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Sex, Psycopaths, And Satan

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DAVID GRAVES

Rock music is very much a part of our culture today, and every Christian is subjected to its powerful influence via the media.

As a Christian I was once a member of a Christian musical group and my musical diet mainly consisted of Deep Purple and Bachman Turner Overdrive. The sound of the rock music overwhelmed me. The beat possessed me. There is no doubt about it: Rock music had become a god in my life.

This led me to examine my life in the light of the scriptures. The mind is very sensitive and vulnerable to Satan's attacks. Not that all music is bad,

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DAVE BUCKNAM

Personally, I am very tired of those in the Evangelical community, who take the whole realm of Rock Music, equate it with and glorify it's source as; sex, psycopaths and Satan. They would encourage (the supposedly) short-cuts to spiritual maturity by painting a black and white world. Rock music is sin. Good Christians don't sin. Therefore, good Christians don't associate with Rock Music. I am not saying there are not black and whites in this world. At this point in time, Christians probably rationalize too much and paint too grey a

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FRESHMAN QUIZ

Once again we accept the tremendous and awesome responsibility of orienting each individual freshperson to the high standards of alertness and academic excellence required in this place of learning.

Courageously the Marketplace steps forward to present:

"The Annual Freshperson Quizz"

Addressed: To all Freshpeople.

Instructions: In order to help you adjust to the strenuous requirements of OBC, we ask you to complete this (as Mr. Roe calls it) short quiz. (Time Limit - 3 weeks).

1) What language is spoken by French Canadians?

ROD WILSON Impressions

"Beauty is only skin deep. You cannot judge a book by its cover." Expressions like these are often used when reference is made to physical attractiveness.

Social psychologists have been intrigued by the effect physical attractiveness has on interpersonal relationships. In 1970, Miller found that students rated pictures of physically attractive people as significantly more curious, complex, perceptive, confident,

assertive, happy, active amiable, candid, serious pleasure seeking, outspoken and flexible than those who were unattractive. In another study, students at the University of North Carolina after having been shown yearbook photographs commented

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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of the Marketplace for this school year. The staff is new, the format has changed and the articles are provocative. This edition introduces a trio of regular columns: Counterpoint, Profile and Rod Wilson. Two writers clash over current problems in Counterpoint, this month it is rock music. Profile takes a closer look at our professors. Finally, we have Rod Wilson with personal relationships.

We, at the Marketplace, are working to produce a newspaper in a professional style. To achieve this we need you (for what would the news be without you?) and your criticisms. Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published. (Naturally we reserve the right to abridge submissions.)

We are excited about the future of the Marketplace for it will indeed, be a place to voice the opinions and the news of the people at Ontario Bible College.

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but like T.V. it's important to censor what enters our minds.

When I think of the primitive bestial beat of the music, I am surprised that I had ever stooped to listen to rock music. There is nothing comely or Christian about the topics upon which these songs are based, whether it is soft rock, hard rock or so called Christian rock. Senuous human love, illicit sex drug hallucinations, violence mixed with pornography and carnal materialisms are certainly not the topics a Christian is commanded to set his affections on, Col. 3:2; Phil. 4:8. Rock music, therefore, feeds upon the sinful nature of man that is neither edifying for the Christian or glorifying to God.

The so-called Christian rock music is a Christian apologetic of compromise. D.G.

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Gospel is clothed in rock music in order to serve the people of today. As Christians we are commanded to speak the truth boldly. To do so, we do not have to hide the message of Christ under the guise of rock music to bring the message to young people; so therefore the words "Christian rock" are contradictory terms.

Spiritual maturity or becoming like Christ is not an instantaneous process. In first Peter 2 we have the comparison of growth in Christ with the physical growth of a human child. It is a growing process and world. But it's too easy to paint Rock Music all black while ignoring its scope and all other styles of music.

Those who teach separation apart from evaluation are denying an

opportunity for growth It's so much easier to chuck all Rock Music out our religious windows to the realm of sin than to sit down with a kid and under the light of Scripture evaluate it.

I agree with Mr. Bert Polman who suggests "there is a place for certain rock styles in the Christian community, but at the same time would not promote rash acceptance of any and all rock styles." There are some important questions being asked and things being said by musicians such as E.L.O., Bruce Cockburn and Bob Dylan. We have a Christian responsibility to answer their cries. What we need to do is to establish Biblical criteria by which we can evaluate and clarify the issues.

BOB DYLAN: Something to say

Out from the secular culture of our time, where artists have been given prophetic authority comes a voice some may recognize around the college halls. A voice of a street poet: music for some; the sound of Devil wings to others. The voice of Bob Dylan is once again speaking out for life. A life found in things outside what the world offers. Dylan, a living symbol of a sub-culture riddled with rationalistic autonomous questions is

now speaking out for a Christ.

From the beginning to the end of his new album, "Slow Train Coming", Dylan has one theme prominent, that of the reality of a Christ. Opening up with a song of choice "Gotta Serve Somebody" to the end with an apocalyptic vision "When He Returns" Dylan has somehow put into lyrics the essence of the Christian experience. In his songs there is beauty and truth that moves one back to Christianity with strong musical settings. Many are even mixed with Dylan's traditional anger preaching almost-

"There's a man on a
cross
and he was crucified
for you./
Believing in the power
that's all 'bout you
got to do"/
When are you going to
wake up?/
Strengthen the things
that remain./

With his emotional voice Dylan has put across a piercing personal message One in which those willing to take time out will understand.

In this album Bob Dylan has come to a peak in his artistic form. By God's grace, Bob's words and insight are gifts that will allow many to see our Father's Kingdom moving on; slow up around the bend.

"Now don't you cry
don't you die
and don't you burn
Like a thief in the
night
He'll replace wrong
with right
When He returns."

Kevin Walters

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

During the three day prayer vigil, we were praying in particular for the Spirit of the living God to fall afresh on us. Has He? Can we see the signs of this spiritual renewal?

Let's not cease to pray but wait expectantly upon the Lord to have His Spirit fall afresh on us.

Audley Goulebourne.

PROF-ILE: Jan Potz

She is familiar, popular. She is truly one of the most loved of all persons. She was born in Kitchener, a product of third generation of devout Christians.

At the North American Baptist Seminary, she was lauded, earning her name in the Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges.

Jan Potz became a Christian at an early age of 5 and was baptized at 11, a slip of a child who played the piano and swam very well and desired nothing better than to nurse sick people back to health. She matured quickly. She holds a MA in Counselling and there are many a dejected and despondent heart she has bright-

ened and rekindled with patient love and understanding. She is a great lover of people and possesses a common touch and is known to be at home in any company. She is also an accomplished musician in her own right.

Through her job as a Counsellor and advisor in the Community Dep't, she is actually aware of her total dependence upon God, her daily reliance upon His wisdom and her need to never, never lose that dependence. At present her only and greatest goal is to know God; really know Him.

She is known to work 50 hours per week and still find time for her hobbies which include swimming, volleyball, experimental cooking, listening to classical music and playing duets with her colleague and long-time friend, Mrs. Kho. -Janis Chapman

BEAUTY from pl that they liked the physically attractive people more and desired them as far as a working, dating or marriage relationship was concerned.

Dion, a psychologist from Toronto, quipped, "What is beautiful is good", when he found out after a study that attractive people were rated as having a desirable personality, a higher occupational status, a better marriage, a better social life, and greater professional happiness.

These findings were based only on the ratings of photographs. This shows that we can judge other people with very little information.

This phenomena intrigued Dion and it led him to do a research with nursery school children to find out whether this preference for the attractive has developed over time or if it began at a young age. When rating other pupils these children found the attractive more likeable, more popular less aggressive and less scary.

The issue has penetrated even further. Researches have shown that people who wore glasses were perceived as being more intelligent and industrious than those perceived without glasses; women who wore lipstick were rated as more frivolous, placid, introspective, and conscientious than those who did not; men viewed men with beards as being independent, extroverted while wo-

men saw them as being masculine, sophisticated and mature; young boys rated fat adult men as cheating, argumentative, forgetful, lazy, dumb, and dirty while thin adult men were seen as being weak, quiet, lonely, sneaky, afraid and sad. It was even found out that from 1900 to 1968 the man elected President of the United States was always the taller of the two candidates and that men over six feet two inches received starting salaries of 12.4% higher than those who were under six feet.

Altogether, we can make judgements of people on the basis of their physical appearance. We can even have preconceived notions about people before we even talk to them. Therefore, when we do finally engage in an interaction our view is well established and we perceive things through "old glasses". The old adage 'first impressions are lasting' probably applies here.

Many of us, at O.B.C., are still clinging to first impressions with certain people and no matter what they do or say they will always be perceived in an identical manner. This is unfortunate, particularly as something as transitory and time bound as physical appearance.

Do you think Solomon may have some of this in mind when he wrote Proverbs 18:13?

Rod Wilson

QUIZ from pl

- 2) Who is Dr. Bill Bright?
 - a) 32nd president of the USA?
 - b) a famous heart surgeon
 - c) the inventor of the light bulb
 - d) an OT prophet

- 3) Answer parts (a) or (b).
 - (a) Explain the eschatological implications of the Book of Ezekiel as they pertain to the Abrahamic Covenants
 - (b) Name the first and last books of the Bible (from Genesis to Revelation)

- 4) Name one metallic element in a silver dollar.

- 5) What time is it when the big hand is on the twelve and the little hand is on the five? (the answer supper time will not be accepted.)

- 6) How many commandments (approximately) was Moses given?

- 7) Spell these words: homiletics, hermeneutics, inerrancy, eschatology, expository.

- 8) Exegesis is:
 - a) an ancient Greek Historian
 - b) a tropical disease
 - c) a bad word derived from Hebrew
 - d) a method of Bible study.

- 9) What are "fresh people" famous for?
 - a) money
 - b) beauty
 - c) intelligence
 - d) disciplined study habits
 - e) naivete (check the last one only).