

What Miley Cyrus Personifies

What passes for entertainment today disturbs me. What disturbs me more is who our young people idolize. Miley Cyrus is the current queen bee among pop stars and is the hero of millions of youngsters. While Miley Cyrus is certainly famous and she is worth a lot of money, she also personifies much that is immoral and ungodly about our current age. Her every action is calculated to shock and grab as much leering publicity as possible. Seemingly, her mission in life is to corrupt as many young people as she possibly can for as long as she can. She was recently quoted as saying she is "educating" young people about sexuality in her bawdy stage shows. Miley Cyrus is an ungoverned child playing in an adult playground of wealth, excess, and corruption. No, I do not believe Miley Cyrus is going to cause the downfall of Western Civilization, but she is the most current example that the world is in the throes of moral and ethical collapse.

Miley Cyrus personifies the world's obsession with sexual immorality. The Bible teaches us to flee fornication (1 Corinthians 6:18). It teaches us that sex is limited to the bonds of marriage (1 Corinthians 7:1-9; Hebrews 13:4). It teaches that homosexuality is a sin that will condemn men and women to eternal hell (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Revelation 21:8). Miley Cyrus represents utter rebellion to the Lord's teachings on all of these points. She openly mimics fornication in her performances. She clearly wants people to think of sex when they think of her name. Recently, she has received notoriety for kissing another woman, Katy Perry, in a public performance. Such an abominable act should be universally condemned, but, instead, it has only cemented her position as the hero of homosexuals, lesbians, and a youth culture obsessed with perversion.

Miley Cyrus personifies immodesty. The Bible teaches us to dress modestly, with shamefastness and sobriety (1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4). The Bible also teaches that partial or inadequate dress is nakedness and it is shameful (Genesis 3:10; James 2:14). Miley Cyrus never wears anything in public that is not tailored to cause the jaws of young men and (older men for that matter) to drop in lascivious drooling. As if to demonstrate what she expects, Miley waggles her tongue lustfully at the camera in virtually every picture taken of her.

Not only is Miley Cyrus' clothing immodest, the dancing she does in her performances is pornographic. All dancing is lascivious, but the kind done by popular entertainers of today is even more so. The word lascivious has to do with those things which produce lewd and lustful emotions. The sole source of her popularity is her sexual appeal. At a recent awards show, Miley

dressed and danced provocatively with the husband of another woman. I'm embarrassed to now know the definition of "twerking." It was brazen and shocking, and the performance was shown repeatedly on news programs for weeks afterward. She has sought and received notoriety for bawdiness and excess.

Sadly, to many millions of young girls, this immodest, shameless girl is the standard of popular dress and conduct.

Miley Cyrus personifies the rejection of Divine authority. The word of God teaches that Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth (Mathew 28:18). It also teaches that each of us will bow before the Judge someday to give an answer for the things done in the body, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10). Those things that godly men and women do must be with the intent of pleasing the God of heaven who gives to all men life and breath and in whom we have our very being (Acts 17:28). The behavior of Miley Cyrus is a brazen repudiation of all that God's word teaches. There is no indication in the dress, performances, and words of this young woman that betrays any respect for the God of heaven or His Son Jesus Christ. She clearly subscribes to the humanistic philosophy that says "if it feels good, do it." She represents an entire segment of today's world who holds to this philosophy and who regards her as their champion.

Miley Cyrus personifies the breakdown of the home. The word of God teaches that it is the duty of parents to raise children to go to heaven when they die. Parents must raise their children with the proper instruction to how to live moral, pure lives. Paul said that fathers must bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Solomon taught that foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child (Proverbs 22:15). It is the duty of parents to drive out the foolishness of a child with teaching and with the rod when necessary. However, in Miley Cyrus' household, her mother and father are her chief cheerleaders. They benefit from Miley's material success, and encouraged their daughter down the road of becoming the world's sex object. Shame on her father, Billy Ray Cyrus, who recently praised his daughter as a fearless artist! It is the duty of parents to point out when a child's foolish dreams are destructive to themselves and to others.

My friends, Miley Cyrus' conduct will not only condemn her, but also all those who idolize and mimic her. Let us look to God's word for our heroes, and teach our children that only those characters who love and serve the Lord faithfully are worthy of our emulation (1 Corinthians 11:1; 3 John 11-12).

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