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# ARE CHRISTIANS JUST HATERS?

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## A BATTLE OF IDEAS

A propaganda war was declared thirty years ago by those in the LGBTQ+ movement, which has been contested on various fronts. The battle continues raging today with the rhetoric becoming increasingly incendiary. The chief target is Bible-believing Christians, who disagree fundamentally with such practices based on contrasting moral viewpoints. The goal of this movement is to portray Christianity as hypocritical and immoral for its supposed lack of tolerance. The LGBTQ+ leaders even documented their agenda in a publication entitled, "Overhauling Straight America." The campaign deliberately misrepresents Christ-followers' stance but has proved successful nonetheless. Life experience clearly shows that perception is frequently more powerful than reality, which is the situation in this instance.

Christians have been identified as phobic, intolerant, and uncaring. The idea that Christians are haters is among the more embraced arguments in this negative marketing crusade. They are given this label because they oppose certain gay "rights." A rudimentary evaluation of this allegation reveals its obvious illogicality. While it is true that some people hate homosexuals because of their lifestyle choices, identifying

Christians as those wholesale guilty of this moral crime is patently false. This is an unqualified act of intimidation designed to demonize anyone expressing a dissenting voice toward the LGBTQ+ movement. The goal is to ostracize Christians rather than discuss the differences of opinion. The deliberate ridicule attempts to avoid genuine dialogue at any cost.

## SO, WHAT IS HATE?

Disagreement is not hatred. If it were, homosexual activists would also be haters since they disagree with moral traditionalists. This truth, however, is not always convenient. Concentrated efforts are being made to alter traditional moral concepts in America, including removing heteronormative thinking. To accomplish this goal, improperly portraying Christians is crucial. Christianity must be represented as something it is not – an uneducated group of narrow-minded bigots imprisoned by their outdated moral standards. Unfortunately, this smear campaign is proving effective in the marketplace of ideas.

The goal of the LGBTQ+ community is not merely changing the minds of the general public but also silencing any and



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all opposition. This censorship includes the biblical worldview and those who subscribe to it. GLAAD is the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which in 2012, established its Commentator Accountability Project. The purpose of this movement was to pressure media outlets from allowing dissenting voices to appear on any broadcast forum. Social media mobs, cancel culture, and university campus policing are now a part of everyday American life. Freedom of expression is in crisis as Christian disagreement is described as hate speech. Shortly, governments will begin declaring more types of dialogue as hate speech, making it illegal to say anything disagreeing with social trends. If the tide doesn't turn, the Christian community could face impending legal action for expressing biblical views publicly.

## WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN POSITION?

Christians do not hate homosexuals, adulterers, pornographers, transsexuals, or fornicators. Instead, followers of Christ believe those who commit such acts make immoral and ungodly decisions. Is it hateful for a teacher to tell a student that his/her answer is wrong? Of course not. In reality, refusing to tell someone the truth is what is truly hateful.

The Bible teaches society what morally appropriate behavior looks like. To deny that reality is to defy God. Rebelling against these instructions invites corresponding consequences, which can only be preempted by an act of grace. But, grace is available for everyone willing to turn from their ungodly behavior and embrace the love of God and the forgiveness of Christ. This is the greatest statement of honesty ever voiced.

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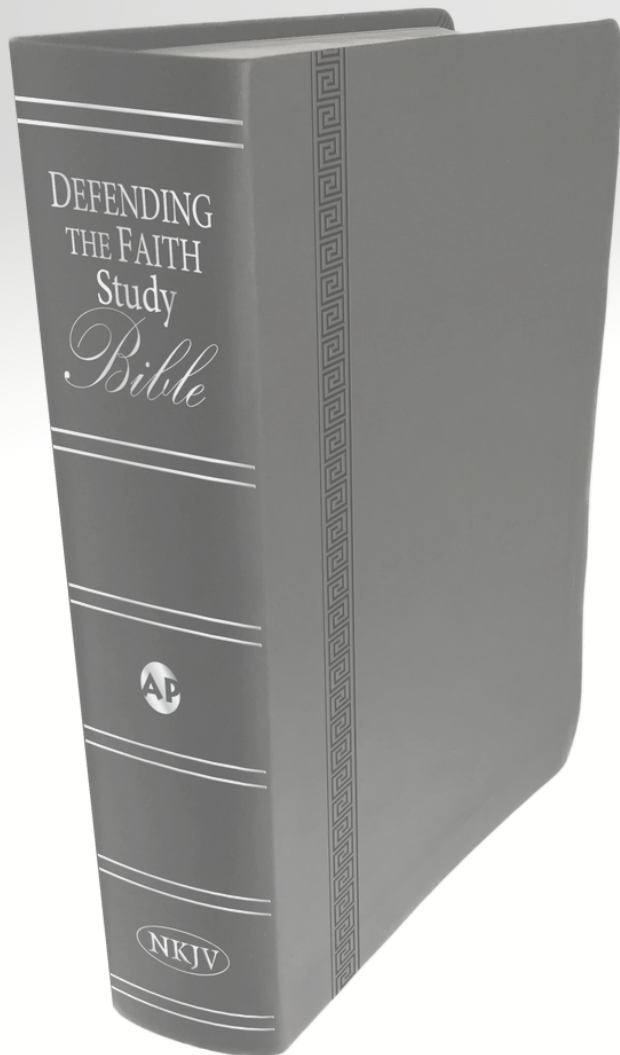
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# Q&A



## WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE 2023 GRAMMYS?

I have never watched the Grammy awards simply because they are utterly disinteresting. This year's presentation, however, trespassed into a territory that demands an in-depth investigation and decisive response. To do any less would be grossly negligent. Silence against this insult by Christians will allow the haters of God to occupy ground that will never be reclaimed. This is territory that the ungodly have illegitimately claimed for their own. Resultantly, I subjected myself to examining this fiasco of entertainment and must speak out. The days of diplomacy have long since passed.

The 2023 edition of this ceremony witnessed Sam Smith and Kim Petras perform a hypnotic song entitled "Unholy." Smith identifies as gay and genderqueer, while Petras is a male identifying as a woman. The response to their demonic piece has been overwhelming on social media, garnering more than 110 million views. The music industry endorsed the blasphemous incantation by awarding the pair the year's best pop duo/group performance. The motivation behind doing so had nothing to do with musical talent, as neither singer could be qualified as possessing a talented voice. Smith portrays Satan, and Petras depicts a stripper. A medley of ten dancers crowds the stage rubbing against one another, gyrating their pelvis', and squirming in erotic ecstasy.

The song tells the story of an unfaithful husband who disregards his wife and children, leaving them at home while patronizing a gender-bending strip club. The tale is told from the viewpoint of the prostitutes working the satanic cabaret. Their customer cannot resist the dark attraction of the kinky orgies and extramarital excess that flourishes. The music video reveals an ever-present availability of sexual debauchery and the necessary stash of condoms. The story concludes tragically as the father pays for his sins by dying in an automobile accident. Not to be outdone, the wife suddenly removes her coat and discards her wig, revealing she is actually a male stripper. At the Grammys, Kim Petras spreads his legs wide while singing during his entrapment in a stripper cage. The transvestite demons worship Sam Smith, crowned in his Satan-horned top hat. I have been asked several times if this Grammy awards performance was Satanic or simply a provocative marketing ploy. The answer eclipses a simplistic response and deserves a trustworthy explanation. Misrepresenting what happened at the Grammys will only advance the cause of those who brazenly and deliberately offended millions.



It would be inaccurate to dismiss the religious vulgarity of the performance by calling it a stunt. It certainly had shock value, but it was much more than that. The song Unholy was both aggressive and transgressive. It was designed to insult Christianity, and mock everything held sacred by those who identify as believers in Christ. Sam Smith and Kim Petras intentionally targeted Christ in their perversity, accentuated by mockingly crossing themselves as the Catholics do when identifying with the cross of Christ.

The seven-time Grammy nominee wore an outfit portraying himself as Satan. The apparent imagery has resulted in many asking if this displayed Satanism. The answer is somewhat nuanced. The performance was not an exhibition of Satanism but was very much Satanic. Knowing the difference is necessary for understanding what is happening spiritually in America. The attack against God is full-frontal, and learning the opponent's tactics allows for a far greater possibility to combat the offensive effectively.

Contemporary mainstream Satanism is atheistic. In an interview with TMZ, David Harris, a magister of the Church of Satan, said he thought Smith and Petras' performance was "all right" and "nothing particularly special." The reason for this opinion is that modern Satanists reject the supernatural world, along with all deities, angels, demons, or even devils. Satanism today focuses on being abrasive with self-serving individualism, tireless in the pursuit of pleasure, and shamelessly hateful of authority. All these characteristics contrast the nature of God and are, as such, spawned by Satan himself. In this respect, the 2023 Grammys were Satanic in every respect, from start to finish, not only during the presentation of Unholy.

I Peter 5:8 dutifully reminds Christians to "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." The consumption of Satan was on full display at the Grammy awards this year. The performers themselves, Sam Smith and Kim Petras, are prime examples of this tragic reality. Both have been devoured by their attempts to remake themselves. They both represent self-annihilation. One man claims to be a woman, and the other claims to be neither a man nor a woman. Each performer overtly declared the ability to create their own reality. Smith and Petras said individuals choose for themselves what is right and wrong, and dammed be anyone who disagrees with this viewpoint. The seriousness of the deception is only then reinforced as fans and the media resoundingly applaud this deadliness.

The severity of the Grammy insult against God was only possible because of incremental encroachments of wickedness through the decades. The Grammys were less an extravaganza to Satan and more of a revelation to the depths of the moral decline in the country. America did not just get to this point. It definitely did not occur overnight. II Corinthians 11:14-15 warns Christians that "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness." Satan is most dangerous not when he is most apparent but when he is most disguised. Satan is far more persuasive disguised as a messenger of light than he is twisting with horns on an entertainment stage. Satan is substantially more lethal when he persuades Christians to whisper about the sins God shouts about.

Tragically, Sam Smith honestly believes he is shedding light on darkness- freedom of

personal expression over moral restraints. He doesn't realize the opposite is the truth. The ethical constraints of moral law protect society in general and individuals in particular from destruction. This fact tells Christians that the actual fight is not against not against flesh and blood but against spiritual armies of evil. While awareness of this attack is necessary, it must not replace the biblical response of prayer. Wesleyan Methodist minister Samuel Chadwick said this about prayer's power: "Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."



The dialogue between Satan and Christ during the temptation in the wilderness leaves many Christians with the idea that Satan desires to be worshiped. John 10:10 says something different. The passage states, "The thief only comes to steal, kill and destroy." Perhaps the most devious ploy of Satan has been his ability to convince society that he does not exist. He doesn't necessarily want to be worshipped; instead, he wants the worship of God stopped. Some might wonder what that looks like. Such a transference of allegiance can be recognized by the parent who prioritizes sports over the church, and career over Bible study. Satan's covert deceptions are altogether lethal. C.S. Lewis provided awareness to the point in his brilliant work, *The Screwtape Letters*. The writing depicts an old demon named Screwtape tutoring an undergraduate named Wormwood. One of the salient insights the teacher gives the student is found when he says, "It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed, the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

How did America get to this point where blaspheming God is publicly acceptable? The answer is obvious, but so is the solution. II Chronicles 7:14 emphatically promises divine intervention if the people of God will take action. We need to spend less time on the keyboard and more time in the King's boardroom. It should be given that Christians unsubscribe from music or streaming services that promote this mass of trash. But we must do more. We must pray. Not discuss prayer or teach another class on prayer. But simply pray.

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