



**THE WORLD SYSTEM'S ASPECT
OF 'ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT'
(PT 2)**

Scripture Reading:

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

REVIEW

- **Satan's World System is designed to appeal to the works of man's sin nature in order to control the destructive works of the flesh, and to direct the other works of the flesh to Satan's advantage**
- **Jubal's development of musical entertainment (Gen 4:21) began the successful attempt of Satan to 1) SOOTHE, 2) DISTRACT, and 3) DIRECT the fallen nature of his children**

REVIEW

- **All forms of music are designed to affect the soul and resulting emotions. The tune of a song, is that medium that carries the message of its lyrics.**

INTRODUCTION

- **Another subtle form of entertainment is the art of art and architecture. In Genesis 4:22, we find that Tubalcain was not only the beginner of education and manufacturing, but also of art and design.**

- **Definition of art: “the expression of human creative skill and imagination”**

THE PRODUCTS OF MEN'S HANDS

- **Idols**

- Graven images (affects religious, superstitious awe, i.e., “witchcraft” in KJV, heresy and zeal)
 - “Graven images” - 24x in OT
 - Instructions to destroy graven images
 - Deut 7:5,25
 - Moses’ bronze serpent turned into an idol
 - II Kings 18:4

THE PRODUCTS OF MEN'S HANDS (CONTINUED)

- **“Works of men’s hands”**
 - Two warnings in Deuteronomy
 - Deut 4:28, 31:29
 - The truth of idolatry described
 - Ps 115:1-8, cf Ps 135
 - Solomon’s conclusion on the works of men
 - Eccl 2:11
 - Grasping for the works of men’s hands in idolatry
 - Col 3:5

THE PRODUCTS OF MEN'S HANDS (CONTINUED)

- **Architecture**

- The Roman and Greek Amphitheaters

- Built for sound projection

- Cathedrals

- Built for awe inspiration

THE PERVERSION OF MODERN ART

Definition: “the rejection of traditionally accepted forms and the emphasis on individual experimentation and sensibility”

Expresses self-centeredness and cliques

THE PROPER USE OF ART

- A moderate appreciation of sane realistic expressions, but always measured by God's truth
 - Statues
 - Religious figures
 - Inappropriate conveyance of the human body
 - People and events held in honor
 - War memorials
 - Generals, politicians, scientists, etc

THE PROPER USE OF ART (CONTINUED)

- The original intention of stained-glass church windows
- Sunday school pictures of Bible stories and children's Bibles
- Our Revelation 3:20 picture of Jesus
 - view in context of II Cor 5:16

CONCLUSION

- Don't fall for the artistic substitutes of God, because you have and **LIVING** and personal relationship with Him through faith in the gospel of Christ
- I Jn 4:24 " God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ESV