



## "Cross Connection"

Radio Ministry of Hope Wesleyan Church and Wells of Salvation Ministries  
Ultimate Oldies Radio – FM 97.7 and 101.1, Huber Heights, Ohio



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Program 85 **"Give Me Love" (Give Me Peace On Earth)** © 1973 George Harrison

*"There exists within us one desire that nothing in this life can satisfy, a mysterious longing... that differs from all others in that its object is undefinable and unattainable in this life... Augustine said 'Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee' – even if we don't know who or what 'Thee' is. Something deep in our souls is not satisfied with this whole world of time and mortality."*<sup>1</sup>

### The Song <sup>2</sup>

- Lead track on George Harrison's 1973 album *Living in the Material World*
- Reached #1 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 at the end of June '73
  - Replaced "My Love" by his former Beatles band mate Paul McCartney
  - In turn was replaced at #1 by "Will It Go Round in Circles" by Billy Preston, who played with Harrison and McCartney during sessions for *Let It Be* in '69
- Also covered by Jeff Lynne of ELO, and Dave Davies of the Kinks
- A prayer, this song reflects Harrison's fervent quest to find, know and understand God

### The Artist – George Harrison (1943 – 2001) <sup>3</sup>



- The "Quiet Beatle" – also featured in Cross Connection programs #4 ("My Sweet Lord") and #50 ("Awaiting On You All")
- Some additional background on George Harrison:
  - Thought his birthday was February 25<sup>th</sup>; in his 40's, he learned it was the 24<sup>th</sup>
  - His HandMade Films company produced the movies *Life of Brian*, *Mona Lisa*, *Time Bandits*, *Shanghai Surprise* and *Withnail and I*
  - In the '80s, Harrison helped form the supergroup The Traveling Wilburys, with Jeff Lynne, Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan and Tom Petty
  - Struggled with throat and lung cancer throughout the '90s
  - Survived an attack from a crazed fan in '99
  - His final album, *Brainwashed* was completed by his son Dhani Harrison and Jeff Lynne and released November '02

Give me love  
 Give me love  
 Give me peace on earth  
 Give me light  
 Give me life  
 Keep me free from birth

- Pleads for love, peace, light and life
  - Who is this directed to?
  - Is our God able to provide these? How?
  - "...free from birth" is problematic. What does he mean?

<sup>1</sup> Pocket Handbook of Christian Apologetics, © 2003, by Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, p. 93

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Give\\_Me\\_Love\\_\(Give\\_Me\\_Peace\\_on\\_Earth\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Give_Me_Love_(Give_Me_Peace_on_Earth))

<sup>3</sup> [http://home.att.net/~chuckayoub/George\\_Harrison\\_biography.html](http://home.att.net/~chuckayoub/George_Harrison_biography.html)

