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Alice Cooper 2025

Evangelical Christianity's renunciation of separatism and the general corruption that ensues is displayed in the shock rocker Alice Cooper. He speaks in evangelical forums such as Parkside Church, Cleveland, Ohio, which is associated with New Reformed Calvinism's Gospel Coalition. Cooper's autobiography, *Devil on My Shoulder*, was published in October of this year. Cooper (real name Vince Furnier) preached darkness, chaos, and rebellion in the 1970s, with albums and singles such as "Poison," "No More Mr. Nice Guy," "Killer," "Love It to Death," "Alice Cooper Goes to Hell," "Raise Your Fist and Yell," "Welcome to My Nightmare," and "Feed My Frankenstein." He proclaimed a unisex message with a female name, long hair, makeup, and women's clothes. Multitudes of young people were negatively influenced by his wicked music. They screamed hysterically

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A PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO ALICE COOPER

Surely, you, of all people, know that the rock & roll industry is destroying the moral fiber of civilization today and is fostering a spirit of rebellion among the youth. This is the industry that has produced Marilyn Manson and Eminem and the Beastie Boys and countless others just as ungodly. You helped pave the way for this. Your voice lifted *against* all of this now in the plainest, loudest manner would be influential. A spiritual battle is raging today. Why do you sit comfortably on the sidelines and play your golf and rake in money from your rock career past and present while a generation goes to eternal hell through the influence of the aforementioned groups and countless others like them? You and I are the same generation. You were born in 1948; I was born in 1949. Both of us grew up in Christian homes and went down the same path of rebellion. Before I was saved in

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when he ripped apart baby manikins and did other things too vile to describe. They listened in rapt attention when he sang about screaming at mothers and living for "lace and whiskey" and when he mocked education in "School's Out." His song "I'm Eighteen," which glorifies teenage rebellion, became a teen anthem. Only the Lord knows how many young people have destroyed themselves by the influence of rock songs like this, who have drunk and drugged themselves to death, who have crashed their cars and motorcycles, who have broken their parents' hearts, destroyed their marriages, lost their jobs, gambled away their money, committed suicide, and otherwise acted out the wickedness of the fallen human heart--all the time with the music of Alice Cooper ringing in their ears. Cooper admitted this in the 1970s. "If I were a kid, Alice would be my hero. He's a rebellion symbol. He doesn't have to answer to anybody" (*Circus*, Aug. 24, 1976). "Rebellion is the basis for our group. Some of the kids who listen to us are really deranged; but they look up to us as heroes because their parents hate us too much" (*Circus*, February 1972, p. 61). Cooper admits, "We were into fun, sex, death, and money." His drunken lifestyle landed him in the hospital with cirrhosis of the liver and nearly destroyed his marriage. In the 1980s, Cooper turned to God in some sort of conversion experience. He said, "I was one thing at one time, and I'm something new. I'm a new creature now. Don't judge Alice by what he used to be. Praise God for what I am now" (*HM magazine*, March-April 2002). We hope he might be a saved man, but there are serious problems with the "new" evangelical Alice Cooper when measured biblically. His sobriety and devotion to his wife are commendable, but he continues to be Alice Cooper and perform the same rock & roll he has always performed. He claims it is just theater, just humor, just "tongue in cheek," but God is thrice holy; God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). He commands His children to have no fellowship with unrighteousness and no communion with darkness, to come out from among them and be separate (2 Corinthians 6:14-18), to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them"* (Ephesians 5:11). God's Word says, "Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16), and, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). Yet Vince Furnier continues to broadcast a unisex lifestyle by his female name Alice, long hair, and makeup. He testifies about being a Christian, but he doesn't mention repentance, the new birth, saving faith, holiness, a pilgrim lifestyle, and separation from the world. He said recently, "We are all children of God" ("The Chris Evans Breakfast Show," TFI Friday Unplugged, VirginRadioUK), which is universalistic heresy. In 2007, he performed a duet with Marilyn Manson, one of the most wicked antichrist rockers.

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1973, I was a foolish young man who was wickedly influenced in the 1960s by rock and roll musicians, just as you were. I almost destroyed my life with drugs as you did with alcohol. Some of my old friends died untimely deaths because of the rock and roll lifestyle. How many of your old friends are no longer here and no longer, therefore, have an opportunity to be saved? You have admitted in interviews that rock and rollers were your heroes, your gods. You said, "Let me tell you who my big brothers were. Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix, Keith Moon, Harry Nilsson." These young men destroyed themselves with the rock and roll lifestyle. You have referred to rock music as a disease that people catch. You have spoken of the "guitar germ" and you testify that you caught that germ when you were young. Indeed, there is a hypnotic, enchanting, sensual spirit to rock and roll and this explains its power to capture the hearts of multitudes generation after generation. Rock and rock almost destroyed you and your marriage, yet you still have the guitar germ and you haven't condemned it except perhaps in the vaguest, lightest terms. In fact, you still praise it. You talk about the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Led Zeppelin as great bands. Great in whose eyes? Great in the eyes of a thrice holy God? By your actions, you are encouraging generation after generation to be destroyed by the vile rock bands that come along one after the other like the plague. Rock and roll musicians cannot sing about filth and violence and rebellion and saluting the devil and then turn around and claim that it's just entertainment. Large numbers of their fans don't see it that way and, according to the Bible, neither does God.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ROCK MUSIC

More than 50 years ago, we published *Mom and Dad Sleep While the Children Rock in Satan's Cradle* to exhort parents and pastors to educate and protect their young people from the great spiritual enemy of rock & roll. Since then, churches have grown strangely quiet about this danger. It must be the "frog in the pot" phenomenon. Rock permeates society, and we have grown accustomed to it, even though the music and the culture it has helped create have grown ever more wicked. Today our warning about rock is just as fervent as it was 50 years ago. The power of rock to produce rebels and to build the one-world church has not lessened. Homes and churches that don't give clear, effectual, and persistent warnings about rock music in all of its forms should not be surprised if their young people are worldly and tend toward evangelical and emerging church thinking. The free eBook ***What Every Christian Should Know about Rock Music*** lays out nine things that every Christian should know about rock music. 1. It represents a moral revolution. 2. It preaches a philosophy of narcissism and licentiousness. 3. It is permeated with blasphemy. 4. It is the music of false christs. 5. It is condemned by the Bible. 6. It is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. 7. It is at the heart of the one-world "church." 8. It is addictive. 9. The only sure protection is to avoid it. *What Every Christian Should Know about Rock Music* is available from the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.

ALICE COOPER AND OZZY OSBOURNE

When Ozzy Osbourne, founder of Black Sabbath, died in 2025, Alice Cooper dedicated a concert to him and said, "Rest easy Ozzy and we'll see you on the other side!" But the Bible says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:35-36). God and Jesus Christ, angels and demons, heaven and hell, judgment and salvation are not theater. They are deadly serious matters. Foul-mouth Ozzy claimed to believe in some sort of God, but whatever religious faith he had was that of his own devising and empty of saving power. It was a rock & roll type of "faith" and "spirituality." He prayed before his concerts; he talked about God; he talked about being christened as a boy; he said he was not actually a Satan worshipper; he wore a cross; he prayed "the serenity prayer"; he had a Bible on his nightstand. Ozzy said, "Today I believe in a higher power; you can call it 'God' if you like" (X, @watchchad). The rest of his statement was too filthy to print. He said, "My idea of heaven is feeling good" ("Ozzy Osbourne Revealed If He Believed in God," MSN, July 26, 2025). The Bible says salvation is received by "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men,* in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). **Repentance is to turn to God, to surrender to God, to stop fighting God, to determine to stop living in rebellion to God. It is to renounce false religion and false gods and false gospels.** Had Ozzy Osbourne repented and put his faith in Jesus Christ, he would have found a way to publicly renounce his wicked life and unbiblical thinking and would have urged his fans to do the same. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33). It's too late for Ozzy Osbourne, but it is not yet too late for those who are reading this report.



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