

# Why is Church Sound so Confusing?

A Parody of the Creation Story by Joseph De Buglio

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## The Book of Dawn

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1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and all things were designed, and created by Him, Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup>.

### The First Day

2. On the first day, God separated the firmament to form air and water to create sound.
3. Then God created ears on the side of the man's head<sup>2</sup> to direct man to look and focus on what he is hearing.
4. This introduced man to acoustics.
5. Learning about acoustics was very basic as His Words only needed to be amplified to small gatherings<sup>3</sup> of adopted followers who loved God, and God saw that it was Good.

### The Second Day

6. On the second day, many more of His Children gathered to hear the Word.
7. Many could not hear<sup>4</sup>.
8. Scouts were sent out into the land to find places where the Word could be heard by many from natural formations<sup>5</sup> of the land.
9. In these places, some of the people learned and discovered how these natural locations helped to amplify the Word of God.
10. This was long before they understood the laws of physics<sup>6</sup>, and God was pleased with how His followers used basic science to love and honor Him.

### The Third Day

11. On the third day, Men began building large rooms to shelter the followers from city noises and the

weather, so that God's people could hear His Words and teachings at regularly scheduled meetings.

12. To ensure His people a great worship experience, He gave His followers a design for a House of God<sup>7</sup>.
13. In these Houses of God, Jesus ensured that the optimum combinations of physics and science<sup>8</sup> is used to create the perfect place for His followers.
14. Man discovered how wonderfully God's design, supported congregational singing and praises to Him.
15. This house design was perfectly balanced acoustically for every aspect of worship.
16. It supported both speech and congregational singing<sup>9</sup>.
17. This new building design was later called a "Church." Man's love for God grew, and many were added to His Church, and all was well.

### The Fourth Day

18. On the fourth day, God allowed man to use Sound Equipment in the churches that became so large that they needed all the help they could get to honor Him.
19. Churches had the best design, not only for speech and congregational singing, but it maximized the performance of all properly designed and installed sound systems<sup>10</sup>, making them the best in the world.
20. This marriage of design and technology is the most compatible to human anatomy and physiology. Following the Bible's instructions allows more people to hear an uncompromising Gospel message, which was adding more to God's family daily, and He was pleased.

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<sup>1</sup> The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always been. This means that Jesus designed the first House of God. Jesus claimed ownership of any building that is as a house of prayer. Matthew 21:13, Luke 19:46

<sup>2</sup> There is an old saying that a man should listen to his wife twice and much as he speaks.

<sup>3</sup> The first home churches.

<sup>4</sup> As many people were too far away. Hearing at distances greater than 30 feet outdoors is always a challenge.

<sup>5</sup> There are rare natural outdoor locations can support crowds up to 300-500 people, when there is no wind and with the right temperature.

<sup>6</sup> Men have never been held back from practicing science before they understood what science is. Science is just an explanation of what we already know.

<sup>7</sup> 1Ch 28:19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the details of this pattern." King David is telling Solomon that the design of the House of God was not his design. God and Jesus designed the first House of God for the Israelites.

<sup>8</sup> The building that Solomon built as a House of God employs many principals of physics that are unique to any building following this pattern. This pattern is not found outside of the Christian church community until after 2010.

<sup>9</sup> This scripture verse and other verses that mention carvings of palm trees began a revolution in modern church acoustics and design in 1994. 1Ki 6:29 "Then he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, inner and outer sanctuaries." When you apply this way of thinking to God's House, all the details about the dimensions, the materials, and shape lays the foundation for how all churches should be built.

<sup>10</sup> Even though the invention and adoption of the sound system into churches began in the 1930's, the building that God designed always gets the highest-level performance out of every sound system properly designed and installed. No other room shape and acoustical treatment can get as high a level of performance, regardless of the cost. Jesus designed the perfect space for sound systems 3500 years ago.

## The Fifth Day

21. On the fifth day, the children of God saw how the worldly people were designing new entertainment buildings and doing sound management<sup>11</sup>.
22. Those in leadership with itching ears heard and believed the false claims that these new designs were cheaper and would sound better.
23. Satan's promise of health, wealth, prosperity, and power, was whispered into the ears of some people<sup>12</sup>, stating that houses of worship can grow bigger, and faster with these new worldly plans.
24. These new random designs introduced<sup>13</sup> people to deadspots, hotspots, echoes, excessive reverberation, and feedback. Furthermore, these rooms never support congregational singing adequately.
25. The new Post Biblical houses of worship designs<sup>14</sup>, which have many hidden higher costs to build, caused complaining and division from people of all ages.
26. These underperforming, acoustically challenged buildings, contributed to followers' confusion.
27. As a result, to this day, new denominations were being added daily, claiming they have the relevant truth for today.
28. For many generations, congregations were confused about sound and acoustics.
29. Satan distracted people from the Bible's design for a House of God,
30. by first naming them as "temples" and later as "houses of worship,<sup>15</sup>" – (which is a term not found in the Scriptures.)
31. Satan continued to veil the people with false promises of knowledge for the ultimate design and

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<sup>11</sup> Shortly after sound systems were allowed into churches, three lies have been perpetuated since then. The first lie is that because of sound systems, Architects could now design whatever popped into their heads. The second lie is that no matter what they designed, the sound system can overcome any acoustical anomalies or defects a room has. The third lie is that there is no limit into how large a sanctuary can be.

<sup>12</sup> Not everyone who is in a role of leadership is a transformed, Born Again person, or is immune to temptations. This is what happens when people look outside of scriptures for solutions to church problems. Satan is the father of lies.

<sup>13</sup> These problems did not exist in most churches before sound systems. This is what happens when people stop believing that scriptures are sufficient in all things.

<sup>14</sup> The problems with church sound dates to Constantine adopting Christianity. Some of the first places where Christians began to meet in the new era of freedom within the Roman Empire was in the abandoned pagan temples. Many modern Houses of Worship still use design elements dating back to pagan temples.

<sup>15</sup> According to the Canadian Museum of History, they state that the "Greek theatre had its origins in religious ritual. The theatre offered an experience which brought together elements of myth, ritual, religion, dance, music and literature." These spaces lay the foundation

superior sound technology, that one day, will miraculously happen on the next house of worship project.

32. With the endless trail of Worship Space failures<sup>16</sup>, it sprouted a worldwide industry of countless products promising the perfect solution to fixing all existing houses of worship.
33. These solutions left their own trail of failures, and they were so costly, many congregations gave up in pursuing the worship experience as detailed in the Bible.
34. These people were driven into accepting mediocre sound<sup>17</sup>, which drove many ministers into watering down Gods Word, in the pursuit of filling the pews.
35. And God saw that it was not well for those who were flocking to such "houses of worship."

## The Sixth Day

36. On the sixth day, the children of God rediscovered<sup>18</sup> how church design, and sound should be done according to HIS will within the Scriptures.
37. Some churches embraced God's plan and were grateful to be able to hear and sing as God promised, as it is written in the scriptures.
38. And God was pleased, and those who loved Him, began coming back, and filled His Church buildings<sup>19</sup>, where people could hear, sing, and have fellowship as God showed His followers in the New Testament.

## The Sixth Day Part 2

39. But Satan did not take things lying down.
40. Satan whispered into the ears of others, saying that your Houses of Worship need to be unique, special,

for all entertainment venues. Fan shaped, and wide seating plans are rooted in pagan worship.

<sup>16</sup> Historically, congregations have not kept records of their successes or failures which limits their ability to learn from the past. Churches don't talk to each other when it comes to worship space acoustics.

And when a church gives warning of their bad experiences, the churches they gave the advice to often makes the same mistakes.

<sup>17</sup> The secular methods of fixing the sound system and acoustics of a worship space will change how a room will sound, that is for certain, but in most cases, they just exchange one set of problems for new problems. In the end, the sanctuaries performance is not much further ahead.

<sup>18</sup> Learning about the real purpose of the palm tree carving happened in 1994 and this system was first installed in 1996 in a 600 seat Gothic style church with great success. Since then, over 400 churches now use half round shapes on all the walls within their worship spaces, elevating those rooms to the highest level of performance those spaces can ever support. No other acoustical system can do that.

<sup>19</sup> To say that the performance of a worship space affects church attendance is an understatement. Church attendance is affected up to 20% regardless of the leadership, quality of the preaching or how motivated people are for attending.

and "one of a kind," to get the world to enter your doors.

41. Since eating the fruit in the garden, Satan reminded people that they have the knowledge to design something better than what God can do.
42. When the people see how original and creative<sup>20</sup> these new houses of worship are, the followers will elevate and bless those leaders.
43. Don't worry if these new houses of worship don't work as well; Satan has an endless supply of new products and technologies<sup>21</sup> for you to try.
44. The people will see your endless efforts in pursuing the perfect house of worship, sacrificing their money in chasing this deceptive dream.
45. Confused or not, people will follow those who raise themselves above others and bring forth a new interpretation or revelation of God's message, which is often covertly preached out of context.
46. Puffed-up leaders ask the goats<sup>22</sup> to trust their new message, as they imply having a special, higher relationship with "a god," than their followers.
47. Satan, who is the master of deception, and entertainment, smiles at the bursting houses of worship filled with goats, being deceived, and led by those elevated wolves who look and sound like sheep.
48. However, the sheep were not deceived.
49. The Children of God who followed His church design, and management of church acoustics, tasted good sound, experiencing every part of worship to its fullest. They became wise, enjoying a relaxed, and restful form of worship, with high quality and affordable sound systems that Satan always

promises, but has yet to deliver, and God was pleased with the faith of His followers.

### The Seventh Day, and Revelation

50. On the Seventh day, there were two places where people gathered.  

#### On the Seventh Day, houses of worship
51. On the seventh day, attending those full "houses of worship," throughout the land, where the goats are found, are those who are addicted and hunger for high powered and high-quality entertainment.
52. They use the latest "state of the art" professional sound systems, where postmodern rooms have acoustics that limits and confines the functionality of every sound system to a futile level of worshiptainment performance.
53. This robs people from any rest<sup>23</sup>, and it distracts them from having any relationship with God.
54. The goats have no idea of the doomed eternity that is set before them, and Satan is pleased.

### On the Seventh Day, House of God

55. On the Seventh Day, God's Children went to Church and rested.
56. The Children were both reinvigorated and strengthened as they understood and recognized the Words of God.
57. Following God's plan for design, and managing sound, works<sup>24</sup>.
58. God looked down and saw the sheep, who recognize His voice, coming to His Houses, with the Church of followers who Love Him.
59. God said that it was good, as He welcomes those adopted into His Kingdom for eternity.

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<sup>20</sup> Creating a worship space that triggers people's emotions is not glorifying to God.

<sup>21</sup> How is chasing after false promises with technological solutions any different than chasing after false teachers of the Gospel?

<sup>22</sup> Goats are described in Matthew 25:31-46. Here Jesus makes it clear who are the true followers of God and those who think they are born again. Followers of God become new creatures when they understand and believe why Jesus died on the cross, and by faith are transformed through grace, and repentance. This is when Jesus will separate the sheep from the goats. Goats are those who think they are saved as they were tricked into following the deceivers' deceptions. The sheep are those who were transformed and remained in the service of Jesus and God for the rest of their lives.

<sup>23</sup> How can anyone rest when the sound system is louder than what is needed, people are encouraged to raise their hands, sway to the music, and repeat phrases and choruses' endless times. Standing up for 30

minutes at a time or loud music that continues up to 90 minutes is exhausting, no matter how motivated a person is. That is usually followed by a short sermon that is big on hype and short on substance. The sound for both the music, and sermon are excessively louder than what is needed, feeding the hype while exhausting the listener at the same time. This is a known method of brainwashing which begins with getting people addicted to getting their dopamine and endorphins flowing on a weekly basis. Once addicted, the worship becomes the event, allowing a false teacher to preach whatever lies they can get away with.

<sup>24</sup> The quality of church design and how sound is managed within the worship space matters. The church building and the sound system are tools that God has given us to use to glorify Him. When these two items come up short, many will experience a disappointing relationship with fellow Christians.

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This article intends to tell the Church Community how sound has affected the followers of God from the beginning to the present. The endless struggles of sound in large rooms have been a mystery to the secular world forever. Buried in the pages of the Bible is a solution that is outside of the secular world of understanding. It took a Christian mind, from a person who wanted to honor God, and taught himself about church sound and acoustics to understand this truth. He linked together modern Science and Physics with Biblical foreknowledge, to explain to the world, the Church building God has given us.

This parody exposes the fact that there is a distinction between a House of God versus a “house of worship.” The term “House of God” appears over 80 times in the Bible. The term temple is found over 250 times. The term House of Worship or Worship Music does not appear anywhere in the Bible except in the book of Daniel, where the King demanded everyone to bow down to the golden image when they heard music.

When King David wanted to build God a permanent home for the Ark of the Covenant, God did not allow David to design the house on his own. David said that God's hand was upon him for all the details of this pattern. Every time God or Jesus spoke of a holy place or place of prayer, God never called a temple, His Home. If anything, in Jeremiah chapter 7, God makes it clear that any building that has statues, idols, false gods, and teaching, or does anything that is pagan in origin, is a temple (Jer 7:4). When Jesus drove out the money changers and said "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN," Jesus was quoting from Jeremiah 7:11. Through these and many other examples, a House of God is for all those who love God and follow His commandments as best as they can. The same building stops being a House of God, the moment it is called a house of worship – which is considered equal to a temple – which is stated in the first commandment as it was customary for pagans to worship their buildings and the gods within.

Besides, in 2 Kings 19:37 and Isaiah 37:38, this example is mentioned twice where a King was killed by his sons while worshipping in a house to a false god for another son to replace him.

In Matthew 5:17 where Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." How are the laws and prophets related? While many Bible scholars are focused on the laws, it seems that little attention is given to how Jesus used the word prophets in this statement.

If you limit the term prophets to people, messengers of God, and foretelling of the future, it seems that Jesus was saying something abstract or another way of saying laws. On the other hand, if we look at the broader meaning of the word prophet, it seems to make more sense. The broader meaning of the word prophet includes knowledge, wisdom, and teaching, as well as teacher, messenger, leader, and judge. In this context, not only did Jesus come to fulfill the laws, but to say that all knowledge and wisdom of the world points to Him. Jesus makes all the laws of nature and physics possible. Jesus gives us the sciences for men to better themselves.

When reading verses 13-16, Jesus spoke about light and letting it shine. Light is often associated with knowledge. Knowledge is associated with the word, prophet. Then in verse 18, Jesus said that the end doesn't come until all the laws and knowledge are fulfilled. Are the laws limited to the Mosaic laws and or, the Ten Commandments, or did Jesus also include all the laws of science, physics, and wisdom to be known before the end comes?

If this line of thinking is true, there is still knowledge within the scriptures that will be revealed to man when man understands what those items mean. In the recent learning from the Bible about God's design for Churches, it took modern science to reveal it's truth. Today, hundreds of churches have been helped in upgrading their worship acoustics to engage in the highest quality of worship as it is taught in the Bible.

To learn more about how any church can maximize the quality of sound their worship space can have, visit <https://churchacousticsandsoundsystems.com/>