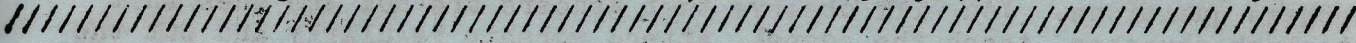


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"...AND THEIR CHILDREN DANCE" (Job 21:7-15)

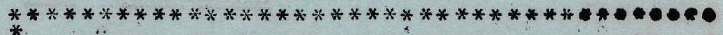
We are to live "in the world" but yet be not "of the world" (Jn. 17:14f) when we obeyed the gospel of Christ the old manner of life was left behind (I Cor. 6:9-10; I Pet. 4:3). After baptism we became "new creatures" (Rom. 6:4). As such we are to put on the fruits of righteousness Col. 3:1-4. We then are neither to love the world nor the things of the world. (I Jn. 2:15-17) Truly it must be said of us as was said of God's servants in the Old Testament: "be ye clean that bare the vessels of the Lord." (Isa. 52:11)

THE WORLD'S TESTIMONY

The dance as it is known today originated in the brothels and low class road houses of yesterday. It became the art of seducers. With such an unholy beginning, one could not expect it to have been created for the people of God!

- (1) Law Enforcement: "Most Juvenile crime has its inception in the dance hall, either public or private." J.E. Hoover
- (2) Physicians: "As a medical man, I flatly charge that dancing's charm is based upon sex appeal. I charge that it is the most insidious of the maneuvers preliminary to sex betrayal. It is nothing more or less than damnable, animal, physical dissipation. Do brother and sister dance like that? Father and daughter or mother and son? The basic spell of the dance is the spell of illicit physical contact." Dr. E.S. Sonners
- (3) Educators: "...a system of means, contrived with more than human plan to incite the instinct of sex action." Prof. W.C. Wilkerson
- (4) Fashion Designers: "For the first time I have done away with corsets even for dance dresses. I have often heard men complain that in dancing they couldn't feel a living form under women's corsets." --Christian Dior
- (5) Dancing Experts: "No woman can waltz well and waltz virtuously." T.A. Vognar
- (6) Historians: "No one dances except he be drunk or mad." Cicero

WHY DANCING IS SINFUL!



I. Paul Said So: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, enmities, revellings and such like; of which I forewarn you... that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19f  
Are you aware of the meaning of these words?

ORDER OF SERVICES

- Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Worship
- Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study



- A. "Lasciviousness"--"indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females" (Thayer, p. 79,80) Webster says: "lewd, wanton, lustful, tending to produce lude emotions"
- B. "Revelling"--"feast and drinking parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry" (Thayer, p. 367) Note: Some Greek dictionaries include "dancing" here.

II. It's Fruits And Evil: Jesus taught one could judge a tree by its fruits (Matt. 12:33). Evil companions, obscene languages, smoking, drinking, petting, adultery, drugs and divorce are present at the dance halls. Unless the fruits are good...the dance is evil!

THE CONTENDER: We publish this bulletin as an effort of this congregation to preach the gospel. (I Thess. 1:3) We can send it to you?

III. The Dance Destroys Spirituality: Does dancing cause you to love God more, to love the church more, love Bible reading more, and to love prayer and worship more? The unfaithful disgraceful lives of dancing church members constitute an adequate answer to these questions. You will observe that dancers are not the ones that establish churches, teach the gospel, attend worship regularly and put the Son of God first in their lives but are usually the ones sitting on the back pews chewing gum, talking, and bored stiff at the prospect of going to heaven.

IV. Dancing Is "Of The World": Since it is revelry, lascivious, with fruits inevitably evil, and destroys spirituality, it should be obvious that it is not from above. (Jas. 1:27) In reading I Jn. 2:15-17 we can easily find all three condemnations applicable to the modern dance.

V. Dancing Destroys The Christian's Influence: We are said to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. By our life we can cause people to obey the gospel, and glorify God. (Matt. 5:16, I Pet. 3:1,2) We should not permit this power to grow dim by an evil or questionable practice! Certainly dancing lowers the estimation of the non-Christian to any "Christian" who engages in it. No one has ever been led to the spotless Son of God by a dancing child of His! Perhaps we sometimes loose sight of just what draws people to obey the gospel. Carnality can never bring out spirituality in an individual. You girls who dress to attract the fleshly eye of man will never win his spirit for heaven. (Rom. 8:5-9) If he won't be attracted by your godly life you had better forget him or loose your own soul!

#### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POSITION

Practically all Protestants, who still stand for anything believe that dancing is one of today's evils. With the Catholics, however, it is one of their most common forms of

entertainment. Continually you will see advertisements of a dance being sponsored by some altar society, or the resary society with the proceeds going into the church treasury: They say, "...dancing may be a perfectly innocent amusement." (Manual of Moral Theology, Vol. I P. 205)

NEWS & NOTES: We rejoice in that the following made confession of sin and prayer was offered on their behalf. Bro. & sis. McCleese, sisters: Mary Roysters, Pat Vaughn and Jan Swan.

#### ARGUMENTS "FOR" THE DANCE

1. "I only go to chaperoned dances". --Ever hear of chaperoned Bible study? Would chaperoned fornication be ok?
2. "Dancing is good exercise." --Let's plan a boys with boys dance for "exercise" and see the response? You will quickly see that the basic spell of the dance is the sex impulse and the unchaste handling of males and females.
3. "It is necessary for social popularity." --This is probably the best defence made as few are so brazen as to admit they like to dance because it gives them a chance to fondle females and to seduce them. Somehow I still think the people worth impressing look more favorably upon the pure and godly young man or woman than the boy or girl who "has made the rounds".

Many gloating parents push their sons or daughters into the dance to try to ensure their social acceptance and this lights the passion to continue. When the fruits of a wasted and mis-spent life in all its ugliness and horror appear, the parents pitifully wail, "I just can't understand how this has happened in our family." Maybe they should have read the context at the beginning of this paper again...it describes the wicked!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world.." (Rom. 12:1,2)