Earworms - Godly Or Not - 2 Corinthians 10

Have you ever noticed a song, or a jingle etc. stuck on replay in your mind, and you can not stop it, and are not able to get it out of your head? Well, you are not alone, as most people have had it happen. Sometimes it is a child's song. Sometimes it is a seasonal tune. Sometimes it is a commercial or a small audio bit. And the more often that it is heard, the deeper it gets engrained. What is going on here?

Music has always played a major factor in humanity. It has a way of affecting people, whether good or bad. 1 Samuel 16:14-23 - But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

The devil's kingdom has even from the beginning been involved with music. Ezekiel 28:11-19 - Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was

found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Is the devil's crowd still involved in music? There are many books on that subject, rock to rap, and especially the New Age sounds. However, there is Godly music, with Godly praises. David was very prolific in composing songs, psalms, and praises. Psalm 23 is a Christian favourite. Christian worship services should have praise, prayer and preaching. What better way to start than by singing Our Lord's Praises?

Even Elisha knew the benefit of Godly music. 2 Kings 3:6-19 - And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered. The way through the wilderness of Edom. So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. But now bring me a minstrel (musician). And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. And he said, Thus

saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

Under the Old Covenant, praising God and reading the Scriptures were ways to deal with the demonic hords. Now under the New Covenant, we have much more effective methods. They involve dealing with the root cause, the evil spirits. As born-again believers, we have authority. Luke 10:19 - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

While the playing of Godly music can tame the demons, it takes more to get them out. The Great Commission orders believers to do it. Mark 16:17-18 - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils (demons); they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So, there is Godly music and ungodly music. How can you tell the difference? If you are praising Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Heavenly Father, with the leading of His Holy Spirit, you are on the right track. Mark 11:7-10 - And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and He sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

But most of the music in the world is not like that. And why do some of them get stuck in your head, and just will not go away? Different titles have been given to that happening, and earworm is a favourite. The Mail Online, December 20, 2015 had an article about it.

Why you can't get Christmas jingles out of your head: Experts reveal how certain songs get stuck in our minds.

One of the best things about the holiday season is the music, but it becomes a blue Christmas when one of those jolly tunes gets stuck in your head.

There are different triggers, such as the smell of Christmas cookies or a glittery window display, that could turn on a repeating choir in your head. Experts say the reason why 'Frosty the Snowman' is replaying in your head this exact moment is because you caught an earworm.

'An earworm tends to be a short snippet of a piece of music, usually a

tune, often from the chorus, that you play through in your mind repeatedly, as if it were stuck on loop,' Elizabeth Margulis, director of the Music Cognition Lab at the University of Arkansas, told DailyMail.com.

According to the International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition, 91 percent of people claim to have an earworm at least once a week and about a quarter of them more than once a day.

Scientists are baffled by this phenomenon and have trouble studying it, as there is no method to determine when someone will fall victim to this manifestation.

There is also no rhyme or reason to the types of Christmas songs, happy or sad, that get stuck in your heads the most.

'There are many possible triggers, memory, a special situation one is in, even randomly, perhaps,' David Poeppel, professor of psychology and neural science at New York University, told DailyMail.com.

'Sometimes people remember things that are associated with a happy memory, sometimes sentimental moments elicit a memory, sometimes truly sad things are associated with a piece of music.'

'It cannot be pre-judge, and the same person can have compelling memories of both very joyful and very sad music.'

Poeppel also suggests it could be a location, or a situation that elicits a particular strong emotion.

Some theories believe earworms are associated with memory, outside stimuli and personal associates we take away from them, according to a report in Atlas Obscura.

'The trigger can be quite oblique; seeing a picture of a snow globe, for example, might be enough for 'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas' to pop up in your mental soundscape,' said Margulis. 'Because Christmas songs tend to be so familiar, they're particularly liable to get hooked.'

In 2006, Simon Brown from Fraser University studied his own earworm and found they could be used as a basis for understanding how conscious experience can be split into multiple parallel streams.

Another idea suggests that the more we hear a song, the more it's likely to get stuck in your head.

This can explain why 'Santa Baby' is stuck in your head after a day of shopping -- every store you went into was playing it. 'Songs tend to get stuck when they've been heard recently and repeatedly,' said Margulis.

'It's likelier to happen when the tunes feature some optimal mix between predictability and surprise.'

In a study from Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts and University of Sheffield, researchers observed 50 different music features and found that earworm songs usually have notes with longer durations but smaller pitch intervals.

The study also suggested those with neuroticism and small levels of obsessive compulsion will be invaded by earworms more often and for a longer period of time.

James Kellaris, a professor of marketing at the University of Cincinnati who's conducted research on influence of music on memory, wrote in an email to Science Friday, 'In addition to traits of songs and traits of people (such as being mildly neurotic or having high exposure levels to music), situation comes into play as a third factor.'

'It appears that earworms are more likely to bite when the victim is tired, stressed, or idle.'

Where do these audio loops or earworms come from? Anything that emits a sound has the potential for establishing an earworm. Almost every living thing makes some sort of sound. Many manufactured goods make noises too. The most prolific ones are the modern tech items, smart phones, computers, etc. And as most people have sounds all around them, there are many opportunities for earworms to form.

Should you be working around ungodly music, like rap, be aware. The constant bombardment will be building up inside over time, and it will not be too long before a noticeable change in values and personality takes place. Why? What are the themes of that noise? Death and destruction are the main subjects.

Where do they come from? John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (The thief is the devil.)

Constant repetition has a way of burning the message into our minds. Advertisers know that important information, such as phone numbers, have to be repeated at least three times for the people to remember them. That is the arcane idea behind advertising. The message is pounded into people's heads so often, that when they desire an item, the buried product or earworm will surface in their mind, and they feel compelled to buy only that one. They have been conditioned by the advertiser.

Watch out for those little audio bugs in ads etc. Mazda has their Zoom Zoom, that appears in their commercials. When people hear it, it registers that they need to buy a Mazda. The Red Cross tried this approach a while ago. Their ad had a chime ringing, reminding the people to go and give blood. They were hoping to condition the masses that when the chime was heard, they would trot off like zombies to do their bidding.

These audio earworms are equivalent to the visual subliminal ads that have been around for decades. They too are effective. The famous example is the theatre that flashed a subliminal message just before the break, to buy snacks at the intermission. The volume of business increased greatly. These

ploys work on people's impulsive or emotional or irrational side. And because most people react to their feelings and not their brains; they are easy targets for this psychological manipulation.

While earworms can be established by repeated exposure, there is another open door. Some tunes, songs or jingles are so catchy that they just get stamped on your psyche. There is a definite psychology to music, and the good musicians know how to exploit them. Rock stars know what songs will turn on the chicks at the end of the show.

There is a combination of beat, rhythm, and tune, etc that just captivates unsuspecting people. Remember the meteoric rise of Ricki Nelson. His Latin American music caught many North American females in its grip. The beat is important too. The most alluring one compares to the African voodoo drums.

And if the earworms are empowered by occultic forces, they are much more powerful.

Some pieces never have an ending, and they just go on and on and on. People expect an ending to a movie, a story, and a song. When this does not happen, they will keep on looking, until it comes. Remember the serials in the old radio shows and television shows. They gave you a sample of what was going to happen next, just enough to hook you to be around for the next episode.

Some are simple tunes, like children's rounds. When you start singing them with your children, how long do you go before you just have to stop? This can be used in a Godly Way. Children like to sing, and if their songs are Biblical, they can learn much Scripture, and have fun doing it.

Deuteronomy 6:7 - And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 11:19 - And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 31:19 - Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.

The conditioning of people has been studied for a long time. Pavlov and others noticed this with animals. The dogs were trained to expect food after a bell was rung. And in anticipation of snacks, they would salivate. So whenever they heard a bell, their saliva would commence, even if there was no food available. They were the first subjects to be Pavlovian conditioned. The question is: how many people have been the victims of the mind games being waged on people's minds?

The world does not have a cure for these earworms. At best, they suggest another mental activity to force the brain to concentrate on something else. But God has something better for His Own. You do not have to remain bound by them. You do not have to be controlled by the forces behind them.

There are <u>Steps To Freedom</u>:

Are you tired of being manipulated by others? Do you really want to be set free?

Pray for Our Lord Jesus Christ to help you, and to show you what is going on.

John 8:32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 - If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Study the Word of God regularly.

Acts 17:11 - These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Faithfully attend a Bible believing Church or group, and get true deliverance until the conditioning has been removed.

Be doing complete warfare prayers for yourself everyday. Do these every time that you notice that you have been bitten by the bug.

You will need to discern what is controlling you. If you hear an ad for booze and your mouth starts salivating in expectation of a drink; you are conditioned and controlled. And you do not even have to be an alcoholic.

You will have to resist these behavioural modifications. Stay away or get away from those sources, until you are able to hold your own.

Bind & Loose over yourself.

Bind & Loose over the earworms etc. and those behind them.

Renounce and break off the controls on you, in Jesus' Name.

Break off all the soul ties between you and those opposing forces.

Confess any known sins that may give legal grounds to stay. Also confess the sins of ancestors, aquaintances, & all in authority over you, etc.

Break off all curses etc. that were accompanying those earworms, and send them back to the original sending demons, in Jesus' Name.

Get a lot of deliverance, especially from Mind Control and Occult demons. We have several messages, prayers and nass deliverances on our website.

Keeping Your Freedom

The next step is very important, and depends a lot on how much you want to be free. Remember God's People coming out of Egypt. Exodus 9:1 - Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Every time you are attacked, fight back. Rebuke those demons in Jesus' Name. Mark 8:33 - But when He had turned about and looked on His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind Me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Take those ungodly thoughts and earworms captive to Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:1-6 - Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: 2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Stop buying those products that are controlling you.

Stop using services that are controlling you until you are free. Titus 1:15 - Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Praying in tongues will have the Holy Spirit helping you.

It is important to fill your minds with Godly activities, praises, praying and Scriptures.

And now that you have begun your process of getting free, persist until your goal is accomplished.

Praise the Lord. Praise the Name of Jesus.

Prayer for freedom in Jesus' name.

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