come what must—
the Great Tribulation,
the Final Antichrist
and his kingdom. . . .
Thy Kingdom of Glory
in the New Heaven and
Earth.

Thy will be done—Thy decretive
will in heaven and on
earth is always done,
through or without us
and our prayers;
Thy preceptive will
on earth and out of
heaven by the angels
be done as it is in heaven—
personally,
perfectly,
Perpetually.

Give us this day sustenance
as apportioned for the day—
Our daily bread—the means
for life today. . .
not poison, no harmful
side effects, but Bread,
today's needs made effectual,
bringing about the results
intended.

And forgive us our debts
take up and off from
us our debts. . .pay them all. .
send them away. . . .
How much we owe!
How much of what we must
and do repent!
We owe a debt of obedience,
having failed it in Adam's
Fall. . .we owe a debt of
sin—the wages (debt) of sin is
death.

As we forgive our debtors.—
Our Father, how dare we
pray this 'Disciples' Prayer'?

And lead us not into temptation
(as sometimes Thou art
pleased to do: Isa. 63:17;
Josh. 11:20; Jn. 12:40;
Rom. 9:18, 20).

But do we pray this petition
only to deliberately turn
off into the paths of temp-
tation?

But deliver us from evil—
set us free from the evil,
from every form of evil:—
evil imaginations,
evil thoughts,
evil doers, the
evil heart of unbelief.
But do we pray this
petition only to deliberately
set our eyes upon evil?

For Thine is the Kingdom
in the blessed ideal and reality—
in the predestinated Kingdom
of Glory;

And the power—the ability
of divine omnipotence
to eternally maintain the
kingdom of Glory.

And the Glory, Thine own
highest end and purpose!
for ever! to all
eternity!

Amen— so let it be,
so it is,
so it ever shall be,
World without end,
Amen and Amen!

Truth Vs. Error

5. God's Controversy With Israel Hosea 4

by Rev. Robert C. Harbach

II. B. All the land ruined with pollution (3)

"Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth in it shall languish. with the beasts of the field. and with the fowls of the heavens; yea, the fish of the sea also shall be taken away."

Here read Joel 1:9-13. "Therefore" - because of all those horrible crimes of vs. 2, "the land shall mourn" in bereavement. For the inhabitants shall languish. Cp. Rev. 9:5, 6, 20, 21. ". . . with the beasts of the field," the domestic cattle, and the wild animals of the veld; the birds die, and the fish of the sea shall be destroyed. Noah's flood did not affect the fish, but this judgment does. Divine vengeance (God's curse) extends to the inhabitants of the land and to its living creatures. The land and its creatures were made for man; now God's purpose is to punish man in the removal of these creatures.

How could there be such a complete devastation of nature? By drought, pestilence, or the ravaging invasion of enemy armies; or by any combination of these. Palestine is about the size of the state of Florida. Therefore it is not difficult to imagine a literal fulfilment of this prophesied judgment. Even as recently as March of 1988 a devastating plague of locusts struck countries in Africa already suffering famine and starvation.

In our own land toxic wastes poison the ground. The run-offs from this poison the streams. Then fish die. Industrial wastes are poured out into the ground, belched up into the air and dumped into the Great Lakes. Land pollution, air pollution and water pollution poison our environment. Water fowl are poisoned, born deformed, and quickly die. Where air pollution is said to be the worst is in Washington D.C. There the air pollution count is the highest of any city of the world. Jacques Cousteau, famous French oceanographer, tells us that the oceans of the world are becoming irreversibly polluted. The Mediterranean Sea is becoming such a sewer that bathers in it run the risk of infection from sewage pollution. At seaside restaurants there is a danger of mercury poisoning and other toxins found in the food chain. Another famous oceanographer, Armond Fruchart, said, "Man in the year 2000 probably will not die of hunger, but of suffocation for lack of clean air, or of thirst, for lack of pure water."

We and all men everywhere take the world's resources for granted. We take our life for granted, giving no thought to the quality of life. We take

air and breath for granted with little thought to air pollution. We take our drinking water for granted, giving no thought as to how long into the future we shall enjoy pure, safe water. We take the sunshine for granted, unconcerned with those areas where smog makes the disc of the sun appear red. We take refreshing rains for granted hardly realizing that "acid rain" (poisoned rain) ruins whole forests unmindful of the whole ecological chain affected - the ground, the streams, rivers, fish, birds, poisoned! A few years ago we learned that the Mississippi River had become so badly polluted that signs had to be placed along its banks warning against the wind-blown river spray as poisonous.

Therefore we do well before we eat to pray the Lord to bless our table fare, and then after our meals to thank Him for good, nourishing, untainted food and drink. Also we ought to pray that on the ground of Jesus' perfect satisfaction for all our sins we henceforth live in true repentance a new life of holy obedience.

II. The Consequences of God's Controversy.

C. People and prophet fall to destruction

"Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother." This divine severity would come on them because they had destroyed His prophets. The people would fall, and by night, so would the prophet, the false prophet who had deceived them. They deceive with their message of "Peace! peace!" But then sudden destruction comes on them. Then both the blind leader and their blind followers fall into the ditch.

True prophets were sent when the priesthood had failed. II Sam. 2:27, 28; Mal. 2:7, 8; Jer. 6:13. "I will (temporally) destroy thy mother," i.e., Samaria, the metropolis of Israel. Of course, this meant, then, that the whole organism of the church, in its reprobate shell and elect kernel, would be destroyed (but later revived under Nehemiah). But what is strictly in view here is apostate Israel - the Israel that falls away, the false prophets which have apostatized. True prophets never do that.

Whenever a true church apostatizes to become a false church, it does not fall into a static state, but keeps on falling away, say from Puritanism to Unitarianism, to Romanism, to Atheism, to destruction in Hell. Or the church falls away from the Reformed Faith (from the Reformed Confession and Reformed standards and liturgies, from the Presbyterian catechisms and Westminster Confession), to Amyraldianism, to Arminianism, to semi-Pelagianism, to Modernism, to the cults and the occult. . . . The text brings us to that last fall - into Hell. All apostasy culminates in ecclesiastic Babylon, which keeps falling away (apostatizing) until its ultimate fall: "And there followed another angel, a second, saying, 'Fell! Fell! Babylon the great city!. . .'" (Rev. 14:8; 18:2, Greek)

II. C. 1. The people put to shame (7, 19)

"As they were increased, so they sinned against Me; therefore will I change their glory into shame. The wind hath bound her up in its wings; and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices."

"As **they**", the children, v. 6, of apostate priests and false prophets, "were increased." Here is the increase of ungodly children in reprobate gener-

ations. They increased by whoredom. Think of the bastard children American service men leave behind in every country they have been in. As they increased in number, so they increased in sin, so the more they became careless and profane. They produce an unholy seed, ignorant of God, His law, His ways, so rejecting knowledge. "Therefore, they say unto God, 'Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways' " (Job 21:14). This is what the U.S. Supreme Court says to God, and what the public school system says to Him. Could this have anything to do with the fact that "American schools are far behind the schools of the civilized world"?

"So they sinned against me," imitating their parents. "Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken ye house of Israel, and give ear, O house of the king, for judgment is toward you" (Hos. 5:1). "As troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way of consent; for they commit lewdness" (6:9;. "According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten Me" (13:6). "Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked. Thou art become fat; thou art grown thick; thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation" (Deut. 32:15).

When they became rich and prosperous, rolling in luxury, their prophets rebuked and goaded them with good, but they kicked aside the admonitory ministry. When warned that "the prosperity of fools shall destroy them" (Prov. 1:32), they lifted up the heel against God and flew in the face of Providence. They had taken to that old lie, "ye shall be as gods" and made a god of their bellies in their pride, plenty, prosperity, sensuality and senselessness.

"And I will change their glory (the priesthood, Mal. 2:7-9) into shame" (v. 7b). The people shall mourn over its departed glory, and also the priests that rejoiced in it, because now it is gone, and so are they (Hos. 10:5). They "shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel" (10:6).

"The wind hath bound her up in its wings; and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices" (4:19).

In their idolatries and adulteries they had sacrificed all their health, wealth, comforts, time and strength to the lusts of the flesh. "By means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread" (Prov. 6:26).

Next, from that first point (under II. C.),. The people put to shame (7, 19) we go to:

2. Nothing shall satisfy them (10).

"They shall eat and not have enough." They never **have** enough who never know when they've **had** enough. "They", the priests who robbed the people of the best, fresh, raw meats so they could enjoy their own favorite roasts. They got fat and overweight without being satisfied or nourished. Greedy, they were insatiable.

"They shall commit whoredom and not increase." Solomon had wives, concubines, a total of 1000 women, yet only one son to carry on his name, and he was a fool! I Ki. 12. "Their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left. . . . Ephraim shall bring forth his children to murderers. . . . Give them O Lord. . . . a miscarrying womb and dry

breasts . . . I will love them no more . . . they shall bear no fruit; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb . . . ." (Hos. 9:11-17).

Part of this spiritual whoredom was involvement in the occult, in witchcraft, with spiritist mediums. Dr. Kurt E. Koch has had years of experience observing family case histories of witches, wizards, i.e., mediums, now called "trance channelers." He documents their coming to tragic ends by suicide, fatal accidents, horrible death-bed scenes, - all **well-known** to him. In his book, **"Christian Counseling and Occultism,"** pp. 184-189, He writes of God's curse on occult fortune-tellers, the trance channelers and their families and descendants to the third and fourth generation. He details the horrible effects that their occult activities have had on them. Israel was never to have found among them an enchanter, charmer, witch, a consulter of familiar spirits (of "spirit guides"), or a wizard (a male medium, sometimes called a "shaman". Deut. 18:10, 11) The law of Moses required that these not be allowed to live (Ex. 22:18), but be stoned to death (Lev. 20:27).

-To be continued, D.V.-

CHRISTIAN ROCK

by Deane Wassink

Facts:

1. Very big - very many young people are involved. Stryper alone gets 2000 to 3000 letters each week.
2. Big finance, world tours, elaborate sets, lighting, costumes.
3. Some hits are crossover hits in secular field. Amy Grant sings with secular stars.
4. The music varies from contemporary to rock to heavy metal.

Arguments for:

1. It is a good alternative to wicked secular music which is often sin glorifying and devil worshipping.
2. It makes the gospel message easier to listen to for young people because it is music they like.
3. It gives the young people their own identity.
4. It helps excite the people for the gospel.
5. It is a legitimate form of music, one of God creatures.
6. Many thousands are "saved" through the music and follow-up ministry.
7. The words are spiritual and often even literally scripture.

Scriptural idea of spiritual music

Texts for study: Ezra 3:11, Psalms 69:30; 33:2; 119:54; I Chron. 15:22, 27-29, 16; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; There are hundreds more.

1. Characteristics:
   a. God glorifying. It is directed to Him.
   b. The words are the primary part.
   c. In harmony with the Word of God. In Scripture the songs are inspired.
   d. It reveals a person's faith in depth.
   e. It is thinking music.
   f. It is in harmony with the nature of God. He is order.
   g. It is in the contemporary language.
   h. The language and the instruments were contemporary.

2. Conclusion:
   a. Spiritual music is thinking music.
   b. Spiritual music should elevate the soul in worship of God.
   c. Spiritual music should not draw attention to itself. It must serve the word of God and the faith of those singing.
   d. Spiritual music must be in harmony with the Word.
   e. Worship is the purpose of the music.

Christian Rock: A Critique from Scripture

1. Content:
   a. There is a great variation between the different forms of music.
      1) Contemporary is often lively and yet at times has some depth.
      2) Heavy metal has very little depth. Often is is sung in short repeated phrases.
      3) Generally speaking there is little depth of thought and faith. It emphasizes entertainment.
   b. Christian Rock is not typically true to the Bible.
      1) In some cases it is.
      2) Most often is is very loosely Biblical.
      3) Very frequently it is Arminian. It teaches universal love, an easy repentance, and a god dependent on the will of man.

2. Music:
   a. To the extent that it detracts from the words and a worshipful atmosphere to that extent it is improper.
   b. To the extent that it creates a false emotion not in harmony with the true feelings of ones heart it is improper.
   c. It is wrong when it seeks an audience by entertainment that mimics the dress and actions and music of the wicked secular rock scene.

   (We used many of the previous examples to emphasize these points.)

3. Social context:
   a. We have a twisted view of missions and witnessing if we think we have to adopt the dress and antics of the world.
   b. We must not be influenced by the popularity of this music.
   c. Often the preaching, catechetical instruction, and personal study and growth are neglected for this music.

   (We looked up appropriate verses and articles in the confessions to emphasize the proper ideas here)

One good handy reference is POP GOES THE GOSPEL, by John Blanchard.

The sabbath is strictly a spiritual idea. The keeping of the sabbath is a high spiritual act, the expression of hope and faith on the part of the Christian sojourner in the midst of this present world. It is for this reason a very evil omen, a sign of apostasy, of a lack of spiritual life, of a sick faith and a waning hope, when they that call themselves Christians, that outwardly join the band of Christian pilgrims in the world, evince no longing to keep the sabbath properly, desecrate it, and more and more join the world, to follow after their own desires, speak their own words, and do their own evil works.

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"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12a

"Let all the earth Jehovah fear, let all that dwell both far and near
In awe before Him stand; for, lo, He spake and it was done,
And all with sov'reign pow'r begun stood fast at His command.

He makes the nations' counsel vain, the plans the peoples would maintain
Are thwarted by His hand; Jehovah's counsel stands secure,
His purposes of heart endure, for evermore they stand.

O truly is the nation blest whose God before the world confessed
Jehovah is alone; and blest the people is whom He
Has made His heritage to be, and chosen for His own.

Psalm 33 - Psalter Number 86
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SINGSPIRATION SCHEDULE

November 19	Thanksgiving	Faith
December 17	Christmas	Hudsonville
February 18		Byron Center
March 18		Southwest
May 20		Hope
August Pre-Convention		1st Jenison CRC