

Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches
Regarding Popular Culture
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Whereas today's popular culture is fast breaking down the last vestiges of morality and decency,

And whereas in popular music, literature, television program, and films such standards seem to be nonexistent and have been replaced by the sins blasphemy, vulgarity, and hedonism, (Romans 1:24-32)

And whereas many who have stood steadfastly for morality and decency in the past are now accommodating, compromising, participating in, and even blessing these depths of sinfulness,

And whereas the scriptures teach clearly that such worldliness:

Chokes the Word of God and causes unfruitfulness (Mt. 13:22),
Is of no eternal profit (Mt. 16:26),
Is to be rejected and replaced with the transformation of a renewed mind (Ro. 12:1),
Is a part of the past life, not of the new life, (Ep. 2:2), and
Is to be denied and replaced with Godliness (Ti. 2:11,12);

We, the messengers of the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in conference this April 2, 2004, do

Condemn the current state of popular culture as indecent, immoral and ungodly as judged by the clear standard of the Word of God.

Urge our pastors to preach, and our people to practice "pure religion ... [which is] ... to keep [one]self unspotted from the world" (James 1:27), to reject the friendship of the world [which] is enmity with God (James 4:4), and to refuse to love "the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15).

Resolve to stand against this tide of immorality whenever and however we can, always showing the love of Christ and obeying the Word of God.