

We The People

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Good day to you. Music is the Language of the Universe. Music is universal in that there are no boundaries to understanding music. It transcends all borders of communication because you can convey a meaning and a story to someone on the other side of the planet, even though you don't speak the same language. I'm sure you can remember a moment where a song has influenced your mood. How do organized tones create such an effect on our senses. No one really knows why or where it comes from but there are many studies that have been done to show that there is an agreement where emotions resonate with certain scales, chords, and harmonies.

Credible music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, and life to everything.

Why is music especially important for kids. Children's brains are developing and their minds are like sponges that soak up everything. Many adults think that certain types of music like classical music, are not for children. In fact the opposite is often true. If an adult has not heard a particular type of music in childhood, then they will not normally like that music as an adult. On the other hand, a child will just take in music as yet another new experience in their lives. In other words, the more types of music children hear, the more variety of music they will relate to as adults. Music helps shape our lives and bears witness to our standards.

Now I've noticed in today's world that pop music and lyrics have a certain affect on people. It seems that as society becomes angry and divisive that the music and songs written reflect that. Today's pop music conveys an image of a society in decline as its raucous carnal sounds assault the ear and the mind. If you listen carefully to the lyrics they are often foul and objectionable but somewhat buried in all the noise. This punctuates moral decay and reflects the descent of society. Even the stage talent is in stark contrast with the singer and musician of yesterday as they gyrate and pulsate to an over-load of light, sound and colour. It's simply not real and in many cases signals a complete absence of talent. I'm not saying all today's musicians and singers lack ability, just a fair percentage of them.

Popular music is duller, dumber and more homogenised than ever before. This isn't a matter of taste or subjective opinion it's an objectively provable fact. A ten year analyses of songs that spent 3 weeks or more at number 1 in the charts found that song lyrics are getting measurably less intelligent. Chart stoppers in 2006 ran at third to fourth school grade level. Ten years later the intelligence of song lyrics has dropped by an entire grade. The study found that Beyonce, Lady Garga and Kesha song lyrics are particularly stupid. Researchers in Spain who use a huge archive known as the 'million song data set' also found that pop music has become bland. Studying pop songs from 1955 to 2010 has revealed that the diversity and transition between notes, chords, melodies and other sounds has diminished over the last 50 years. The Spanish study also found that music producers are embedding volume into songs at the production stage making them artificially louder. Everything is beginning to sound the same. Pop music today has in fact made itself completely irrelevant and represents for the most part vacuous, verbal and musical diarrhea. Our youth has become desensitised, vapid and banal. None of it is real or authentic but it's still popular because an entire generation has had its brains rewired to think that a processed McDonald burger tastes like premium fillet steak. Conversely, I cannot let this moment pass without paying due credit to 4CRB as the radio station filters out all music which has crude lyrics, suggests immorality, denigrates marriage or promotes aggression. It's a welcome musical diet that uplifts and inspires.

Now back to the point and let us say that regardless of your age that some pop music reflects today's society as rude, lewd and immoral. It's an indication of decay and does not bode well for future generations. Why are so many people rudderless and without direction and therefore lost to a world of musical hazards. God knows really.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley