

--- On Mon, 2/1/10, Brad Harper <bharper@*****.edu> wrote:

From: Brad Harper <bharper@*****.edu>
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Allen,

I have forwarded this email to my sister, Coleen Morris. She is probably the best one to respond to this. As far as my own memory, while I was several years younger than Larry (and my brother and sister) I clearly remember Larry being part of the church community at Foothill Covenant Church in the 1960s. He was part of the youth group and I remember him being at youth group events, even one at our house at Christmas, probably in 1966 or 1967.

Of course, being part of a church is not an ironclad indicator of one's own personal faith commitments. But I remember when Larry left the People after the success of "I Love You," our understanding was not that Larry had become a Christian at that time, but that he was merely going out on his own to do music that was more in line with the Christian faith commitments that were already a part of his life.

All the best as you write the book. I was and remain a big fan of Larry's music. He was on the cutting edge of a revolution still going on in the evangelical church in America, one that challenges the church to engage culture dialogically rather than just building fortresses and throwing gospel grenades over the wall. He was clearly ahead of his time and I am grateful for him.

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