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Song Lyrics Analysis

One of the best songs that is written on Christianity is Chocolate by Tom Waits. It must be noted that at times, in order to understand the lyrics and the work of art, it is crucial that some sort of understanding is developed about the artist, their motivations and their thinking. Tom Waits as per people was quite a weird person.

The song appeared for the first in Tom Waits 1999 award winning album which was called Mule Variations. The song has been rehashed and interpreted in different ways and it would be fair to assume that about dozens of artists have covered the song The lyrics of the song are an interesting mix as they tend to talk about a boy that goes to the candy store every Sunday so that he is able to get his fill of the chocolate Jesus. The inspiration behind this song was Testaments, which is a candy that has cross imprinted on it and comes with the Bible verse wrapping around it. Eating chocolate is known to release endorphins, or pleasure chemicals, in the brain; practicing religion can have the same effect, and it is this superficial pleasure experience that attracts some to the faith and sustains them in it. Those who have a taste for only the sweetness of a religion, suggests Waits, are like candy-addicted kids, dependent on sugar highs and undernourished.

One of the thing that is being talked about here is that the Chocolate is one of the few things that Tom Waits is talking about. He compares and talks about that how different candies that are witnessed here and there are not supposed to bring satisfaction to his life and the only thing that is going to bring about a change and satisfaction in his life is that the Chocolate Jesus. Here he talks about how strong his connection with Jesus is and how important it is for him to make sure that he attempts to create this connection at the broader level at the given point of time. This is not the only metaphor that is being used during the course of the song, there is another instance during the song that he talks about how one has to cling to the ideals of the God if the weather gets rough it is the only thing that is going to bring satisfaction to his soul at the particular point of time.

When the weather gets rough / And it's whiskey in the shade / It's best to wrap your savior / Up in cellophane

The line that is mentioned above perfectly illustrates some of the underlying themes that are discussed in this song. It talks about the fact that how any person is supposed to bring about better sense in their decision making if they get an insight about how things are done at the level of the God and how they can make sure that they are able to carry out things in a better manner if they consider God as their mentor.

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