

# **The Film Over Our Eyes: Creating Cinematic Clarity in Christian Circles**

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This paper views the place of movies in the Christian culture. Movies are closely related to the theatre, and that is where most of the history of film developed. Theatre was thought to have come from ritual origin and was used in the ancient world to worship pagan gods. Different styles of theatre were developed some of which were used to portray Christianity as well as other styles rejected by many Christians for the non-Christian content. With the invention of the video camera theatre developed into a style of acting that is known today as movies.

Christians should be encouraged to watch. Many movies give valuable insight through themes portrayed, as well as allowing for practice of discernment and the spread of the gospel through their creation. Christians should endeavor to find good movies to watch. When they do, they must watch with discernment to aid in understanding the lessons to be drawn, as well as to avoid the temptations which are portrayed in movies. Christians should also create movies, as they will have opportunity to bring movies to the culture with good themes that bring glory to God.