



AUGUST BURNS RED

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I do have strong convictions that music has a spiritual significance. Some of the most profound "God" moments I've had have been while watching and singing along to bands outside of the worship genre. I'm convinced that God has intentions of music being prayer without words. There are many forms of spiritual expression. Lifecenter, a church I attend when home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, allows the congregation to express themselves in various ways during the service. It's not uncommon to see people painting on easels, waving flags, singing, sitting, or laying down with arms spread.

I do think music, like other forms of expression, can be neutral, bearing no spiritual weight. For instance, August Burns Red is often labeled a Christian band but I don't believe there is anything about our breakdowns or thrash riffs that make us a spiritual band. Regarding what is implied by a "Christian" band, I've found that it's not at all about which notes are played or which chords are strummed. It usually always comes down to the lyrical content or the lyricists having spiritual convictions.