

Music and Its Effects on Youth

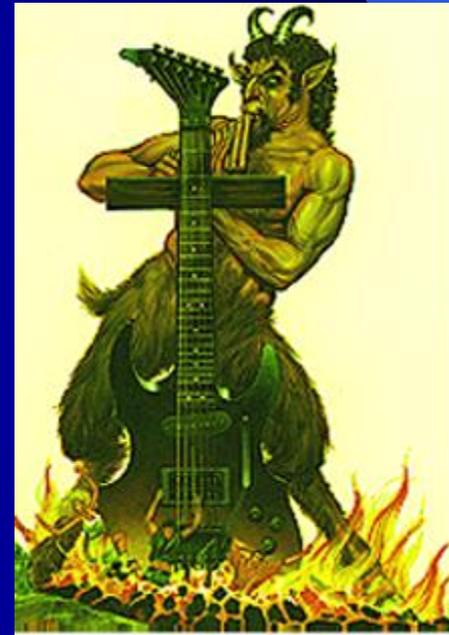


Introduction

- Music is all around us
- Types of music
 - Rock
 - Heavy metal
 - Alternative
 - “Christian” rock
 - Rap

Pan-The god of Rock & Roll

- Who is Pan?
- Some famous rock stars who follow Pan



- The majority of today's pop music is pure praise and worship of Pan & Satan



Research And Statistics

A. Music and media's power to define reality is far greater than it once was. A synthesis of 18 studies completed in the early 1980's compares the influence of various institutions on the values of 13 to 19 year olds and how this influence has shifted over the years. The four most influential institutions on teens were in order:

1960: Family, school, friends, peers, church

1980: Peers & friends, family, media, and school

1990: Media, peers & friends, family, school

B. Under four minutes a day is spent in meaningful conversation with their mothers and two and a half minutes a day talking with their fathers.

C. In 1988, a group of six college professors began and 11 month study of how music and media influence youth. In a nut shell they said:

“Youth and the electronic media today are dependent upon each other. The media need the youth market, as it is called, for their own economic survival. Youth in turn, need the media for guidance and nurture in a society where social institutions, such as family and the school, do not shape the youth culture as powerfully as they once did.” In other words, music is raising our teens.

D. In 1985, the “Parents Music Resource Center” reported that the standard teenager listens to rock music an average of 4-6 hours everyday. It may have increased since then.

E. In the 6 years from 7 to 12 the average teen will have listened to 10,500 hours of music. This is just slightly lower than the 11,000 hours spent in the classroom from k to 12.

F. Over 90% of US teens tune into the radio at sometime during the course of the day. While most teens have access to some type of radio or TV, 2/3 of US teens have their own stereo system and slightly fewer own their personal walkman.

G. Eighty-eight percent of teens listen to CD's and tapes. In 1991, young people, age 10-19, accounted for 24% of all recording sales in the US. Of all types of recorded music available rock, pop, and urban contemporary music accounted for 66% of total sales. So you can see how much music is a part of the lives young people today.

H. Several studies and surveys point to the fact that teenagers who do homework without music are the exception. In one study fewer than 10% of 7th through 11th graders said they never study with music. Over ½ said they did so often or always. So it is evident that they cannot do without it, when studying, relaxing, sleeping at all times music is having a great impact on young people. While music serves to fill the time and minds of kids their interest fills the pockets of those involved in the business.

- I.** In 1992, we saw numerous stars sign multi-million dollar recording contracts. So, all of these artists are making all of this money from the teens that are listening to them. For example, Janet Jackson signed a 40 million, 3-album contract with Virgin records. Prince signed a contract for 100 million with Time - Warner.

- J.** A study showed that the average teen watches between 30min-2hrs of music videos a day.

- K.** An analysis of 200 music videos found that sexual intimacy occurred in 75 percent of the samples. Half of all women were dressed provocatively.

L. Studies show that plants grow well with classical music, and deteriorate with rock. Humans are more complex than plants, but it makes one wonder what rock music is doing to us. Studies also show rats have more difficult a time going through a maze with rock music.



“Christian” Rock

- Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

Christian Rock

- Our Lord warned us that in the last days many would come in His name, claiming to be Christ and deceiving many. Matthew 24:5
- We have ample evidence of this through dozens of false cults today.
- This is also happening through so called Christian Rock, a contradiction in terms.
- Here are some examples:

The All-Powerful Sway of Music

- We hear in the media many stories of teenagers driven to kill through the effects of pop music. Heavy metal singer Ozzy Osbourne and the group Judas Priest have appeared in court to answer charges that their music caused kids to kill.
- I am not saying that all music causes teenagers to kill, but the danger is there in some instances.
- Music sways the lives of teens in 2 powerful ways: it helps teens define what reality and life are, and it affects their language, hair, and clothing styles.

Music helps teens define reality

- Teens at this age in a tumultuous period of tremendous physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual change.
- They want to know what life is all about and how to approach it. It is a time of uncertainty. This uncertainty leads youth to seek and process new information from a variety of sources in the hope of solving their dilemmas.
- Popular music meets teens where they are, answers their questions, influences their evolving world and life view, and plays a significant role in determining who they will become as adults.

The influence of music

- Music interprets and defines life for teenagers. It suggests legitimate and proper responses to the different situations, problems, and opportunities that teenagers will face each day.
- Music holds out its attractive and inviting hand while saying, “teenager, I know that you are confused and full of questions. Come with me and I’ll show you the way!”
- The fruit of changing values and attitudes is seen in behavioral trends. It is no coincidence that teens are becoming more sexually active, violent, materialistic, and self-centered. Music has taught them that this is reality.
- Music shapes teen’s language, hair, and clothing styles.

The ever-changing language of our youth

- The ever-changing language of our youth is another evidence of music's power to shape generation.
 - Windy O Williams and the Plasmatics: “The brainwashed don't know they are brainwashed.”
 - “Someone else is steering me ...I become possessed when I'm on stage.” Angus Young of AC/DC 1985
 - Madonna- Material Girl. This is the image she promotes – the flesh and materialism
 - National Review has said: “Today, Rock n Roll is the most prosperous industry in the world.”

- Author David Elken said, “One of the most underestimated influences on youth today is the music industry.”
- National Review: “Rock’s sheer pervasiveness makes it the most profound values- shaper in existence today.” Unless you are deaf, it is virtually guaranteed that rock music has affected your view of the world.”
- Dr. Alan Bloom said: “Nothing is more singular about this generation than its addiction to music.”
- Why is music so powerful? How does it affect us, what is its source and to where is it leading us?

- 2000 years BC music in China is highly developed and central to its society. Philosophers realized the power of music and carefully checked their music to make sure it conveyed eternal truths and can thus influence man's character for the better. One Emperor Shun monitored the health of each province by the music they produced, coarse and sensual sound indicated a sick society in need of his intervention and assistance. Plato 2000 years later said similarly, “When modes of music change, the fundamental laws of the state change with them.”

- Aristotle said, “ music has power to form character”
- Lenin said, “ One quick way to destroy a society is through music.”
- David Cosby told Rolling Stone Magazine, “that through just his music he would alter his audiences value systems and in effect steal them away from their parents.”
- Jimmy Hendrix told Life magazine in May of 1969 “ I can explain everything better through music. You hypnotize people to where they go right back to their natural state... and when you get people at their weakest point, you can preach into the subconscious what we want to say.”
- Eddy Manson said, “Music is used everywhere to condition the human mind. It can be just as powerful as a drug and much more dangerous, because nobody takes musical manipulation very seriously.”

- Johanne Bach said, “ The end of all music should be the glory of God and the refreshment of the human spirit.”
- Through sin man fell and became separated from God. Ezekiel 18:4 The soul who sins will die.
- Ephesians 2:2 The kingdom of darkness is real , and is the spiritual source of all opposition to God.
- 2 Cor 4:4 “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”
- Satan tries to
 - stimulate the variety of lusts resident within the human heart. 2Peter 2:9
 - to oppose all of God’s efforts to redeem man and thus steal away Satan’s subjects. 2 Cor 4:4
- Scripture and Church Tradition suggests that Music comes natural to Satan, and that very possibly before his fall he was in charge of music in heaven.
- 2Cor 11:14 Satan as angel of light. Deception of Satan

Part 2 The Past of Rock

- Satanic Bible- written by Anton Levey.
 - Helped Hollywood as a consultant on movies dealing with occult and acted as Satan in movies such as “Rosemary’s Baby” and “Invocation of my demon brother”
- What does the satanic bible teach and are these teachings found in rock music today?
 - Satanic Bible: ‘I dig my forefinger in the watery blood of your impotent mad redeemer...and write over his thorn torn brow; the true prince of evil- the king of slaves.’
- Satan was in control of man before Jesus. Satan’s power is broken, he has no power over anyone who believes in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Can we find this demonic doctrine in rock n roll?

- Sadly yes.

“Jesus died for somebody’s sins but not mine”

- Jesus has become the focus of more ridicule in rock than any other personality. Every facet of his work and ministry is mocked and criticized.
- One rock anthology titled “the birth of the Y” Incarnation of God is questioned and trivialized.
- Nina Hagen’s “NunSexmonkRock”: “This high priestess of Hades holds a very special relationship with the Prince Of Darkness. On her album cover a mockery of St. Mary carrying Christ. The baby on the album cover is making the devil sign with his left hand.
- Lampoons the Madonna and Christ along with songs about reincarnation, witchcraft, blasphemy, and Holy Spirit.

- Jefferson Airplane's song "The son of Jesus" filled with sacrilegious lyrics suggesting Jesus Christ was involved in the occult, had bastard children by Mary Magdalene, God the Father was sexually attracted to Jesus Christ's daughter.
- John Lennon had some blatant disrespect for the Messiah. One Good Friday he made some nuns the target of his abuse as they were going to worship services, "they were shocked to behold across the street a grotesque life size effigy of Jesus on the cross, which John had fashioned and hung from his balcony.
- As the sisters gazed in astonishment at this sac-religious display, John started pelting them with condoms filled with water. To top it off he urinated on them while crying rain drops from Heaven."

- In his song titled “God” he not only records his indifference to Christ but abuses the Son of God by drawing a comparison between Jesus Christ, JFK, Bob Dylan, Hindu Mantras, and the Beatles.
- He said “Christianity will go and vanish and shrink, we are more popular than Jesus.”
- Ludi Christ in “Immaculate Deception” says- “Holy Bible, Jesus Christ, philosophy and the way of life. The fear of God- the fear of God- Just a book, just a man, son of who? All those lies, Immaculate deception...”
- Meryful Fate “ The Oath” – “I deny Jesus Christ the Deceiver and I abjure the Christian faith holding in contempt all of its works.”

- Album cover having a devil using Jesus Christ as a sling shot by Celtic Frost.
- Christian Death- Album titled “ Sex and Drugs and Jesus Christ”
- Graceland renames the “The Last Supper” as “The first snack” and pictorially suggests that the menu included a prostitute.
- Crown of Thorns mocked in album covers by Ozzie Osbourne, The Damned, Terrence Trent Darby. One group calls itself the crown of thorns.
- Coven- “Son of God repent your sins and pledge your soul to hell. Pray that Satan will forgive once your God has fell. Expect the death of those who pray to a God so long since passed. Your God is dead and now you die. Satan rules at last.”

- To lump Christianity with all other religions is becoming popular and called Universalism- it is a heresy. Album by Tom Fogarty drawing a ray of light coming from Buddha and passing through a crown of thorns. Not just suggesting unity between Buddhism and Christianity but the higher person of Buddha and Krishna over the Messiah.
- The Earth Wind and Fire album mixes all different religious symbols together called “All in a All” suggesting its all the same.
- George Harrison in his album “Somewhere in England” says “They call you Christ, Vishnu, Buddha, Jehova our Lord.” You are Govindua, Biomillah, Creator of All.”

- If there were other ways to God, then Jesus Christ did not have to die in our place.
- C.S Lewis says “Jesus Christ was either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord.”
- His life, death, and resurrection prove that the latter is the case.
- Satanic Bible- ‘Behold the crucifix’ what does it symbolize? Pallid incompetence hanging on a tree.”
- Cross is heart of Christian Faith 1 Corinthians 15:17
- Satanic religion loathes the cross and constantly seeks to discredit it. Cross worn by artists in a mocking way mixed with immorality.

John 14:15 “If you love me, you will do what I say.”

- Prince uses allusions to Cross and Jesus Christ and some may think who are spiritually naïve that he is some new level of devotion.
- Jesus Christ spoke about not tempting others.
- Prince says “I’m not talking about just any kind of temptation I’m taking about sexual temptation.”
- Jesus Christ tells us to clothe modestly, obey God and not our physical desires, keep oneself sexually pure.
1Tim 4:12

- Madonna uses cross blasphemously
- In May 1985 she told Spin magazine , “Crucifixes are sexy because there is a naked on them.”
- Crosses show up so often you would think that rock music was a Christian industry until one looks at their intent message and language.
- 1Cor1:18 “For the preaching of the Cross is to them who perish, foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
- Mocking cross shows that one is spiritually dead.

- Inversion of Cross is another way of mocking Christ. (Satanists us it)
- Mick Jagger wears an inverted cross on a T-shirt with the word destroy at the top of it on stage.
- Blue Oyster Cult – squeaking fast sound when played slowly says “furthermore, our father who art in Heaven- Satan.”
- Transsexual artist Wayne County says in one song “Storm the gates of Heaven , hold your head up high. Storm the gates of heaven look God right in the eye.”
- Rev 1:14, Ex 33:20 Who can see God and live

- Venom – “we’re possessed by all that is evil. The death of your God, we demand. We spit at the virgin you worship. And sit at Lord Satan’s left hand.
- Depeche Mode- “I don’t want to start any blasphemous rumors but I think that God’s got a sick sense of humor and when I die I expect to find Him laughing.”

XTC- “Dear God, don’t you know if You noticed, but Your name is on a lot of quotes in this book. Those crazy humans wrote it, you should take a look. And all the people that you made in your image- still believing that that junk is true, well I know it ain’t and so do you- dear God, I can’t believe in .I don’t believe in ..I won’t believe in heaven and hell. No saints, no sinners, no devil as well, the pearly gates, no thorny crown, you’re always letting us humans down, the wars you bring, the babes you drown, those lost at sea and never found, and it’s the same the whole world round, the hurt I see helps to compound, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost is just somebody’s unholy house, and if you’re up there you’ll perceive that my heart’s upon my sleeve, if there’s one thing I don’t believe in it’s you.”

- He sings this while hacking on a tree representing the cross.

- Scraping fetus of the Wheels sings- “The only good Christian is a dead Christian.”
- Christian Death sings “This is the city of God...ereth si on ytic fo dog ...mad eht eman fo dog” which are in reverse letters.
- How do we know if something is of God or satan? Compare it to the Scriptures, examine its fruit (Matthew 3:10).

Violence

- Violence is shown on album covers, stage shows, video clips, and the lives of artists. Artists have died vicious deaths.
- This violence flows on to young people, and many violent crimes are evidence to this.
- Violent crime had risen by over 10,000%.
- Eleven people were trampled to death in “The Who” concert as crowds rushed through doors in Cincinnati.

Violence

- Artists have self mutilated their bodies with everything from safety pins in all parts of their bodies, to broken beer bottles or even razors across their chests.
- 1 King 18:26, 28 “And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered and they leaped upon the alter which was made.” “ And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them”

Murder and human sacrifice

- April 12, 1985: a 19 year old “metal-head” killed 3 people. An “Iron Maiden” freak led him to carve “666” on his chest.
- Richard Ramirez, serial killer, was also affected by groups like AC/DC.
- New Jersey, 1988: A 14 year old boy, Tommy Sullivan, killed his mother, cutting off her hand and head, then slashed his wrist and throat. This was all due to heavy metal and satanism as found in his room.
- Suicide is the second biggest killer of youth in the West.

Murder and human sacrifice

- One in seven youth have tried suicide. Rock plays a major role. One song says “ I have lost the will to live. Simply nothing more to give- there is nothing more for me. I need the end to set me free.”

Satanic lie that life is fundamentally pointless. The Healing Faith – “I’ll put a bullet in the chamber. Put the barrel in my mouth, Six to one I’m gonna make it, One to six I’ll snuff it out.

Drugs Popularized by Rock

- Beastie Boys best selling Album ... “License to Ill” has more than ninety references to alcohol and drug abuse.
- Drugs are related to sorcery and spirit world- this is started by the high that is experienced
- Robert Smith from the Cure: one magazine said, “ He often comes up with his most macabre ideas for songs in the nightmares he experiences while sleeping off his alcoholic binges. The entire album “ The head on the door” was written under those conditions.

Drugs Popularized by Rock

- The Grateful Dead became synonymous with marijuana and LSD a national newspaper said, “for many of those group followers the Dead are a religion and their lyrics a bible...the Dead are tapped into some profound LSD inspired truth.”
- Some artists are associated with Rock Against Drugs and yet still practice it in their music and life.
- Comedian and rock lover Sam Kinison’s criticism of RAD (Rock Against Drugs) says it all, “It’s like Christian’s against Christ- rock created drugs.”

Sex

- Satanic Bible- “Is not lust and carnal desire a more truthful term to describe than love?”
- Prince- “Sex- related fantasy is all my mind can see.”
- Kiss member slept with over 2000 girls in past 10 years.
- Morty Cullner- “Sex is what rock n roll is all about.”

Sex

- Dr. Alan Bloom said – “ Rock music has one affect – a barbaric appeal to sexual desire- not love, but sexual desire undeveloped and untutored. It acknowledges the first emanations of children’s emerging sensuality and addresses them seriously, eliciting them and legitimizing them.”
- Dr. Alan Bloom- “Moral sanity is not an anti-sex but anti exploitation.”
- God is not against sex. See St. Paul- lust and wives and their bodies: 1 Cor 7:3-5.

Sex

- It has the potential to be destructive, so God reserved it for a special relationship in marriage.
- Purity and loyalty are still bottom line – anything else leads to death.
- Moral principles don't change – God's commandments don't change. Mttw 21:44 “He who falls on me will be broken, but those on whom I fall will be utterly destroyed.”
- To fall on Christ and let Him brake our pride and arrogance - to trust Him instead of ourselves or someone else for our direction and purpose (Lk 12:5).

Sex

- Depeche Mode: “I give in to sin, because I like to practice what I preach. Pain – will you return it? I’ll say it again – pain....” (Strange Love). Rock also mixes violence with sex.
- People magazine (9/28/97) says regarding this song, “a celebration of masochism... listen to this twice and you’ll have a deeper understanding of masochists. Listen to it three times, and you’ll be one.”

Sex

- Dozens of artists sing about rape, pain, and degradation. A survey showed that a majority of 6-9th grade students thought that date rape was justifiable. (Gal 6:7-8; Col 3:2,5).
- The homosexual group, the “Frogs,” on their album have a young boy wearing a pink triangle – a symbol within the militant sexual movement. In songs like “gather ‘round for saviour #2” the singer envisions a new world where children leave the Church behind to follow a new Messiah, him. The song ends with, “The kids need not worry when they are with me. Oh, drop your Bibles kids and gather ‘round for saviour #2” (Mttw 24:37-39; 1 Cor 6:9,13,18).

Miscellaneous Points

1. Time is a gift. Every moment, every day every hour every minute every year is a gift from God.
2. Your life is made up of seconds, mins, hours, days, years..... if you waste time, you are wasting your life.

Miscellaneous Points

3. Listening to music is not condemned in the Coptic Orthodox Church, it's misuse and abuse is condemned. It's potential to brain wash and influence in negative ways is condemned. Consider the psalms for example. Our teacher David the Prophet and King wrote most of the Psalms in the Holy Bible and put them to music. But the music he played had a positive spiritual effect which lead him to contemplate on God's glory and power and might. The Psalms prompted our teacher David the Prophet to praise God, and thank Him. The Psalms encouraged our teacher David the Prophet to repent and contemplate on God's love and mercy and justice.

Miscellaneous Points

4. The Angels in heaven, according to Isaiah 6, praise the Lord and sing unto His Holy Name. Therefore the fathers of the Church often describe the hymns of the Church as another language... that of the Seraphim and Cherubim. In other words, when we praise God through singing... we are speaking the angelic language...we join with the angles in their language of praise and blessing.
5. Psalm 1..... in the 12th hour of the Agbeya says . It is good to sing praises....Shout to the Lord with a voice....Praise is good and beautiful.

Miscellaneous Points

6. St. Anthony the great advised his disciples to sing before retiring for the night and as soon as they woke up from sleep.
7. Singing church hymns unites all the congregation together in one voice and one harmony, signifying the unity we receive from partaking of the Holy Body and Honoured Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally

- Finally then, I wonder how you feel after you have heard all of that? Is this what Jesus Christ is looking for in us? Is this the way He wants us to act? Not at all - HE wants us to be holy young men and women. He says “ Be holy as your Father in heaven is holy, be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
- St. James tells us in his epistle James 4:4,7,8 I know its tempting and the tunes are catchy, but this is the devil's trap, but ST. James tells us in James 1:12

Words from the Bible

- 1John 1:5-7 “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Words from the Bible

- 1John 2:15-17 “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Words from the Bible

- 1John 2:18 “Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”
- 1John 2:14 “I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him [who] [is] from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.”

- I hope that our Lord may strengthen us to resist sin and the many deceptions of the devil, of which one of them is rock music, and that we may preserve our life in a holy way.
- Alternatives- classical, positive relaxing music, church hymns, choral group, tapes of the Bible, a sermon etc.

