



# APOLOGETIX

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I believe music was originally created for man to worship God, but I believe God has also given it to humans to convey and create various emotions and moods, such as joy, celebration, solemnity, heartache, contemplation, unity, frustration, and unrest. Some people think Rock music has evil roots. I would point out that much of Rock music, or at least the music it comes from - the Blues and Country - is rooted in church music and many of its performers came from the church.

Others say that Christians should come up with something different than Rock music, rather than conforming to the standards of the world. Did the New Testament writers invent a new language to convey the truths of the Gospel? Of course not. They used the language they knew would reach the most people - Greek - even though it was the language of a pagan people.

Music is a very powerful tool and can be used for good or evil - just as a gun can be used to enforce or to break the law. To paraphrase Forrest Gump, "Music is as music does". We judge human beings by what they say and do, and I think we should judge music by what it says (the lyrics) and it does (the effect it has on people).