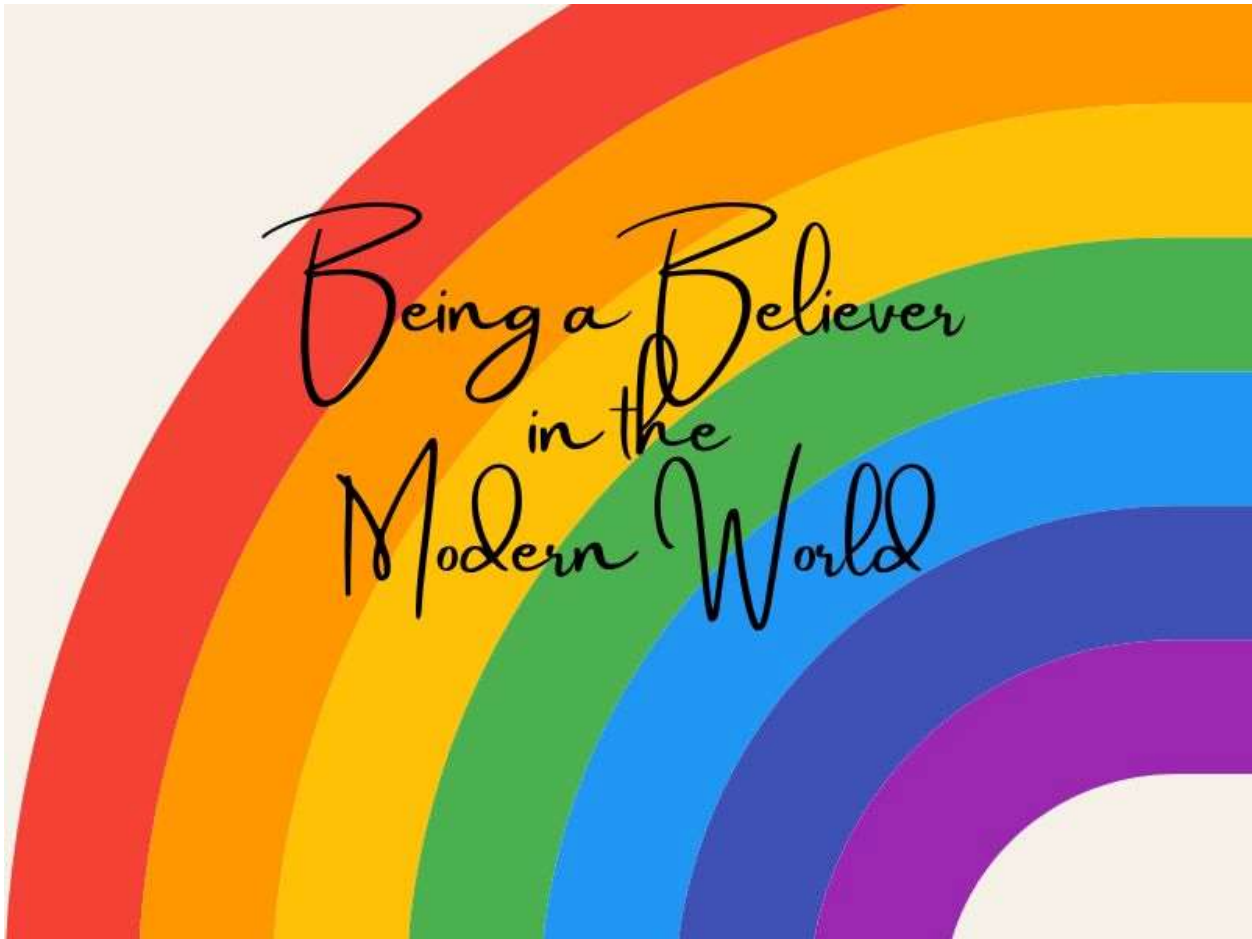


Being a believer in the modern world

Part 5



Black Lives Matter and the question of racism

In South Africa where I'm from, one of the biggest issues that has plagued our country for decades now is racism. There is the issue of Apartheid, the segregation of black and coloured people. The country seemed to have broken free from the stronghold of racism once apartheid was abolished but not so. We entered into the era of Affirmative Action and Black Economic Empowerment. The young black people of my generation and younger, who have never experienced the segregation and hardships of Apartheid blame white people for their own "oppression", causing whites to lose jobs and other opportunities – this has been happening since the early 2000s!

I see that this pattern is happening now in the US as well as in other countries in the world – the white people being under attack from "reverse racism", in other words white people being made out to be the evil enemy who have always and are still oppressing people of colour.

Let's have a look at how this is playing out now:

“Black Lives Matter (BLM) is a decentralized political and social movement that seeks to highlight racism, discrimination, and racial inequality experienced by black people, and promote anti-racism. Its primary concerns are incidents of police brutality and racially motivated violence against black people. It started following the killings of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and Rekia Boyd, among others. The movement and its related organizations typically advocate for various policy changes considered to be related to black liberation. While there are specific organizations that label themselves simply as "Black Lives Matter," such as the Black Lives Matter Global Network, the overall movement is a decentralized network of people and organizations with no formal hierarchy. The slogan "Black Lives Matter" itself remains untrademarked by any group. Despite being characterized by some as a violent movement, the overwhelming majority of its public demonstrations have been peaceful.

The movement began in July 2013, with the use of the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter on social media after the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin 17 months earlier in February 2012. It became nationally recognized for street demonstrations following the 2014 deaths of two more African Americans, Michael Brown—resulting in protests and unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, a city near St. Louis—and Eric Garner in New York City. Since the Ferguson protests, participants in the movement have demonstrated against the deaths of numerous other African Americans by police actions or while in police custody. In the summer of 2015, Black Lives Matter activists became involved in the 2016 United States presidential election. The originators of the hashtag and call to action, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi, expanded their project into a national network of over 30 local chapters between 2014 and 2016.

The movement returned to national headlines and gained further international attention during the global George Floyd protests in 2020 following his murder by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. An estimated 15 million to 26 million people participated in the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests in the United States, making it one of the largest movements in the country's history. It comprised many views and a broad array of demands but they centered on criminal justice reform.”

-The Wikipedia

As far as I have seen with regards to BLM, it is indeed a violent movement, contrary to the above indoctrination piece. The riots, demonstrations and forced “cancellations” harmed many people and organizations whether physically or financially.

BLM used the snow-balling success of their movement to get rich quick and then pretty much disappear with the money.

“Critical race theory (CRT) is an interdisciplinary academic field devoted to analyzing how laws, social and political movements, and media shape, and are shaped by, social conceptions of race and ethnicity. CRT also considers racism to be systemic in various laws and rules, and not only based on individuals' prejudices. The word critical in the name is an academic reference to critical thinking, critical theory, and scholarly criticism, rather than criticizing or blaming individuals.

CRT is also used in sociology to explain social, political, and legal structures and power distribution as through a "lens" focusing on the concept of race, and experiences of racism. For example, the CRT conceptual framework examines racial bias in laws and legal institutions, such as highly disparate rates of incarceration among racial groups in the United States. A key CRT concept is intersectionality—the way in which different forms of inequality and identity are affected by interconnections of race, class, gender, and disability. Scholars of CRT view race as a social construct with no biological basis. One tenet of CRT is that racism and disparate racial outcomes are the result of complex, changing, and often subtle social and institutional dynamics, rather than explicit and intentional prejudices of individuals. CRT scholars argue that the social and legal construction of race advances the interests of white people at the expense of people of color, and that the liberal notion of U.S. law as "neutral" plays a significant role in maintaining a racially unjust social order, where formally color-blind laws continue to have racially discriminatory outcomes.”

-The Wikipedia

Critical race theory is being taught in many schools and colleges across the US. From what I have read, it basically teaches that white people are intrinsically racist by nature, and people of colour, especially black people, are intrinsically oppressed. White people have, according to CRT, a privilege that comes with the very colour of their skin, while black people are oppressed from birth.

This theory is, in fact, racist! It is racist towards white people – whites do not own slaves, are not oppressing black people in our modern times, and were actually slaves and oppressed themselves in many instances in history! CRT is also racist to black people – the claim that black people are intrinsically oppressed is ridiculous, many black people all over have made great lives for themselves and their children, they have as much opportunities to succeed as anyone else.

There are successful people of all races, and there are people of all races that are poor and struggle to make do. It has nothing to do with skin colour!

Racism: “A belief that race is a fundamental determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.”

-Merriam-Webster

Racism does occur everywhere! But it goes in all directions, towards all races from all races. But racism is definitely not a Biblical concept! It's time to turn away from what the world says about race and take a look at Scripture to see what YAHUAH says about this:

“For YAHUAH your Elohim is Elohim of mighty ones and Master of masters, the great Ĕl, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He executes right-ruling for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and a garment. And you shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim.” Deuteronomy 10:17-35

The Most High “shows no partiality”, He does not prefer one over another, and everyone is human and His child in His eyes. We are to look after our brothers and sisters in faith as well as the strangers, or sojourners, among us. We are to “love our neighbour” which means we should also not show partiality – we should love all those around us, not thinking of skin colour, race or social and financial standing.

Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment. John 7:24

The apostle John tells us that we cannot judge people by their appearance, and this includes skin colour.

And opening his mouth, Kēpha said, “Truly I see that Elohim shows no partiality, but in every nation, he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” Acts 10:34-35

Peter tells us, once again, that we as children of YAHUAH we should not show any partiality. The Father accepts everyone who keeps his commands and follows Yahusha!

There is not Yehudī nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah Yahusha. Galatians 3:28

Under our Messiah, we are all one. Gender, social standing, culture and race no longer matter.

As we can see, there is no place for racism under YAHUAH. Racism goes against the teachings of Scripture. Therefore straight-forward racism, against any race from any race, is unacceptable; as well as the ideologies of things like Black Lives Matter, Affirmative Action and Critical Race Theory, which are intrinsically racist!

“Phobias”

Phobia: “An exaggerated usually inexplicable and illogical fear of a particular object, class of objects, or situation.”

-Merriam-Webster

Fears, phobias and anxiety abounds in our modern age! The mainstream media actively promotes all of these! From certain viruses that were largely promoted by MSM propaganda, to climate change, asteroids hurtling in earth’s general direction every second week, and much more, we are fed a non-stop diet of fear-porn.

We are also told that those of us who disagree with the narrative of LGBTetc, the “religion of peace” Islam, and the fact that you can be healthy at every size (fat acceptance), we are “phobic” or fearful of these people and we need to be re-educated. I can hardly roll my eyes hard enough!

With all of the anxiety-inducing narratives all around us, we need to take our eyes away from MSM and even social media, anything that distracts us or causes fear in us, and turn our eyes to the Word that tells us over and over not to fear! Here are a few of the many scriptures that help me to keep anxiety at bay.

And it is YAHUAH who is going before you, He Himself is with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear nor be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, nor be discouraged, for YAHUAH your Elohim is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not look around, for I am your Elohim. I shall fortify you, I shall also help you, I shall also uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.” Isaiah 41:10

When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

YAHUAH is my light and my deliverance; Whom should I fear? YAHUAH is the refuge of my life; Whom should I dread? Psalm 27:1

I sought YAHUAH, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

In the day I am afraid, I trust in You. Psalm 56:3

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, Who abides under the shadow of the Almighty, He is saying of YAHUAH, "My refuge and my stronghold, My Elohim, in whom I trust!" For He delivers you from the snare of a trapper, from the destructive pestilence. He covers you with His feathers, and under His wings you take refuge; His truth is a shield and armour. You are not afraid of the dread by night, of the arrow that flies by day, of the pestilence that walks in darkness, of destruction that ravages at midday. A thousand fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it does not come near you. Only with your eyes you look on, and see the reward of the wrong ones. Because you have made YAHUAH – My refuge, the Most High – your dwelling place, No evil befalls you, and a plague does not come near your tent; For He commands His messengers concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You tread upon lion and cobra, Young lion and serpent you trample under foot. "Because he cleaves to Me in love, Therefore I deliver him; I set him on high, Because he has known My Name. When he calls on Me, I answer him; I am with him in distress; I deliver him and esteem him." With long life I satisfy him, and show him My deliverance. Psalm 91

I included this entire chapter because it is my absolute favourite to read and meditate on if I am feeling anxious and fearful! The Most High is faithful to protect and uphold those who believe in Him.

I called on Yah in distress; Yah answered me in a broad place. Psalm 118:6

The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in YAHUAH is set on high. Proverbs 29:25

Do not worry at all, but in every matter, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to Elohim. And the peace of Elohim, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Messiah Yahusha. Philippians 4:6-7

For Elohim has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

Let your way of life be without the love of silver, and be satisfied with what you have. For He Himself has said, "I shall never leave you nor forsake you," so that we boldly say, "YAHUAH is my helper, I shall not fear what man shall do to me." Hebrews 13:5-6

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear holds punishment, and he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18

But even if you suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not fear their threats, neither be troubled." 1 Peter 3:14

Humble yourselves, then, under the mighty hand of Elohim, so that He exalts you in due time, casting all your worry upon Him, for He is concerned about you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

The Word tells us ever so many times that we are not to be afraid of others or events, that YAHUAH is our provider and our protector, that whatever happens we belong to Him. He tells us so many times, that we should fear Him alone, that He is above that which is of the world!

And coming back to the subject of the homophobia, transphobia, fatphobia, Islamophobia, etc, it is ridiculous to think that people who disagree with these beliefs and lifestyles are afraid of them! The fact that we believe these to be sinful and wrong does not make us afraid, and we should not be led to believe otherwise.

Public School, College and University

I decided about 18 years ago that I would want to homeschool! That was 10 years before I even had my first child. I was still in highschool and already disillusioned by the structure and system of school. It was before I came to the knowledge that very much of what we are taught in school isn't even true. Long before I learned that the food pyramid we were taught is false and dangerous; before learning that the earth is not some giant ball flying through a vacuum; before coming to the realization that much of history has been arranged, changed and fabricated too. Even physics isn't what they taught!

These days we have gone beyond even all of this! We have disgusting "sexual education" propaganda filtering into schools, as well as the racist Critical Race Theory mentioned above, and godless, unrighteous teachers (not all teachers mind you – there are many good teachers out there still) teaching our children to hate all that is good and pure and to love all that which is base, fleshy and sinful.

We are sending our children to Rome for hours, on a daily basis, for years and years, we can hardly expect them to not turn out Roman.

What I mean by that is that, in sending our children to school, we are putting them in the care of complete strangers who often have vastly different views than ourselves. They are with these strangers often for more time than they are with us. This is extremely dangerous for their spiritual, mental and physical well-being, especially in this day and age.

From preschool and kindergarten, to the ridiculously expensive colleges and universities that will put our young ones into debt for decades, their souls are constantly in danger from those who would teach them the ways of the world and lead them away from the Most High.

“And these Words which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

The Torah, and the rest of Scripture, should be the most important tool we use in teaching our children and bringing them up! It is commanded here in Deuteronomy that we should *impress them upon our children*, they are that important. Academics and even life skills should come after this most essential learning tool – the eternal souls of our children are more important than anything else!

My son, do not forget my Torah, And let your heart watch over my commands; for length of days and long life And peace they add to you. Proverbs 3:1-2

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he turns not away from it. Proverbs 22:6

Proverbs make it clear, Scripture should be our first tool in instructing our children.

Thus said YAHUAH, your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Yisra’el, “I am YAHUAH your Elohim, teaching you what is best, leading you by the way you should go.” Isaiah 48:17

YAHUAH’s instructions in Scripture is our base of knowledge, and His Ruach gives us the wisdom we need in life. The Most High will lead us through life if only we learn and follow His ways.

And Yahusha came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit, teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Amēn. Matthew 28:18-20

We are to learn, and to teach, the commands and instructions of YAHUAH and His Son!

All Scripture is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Word of the Father is there for us to learn from. There is advice and wisdom in Scripture for every area of life, we need only to rely on the Ruach to guide us in our learning.

This is a far cry from what is taught in worldly schools, schools that have banned the Father from their halls and classrooms for many years now. Schools that will raise high their “pride” flags rather than a country’s own flag or the prayers of young children.

Do we want others to teach our children the ways of the world, for the sake of convenience, socialization or any other reason we can come up with, or do we want to do the will of the Most High in the lives of our children?

Modern church - “Nice” is the 11th commandment

When we speak up, in any group or on any platform, against all of the deceptions in this section as well as in other areas such as biblical cosmology, the truth about His-story, femininity and masculinity and any other topic that involves YAHUAH’s truth and the lies of the world, we are often told we are being hateful and ridiculous. We are told we need to show more love, that speaking on these topics is rude, unnecessary, and even sinful!

We need to be more loving and “nice” apparently.

This is the 11th commandment of the modern church. But is being nice biblical?

Well, surprise-surprise, when I searched “Bible verses about being nice” on my browser I got no results! But I did get some verses on being kind. Let’s explore some of those:

And be kind towards one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as Elohim also forgave you in Messiah. Ephesians 4:32

Love is patient, is kind, love does not envy, love does not boast, is not puffed up, 1 Corinthians 13:4

Rather, love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting none in return. And your reward shall be great, and you shall be sons of the Most High. Because He is kind to the thankless and wicked ones. Luke 6:35

Therefore, as chosen ones of Elohim, set-apart and beloved, put on compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other if anyone has a complaint against another, indeed, as Messiah forgave you so also should you. Colossians 3:12-13

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no Torah.
Galatians 5:22-23

- What is kindness?

“kindness

noun

1: the quality or state of being kind

treating people with kindness and respect

2: a kind deed : FAVOR

They did me a great kindness.

3 archaic : AFFECTION

Synonyms

Benevolence, boon, courtesy, favor, grace, indulgence, mercy, service, turn”

-Merriam-Webster

- And what is nice?

“nice

adverb

informal: in a nice or pleasing way

They plan to fix up the place real nice.

He still had his bald spots, but the fur that he did have cleaned up nice.

—Kate DiCamillo

In fact, the action is part of what made the findings redundant. The action mattered because it has, for the past two years, forced Microsoft to play nice. [=to behave nicely; to be cooperative and unaggressive in dealing with others]

—Gary Rivlin

Bipartisanship may also be elusive if it means a hostile GOP majority has to play nice with a President it has tried to kick out of office.

—Amy Borrus et al.

Synonyms:

Befitting, correct, de rigueur, decent, decorous, genteel, polite, proper, respectable, seemly”

Being nice, i.e. polite, decent, courteous and cooperative, is not a biblical principle, whilst kindness assuredly is!

The question of speaking the Truth

To further answer the question of speaking the Truth to others in love and kindness, why should we even do so when the modern church sees fit to accept all sorts of sinful lifestyles all in the guise of being “loving”, even actively promoting these lifestyles and ideas?

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Yisra’el. And you shall hear a word from My mouth, and shall warn them from Me. When I say to the wrong, ‘You shall certainly die,’ and you have not warned him, nor spoken to warn the wrong from his wrong way, to save his life, that same wrong man shall die in his crookedness, and his blood I require at your hand. But if you have warned the wrong and he does not turn from his wrong, nor from his wrong way, he shall die in his crookedness, and you have delivered your being. And when a righteous one turns from his righteousness and shall do unrighteousness, when I have put a stumbling-block before him, he shall die. Because you did not warn him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done is not remembered, and his blood I require at your hand. But if you have warned the righteous one that the righteous should not sin, and he did not sin, he shall certainly live because he has been warned, and you have delivered your being.”
Ezekiel 3:17-21

The warning given to Ezekiel is dire! If we see another sinning, whether a stranger or a brother or sister faltering, we have to speak up otherwise their sin, their blood, is on our hands! Can I add 10 more explanation marks? Make the text bold? Highlight it in red and capitalize?

As Natarines, or Watchers, of Yashar’el, we need to do this to keep our own hands clean and to follow this command of the Most High!

“But, maintaining the truth in love, we grow up in all respects into Him who is the head, Messiah,” Ephesians 4:15

‘Do not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the children of your people. And you shall love your neighbour as yourself. I am YAHUAH.’ Leviticus 19:18

And the second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Matthew 22:39

Clearly we need to always speak the truth in love, pointing out sin as we see it, in order to love others as the Torah and Messiah command!

We need to stand strong, learning the Word ourselves and teaching it to our children, relying on the Ruach for all wisdom. We should immerse ourselves and our precious children in YAHUAH's truth to protect ourselves from fear and the doctrines of devils in our modern world; and always speak the Truth in love and kindness, letting no sin pass in silence and complacency. This is surely our Father's will for us today, as ever.