



*The Spiritual Significance Of Music*

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Music can be meaningful in many ways but for some composers and some listeners it manages to transcend into something on a different level. An outpouring of emotion transcribed as musical notes can take on a connection to the universe and a spiritual significance beyond just sound. Have you ever noticed that the integrity of a single note can vary so incredibly? This depends on the intent of the note. Does the composer ask why? Is the note tinged with deep sadness and regret? Or does it linger less because it's writer has acceptance and understanding at the core of their subject matter. As a conceptual composer working within the New Age genre, I can say that there is heart-felt emotion, and a certain reaching out to the universe behind so much of what is written, and certainly on my own recordings. A piece of music is not only a spiritual journey for the composer, but it offers a way to open the channels of thought and emotion, and transfer some of that intent to the listener. If you truly are open to gain something emotional from music, then the listener may be brought to tears, made to smile, or just inspired to contemplate. Music is a gift that can heighten the spiritual awareness of both ourselves and the world around us... if we let it!



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