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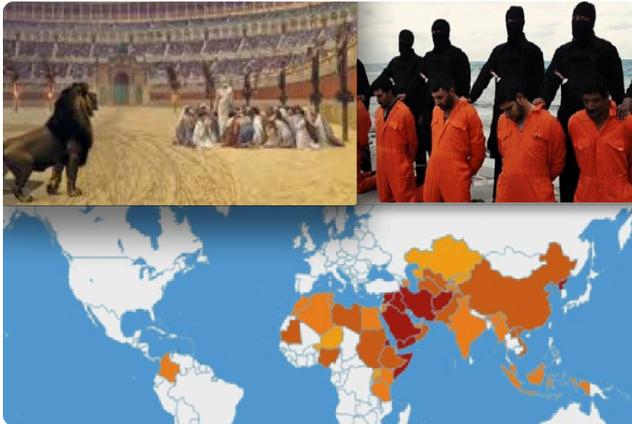
Genocidal Warfare? Stone Homosexuals?

A line in the sand is beginning to form, a line defining the difference between those who wait on the God of Israel, who is Jesus of Nazareth, and those who don't.

Our whole lives have been spent trying to conceal some of our beliefs for fear someone will take them the wrong way. Shortly we shall be deprived of even that. We will be exposed to public ridicule and shame and later legal action.

How will you answer the Christian who asks you this question?

Find my answers to each question below



into the modern world.

Think again if you think that persecution of Christians is relegated to the past or only found in Islamic countries; and that we are safe from it here. And I don't mean persecution from Muslims here or from atheistic government leadership. I mean persecution from conservative Christians.

As terrorism and violent acts of those who espouse intolerant ideologies fill the news more and more each day, Mosaic Christians, who believe that Christ and Moses agree on every detail, are going to be faced with questions from traditional, conservative Christians who are looking for a way to fit

They will ask. . .

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I am a Christian! Christianity had a Reformation. We put bigotry, racism and intolerance in our past. Radical Islam has not. Christianity now has more in common with Buddhism than with Moses and Muhammad.

Moses was a servant of God the Father, the God of the Old Testament. Moses did the right thing for his day, but mankind has come a long way since then. Jesus showed mankind that those old ways just don't work any more. Jesus died to cleanse the world of all that sin, violence and intolerance and start over afresh. If you cling to those old ways, Jesus is willing to cleanse you too, but only if you give up those old ways. The western world is finally catching up to what Jesus taught us two thousand years ago. We are more and more accepting of different ideas and life styles. True Muslims agree with this. True Jews agree with this. Believers of all true religions, such as Buddhism and Hinduism, etc. agree with this. Even people who believe in no god at all, agree with Jesus' acceptance of everyone, -everyone who is peace loving.

If someone doesn't agree with western freedoms and values, he is a hater. He is certainly not religious. No true religion teaches intolerance. What Christian thinks otherwise?

So do you believe Jesus or do you believe Moses? I don't mean do you believe Moses was a real man and that he taught some very good things like the ten commandments. I believe that too. In fact, I think monuments to the ten commandments should be allowed. What I mean is -do you believe all of Moses's teachings still apply to our modern world?

Do you really believe that gay people should be stoned to death? That a man can be sold into slavery for his debts for up to seven years or sold forever if he doesn't happen to be a certain privileged race? That a father can sell his daughter to be someone's wife? What about Moses' genocidal wars? That heaven is only for some people? only for the one race of people that descended from the one man, Abraham? That someone suffer for the sin of their great great grandfather? How could anyone believe in such a vicious, vindictive, tribal, archaic, anachronistic God? That's not my Jesus.

If you believe those things, if you can't let Moses go, you have no place in modern western society. In light of the recent threat from terrorism, intolerance on that level might be cause for legal action. We might have to pass new laws. We need to protect true religion. All religions. Intolerance is not religion; and people who hide their intolerance behind the claim that it is a religion should not enjoy protection.

I'm not asking you to denounce Moses or Muhammad. They were good people in their day. They just didn't understand the fullness of the grace of Christ. They didn't live in our modern age. They didn't understand the complexity of modern life. It was Jesus that had that foresight. But will you at least say "Some teachings of Moses, like some of Muhammad's, are inconsistent with modern life, inconsistent with freedom and simply can no longer be allowed."

My answer !

With God's help, I will never deny Moses not even in a single detail, not one dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t."

God of Abraham, Jesus the Christ, please give me the strength to endure to the end, to firmly hold fast to every precept of your servant Moses. Matthew 24:13, Mark 13:13, Luke 21:19 May I quote the words of Jesus from no less than His Sermon on the Mount *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: . . . **one jot or one tittle** shall in no wise pass from the law,. . . Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:"* And may I quote the Apostle Paul from the book of Acts, when he was accused of being a "ringleader" of "sedition." *"But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which **they [the modern world] call heresy**, so worship I the God of my fathers, **believing all things** which are written in the **law and in the prophets:**"*

Actually I will "rejoice" with my heroes, the Apostles, just to have said things or done something which raised people's suspicions to cause them to question me in such a way. *"And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."*

I do not want to be someone whom no one suspects of believing Moses. I hope and pray that I am so fortunate to be tested, tried and refined by God in that way. And when and if I am, I hope and pray for the miracles of protection recorded multiple places in the book of Acts which protected those who stood steadfast, preaching boldly the Word, boldly crying from the housetops the doctrines of Christ without hesitation and without compromise. But if I experience no miracle, I will not change, so help me God.

Daniel 3:16

*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, **we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.** If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.*

All of our lives, we have been careful what subjects we bring up, hoping that some of our beliefs will go unnoticed. Those days are rapidly coming to a close. The time of our trials and testing are coming. Even So Lord, Holy One of Israel, come quickly.

Find my answers to some of these particular questions below.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

1 Peter 3:15

be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

If one can give another a reason to question the false doctrines they have grown up with and then perhaps continue to teach him so that he comes into the full knowledge of the God of Abraham, then that ones face shall shine in the Kingdom like Moses' face shone.

Daniel 12:3

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Matthew 13:43

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Daniel 11:29

the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

"We are all born ignorant, but we must work hard to remain stupid." B. Franklin. Think about things rather than merely believe what you are told. Are elected leaders better than kings? Can the nation prosper if we allow people to worship false gods? Can we teach school children that the earth is flat if the teacher really, sincerely, honestly believes it to be true? Are men and woman really equal in every way?

Malachi 4:4

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

~ My Answers ~

"Visting sins to generations after"

Are you kidding me? You don't think that we could do something that hurts our children or our children's children? How about a financial mistake that robs your children of a college education? How about taking drugs that can effect not only your children genetically, but all of your descendants? Maybe you better read Moses again. He explains the mistakes that effect your children and they probably include things that you never thought of. Moses was smarter than we. Moses was the greatest thinker of whom mankind has ever had the privilege.

"Sell daughter"

In modern times we call that a "dowry." Would you rather have a son-in-law that marries your daughter with the idea that if it doesn't work out, finding another woman is cheap? Or would you rather a son-in-law that paid \$5000 just for the privilege of marrying your daughter? When we enter marriage with the idea that if it doesn't work out, we will just find another, is it any surprise that we treat each other disrespectfully? If a man must pay as much for a woman as his car, he will be far more likely to take care of her. Of which car does one better take care? a rental or the one paid for? And he will be careful to not marry a woman that wasn't raised by her father and mother to be respectful of her husband. So just the practice of paying for a bride causes the husband and the wife to be better people. The old ways are better. Moses was the greatest thinker of whom mankind has ever had the privilege.

"Privileged race"

Everyone knows that some people are good at math and others good at sports. Everyone also knows that skills like that run in the family. Any civilization which ignores the differences between genders and races is doomed to fail. Moses clearly identifies those differences and

explains in detail practices which a civilization can adopt to not just handle these differences morally, but to actually harness those differences to drive advances to civilization. The old ways are better. Moses was the greatest thinker of whom mankind has ever had the privilege.

"Genocidal wars"

Moses' genocidal wars made a huge impact on the world we live in today. Those wars molded the genetic signature of modern people in the western world. The modern world is what it is as a result of those wars. Read archeological studies on the practices of the Canaanites. If you think the world has problems with violence today, what do you think the world would be like if Moses had not obeyed God and left those people to intermarry with all the other people of the world as the Bible says their custom was and spread their genetic traits for violence to the seven billion people that live today? The old ways are better. Moses was the greatest thinker of whom mankind has ever had the privilege.

"Seventh year debt"

Everyone knows that economic cycles recur about every seven years. Each recession causes economic distress and a great deal of pain for struggling families. Moses describes a detailed process for establishing scheduled debt relief. It is from those Laws of God, found in Leviticus and Deuteronomy, that we get bankruptcy protections, statutes of limitation for certain crimes, but we don't follow them all the way. We pick and choose. If we followed them exactly, then every seven years debts should be unwound. Moses describes the controlled manner of unwinding the debt. He writes about the increasing price of debt and the reducing price of commodities. This is a result of investor's awareness of the coming debt forgiveness. New debt becomes harder to enter. The economy is able to accommodate natural economic cycles rather than allow them to become pernicious as we do today. The old ways are better. Moses was the greatest thinker of whom mankind has ever had the privilege.

"Slavery"

Our modern age suffers from two misconceptions about slavery. One, that ancient slavery was brutal and Two, our modern age is less brutal than ancient times. A rich Roman who owned slaves would have been mortified if his slave were found in the field or on the road or ancient Roman street wearing clothes that was less clean or less ornate or less expensive than the clothes worn by any other man's servant. It was a matter of pride. The servants of rich men had better health care than the general population, wore better clothes, had more free time and were paid better. In fact, the ancient definition of slavery as recorded in surviving ancient texts is anyone who paid more than twenty percent in taxes. Let's see. 15-30% federal income tax plus state and local plus sales tax and property tax plus social security tax. So we are slaves two or three times over by ancient standards and we work forty to sixty hours a week, but in our modern defective way of thinking, we believe the ancients had it worse than we. Ancient people lined up and competed for who might serve in a great house. The greatest of houses is that of the Lord God of Israel. I hope that I am a faithful servant of God. His servants get the best of everything. His servants even get servants of their own." Isaiah 61:5 "And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. Isaiah 14:1 "and the strangers shall be joined with them, . . . And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids:" Zechariah 14:14 "and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance."

"Homosexuality"

We all agree that certain genetic predilections are bad and society should seek to ameliorate them. Someone born with a disability is offered help. Someone born without limbs is offered therapy. No one claims that because something is natural that it must be good. There is even a genetic component, inherited predilection, for criminal behavior. Surely no one is arguing that if something is proven to be nature that it then must also be good. So it doesn't really matter if someone is born that way or if it is a matter of choice. All behaviors must meet certain societal standards. or be legally censured. Sex is one of the most powerful influence-rs of civilization. Certain sex acts must be illegal, even if that sex act doesn't seem to effect others. What do you think about a father having sex with his consenting 18 year old daughter? Do you think that is OK? Why not? Whom does it hurt? The daughter? What if she doesn't think it is hurting her? Do you force her to stop anyway because society knows better? Of course we do. So it is with homosexuality. It doesn't matter that the party harmed might only be the participants. Study the civilizing and de-civilizing influences of monogamy, polygyny, polyandry and incest for a better understanding of which sex acts are harmful. Moses actually writes about twenty pages of instruction on this very subject found in Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Moses deals with the subject very carefully and the old ways are better. Moses was the greatest thinker of whom mankind has ever had the privilege.

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