

Going Gaga?

Here's what to expect...



Pop Sensation – Lady Gaga

According to Wikipedia, pop sensation Lady Gaga (Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta) has sold an estimated 23 million albums and 64 million singles worldwide, making her one of the best-selling music artists of all time and her singles are some of the best-selling worldwide. She has received five Grammy Awards and 13 MTV Video Music Awards.

Who Do You Follow?

Lady Gaga makes it clear that we can all choose who we want to follow. In her hit song “Judas” she sings: *“I wanna love you, but something's pulling me away from you, Jesus is my virtue; And Judas is the demon I cling to...”* Lady Gaga clearly chooses to follow an anti-Christian way of life. Are you following Lady Gaga and her cause?

Bringing Jesus Down?

In the music video of her song, *Judas*, she is depicted as abandoning her ‘love affair’ with Jesus and instead goes after Judas. The song describes Gaga’s participation in “bringing Jesus down”: *“I’ll bring him down, bring him down; A king with no crown, king with no crown.”* The “king with no crown” is more than likely Jesus, who is wearing a crown of thorns during the entire video. Gaga, playing Mary Magdalene, is attracted to Judas’ ways. She not only “converts” to his side but also effectively brings Jesus down.

From a glance at the lyrics and music videos of several of Lady Gaga’s songs, it is obvious that they blatantly blaspheme the Lord Jesus Christ.

Freaked Out?

Her eccentric costumes, dancing and songs are frequently designed to shock.

Gaga receives regular comparisons to pop singer Madonna. In response to the comparisons, Gaga stated, *“I've made it my goal to revolutionize pop music. The last revolution was launched by Madonna 25 years ago.”*

Thirteen-year-old Casey Jones copies Gaga in wearing a blond wig, tattoos and fishnets. *“Lady Gaga has empowered us,”* she says. *“To know that you're not the only freak is great. Now the freaks are rising.”*

She deliberately uses occultic symbols such as the Eye of Horus, wears horns, and a costume with an inverted cross.

Drugs and Inspiration

Lady Gaga caused a stir when she revealed to *Vanity Fair* that she occasionally uses cocaine, and now she defended her drug use to *Q* magazine on the basis that it helped her creatively. *“[Using drugs] I really figured out the art I wanted to make and was inspired,”* she said. *“Some people find inspiration in dark places. I guess I'm one of them. What always made me different is that if I was doing drugs I was also making music. I wasn't just doing drugs.”*

A Matter of Taste and Preference?

Frequently one hears the opinion: *The Bible doesn't give any guidelines for music. It is all a matter of taste and preference.* However, the Bible speaks to all areas of life and music is no

exception. Just as ethical relativism is immoral, so too is artistic relativism. Whether we are talking about music, art, architecture, literature, or economics, God's Word is the standard of right and wrong.

What Are We Celebrating?

Instead of focusing on attractive, uplifting and beautiful sounds and themes, much of modern music celebrates ugliness and evil.

Biblical Principles for Music

Ephesians 5:15-20 makes it clear that music is to be melodious. We are to sing as unto the Lord. It is to be wholehearted. The content is to be Scriptural, with the Psalms predominating. Music is to be in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and thanksgiving for all things to God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ is to characterise it.

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Colossians 3:16

How does your music measure up to the Word of God?

The Difference Between Right and Wrong?

Many people, such as Lady Gaga, teach that there are no moral absolutes. In her song “born this way” she sings about doing whatever feels good, not caring about the consequences, because you are simply “born this way”: “Don't hide yourself in regret, Just love yourself and you're set, I'm on the right track, baby I was born this way”.

The Edge of Glory

Even Lady Gaga has to admit that we are all going to die one day. Her song entitled “The edge of glory” speaks about our last minutes here on earth. Lady Gaga suggests that we should live our last moments on this earth in sin, seeking fame and fortune: “It isn't hell if everybody knows my name tonight”. Her entire song is about living for pleasure even though you are “on the edge of glory”.

God's Standard

Despite these claims from Lady Gaga, each one of us must face God on Judgement Day and give an account for every thought deed and action that we have ever committed.

“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face Judgment.” Hebrews 9:27

God is Holy and his standards are seen in the Ten Commandments. If you have ever lied, stolen, or even looked at someone with lust (which the Bible says is adultery of the heart) then you are guilty of breaking God's Holy Law. Even though musicians such as Lady Gaga want you to do whatever feels right to you, God promises that He will Judge by His standards and not your's, and not Lady Gaga's. You will stand alone before Him on Judgement Day. ***“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*** Revelation 21:8

The Only Way to God

The Bible clearly teaches that there is only one way to God. Jesus said: ***“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father***

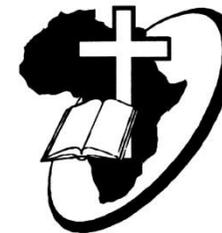
except through Me.” We must come to God in repentance and believe in His Son so that we can be Saved.

“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent.” Acts 17:30

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” Acts 16:31

Got questions? Get answers to tough questions such as: How do you know there is a God? What proof do you have that the Bible is the Word of God? How can a good God allow evil? Why does God not stop all the suffering? But aren't all religions the same? How can a loving God condemn anyone to hell? How do you know that Jesus is alive? What about all the hypocrites in the Church? Isn't religion just a crutch for the weak?

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