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Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity??, on: 2006/12/1 8:42

The Mormon Church in Australia presented Catholic Cardinal Edward Cassidy with an award for his devotion to "ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue" ("Interfaith Honour for Cardinal Cassidy," Catholic Weekly, Oct. 1, 2006).

The Mormons are gradually working their way into the mainstream of the ecumenical movement. In November 2004 some evangelicals, (including **Ravi Zacharias**, CCM musician **Michael Card**, **Richard Mouw** of Fuller Seminary, and **Craig Hazen** of Biola University) joined hands with Mormons in Salt Lake City for an "Evening of Friendship." The event was co-sponsored by Standing Together Ministries, which was formed in 2001 by "evangelical" preacher **Greg Johnson** to "build greater dialogue between evangelical Christians and Latter-day Saints."

In the Deseret Morning News, **Michael Card** is quoted as saying that he "doesn't see Mormonism and evangelical Christianity as opposed to each other; they are more like the two ends of a long thread--part of the same thing." He also said, "The older I get, I guess the more I want to integrate everything. *I think it's more important to be faithful than right*" (Nov. 16, 2004).

I'm sure this "Evening of Friendship" only frustrated the efforts of Christian ministries in Utah that work hard to win Mormons for Christ. I wonder how they felt watching these supposed "Christian" leaders join hands with Mormons and give implied approval of their false gospel.

I am not surprised at this move toward the acceptance of Mormons by some evangelicals. If John Paul II and Mother Teresa, with their false gospel, can be accepted as fellow believers, why not Mormons? Why not JW's?

2Co 6:14 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

Krispy

Re: Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity??, on: 2006/12/1 9:00

Hi Krispy,

Are you saying that public moves towards formal dialogue with other faiths, implies the inner life of the believer is compromised?

I would say it is not (compromised), but, I agree that there is no continuum between Christianity and Mormonism (for instance).

But then, there is no continuum between biblical faith and a great deal of what goes on in today's churches.

This is not a reason NOT to be upset by any misrepresentation of Christ to the world, but in the end, each individual soul answers for him and herself directly to God - not to the world, or to us. As such, you, and I, are free to continue evangelizing to a biblical faith, those who are 'of the world', regardless of what they call themselves.

Re: Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity?? - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2006/12/1 9:28

So....Could these evangelicals be compromising the true Gospel message...water it down abit...to maybe gain some new friends? YIKES...if this is true!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Followers of Jesus must be faithful to Him alone unto the end!!!!!!!!!!!!!!...Oh, spiritual adultery with false doctrine...doctrines of demons!!!!

I mean sure...it's great to have new friends...but if speaking "Christ alone saves" offends them...well, too bad. I'd rather go alone speaking the truth in Love, than giving the devil a foothold and betraying Christ! Who wants to make friends with people you can't be honest with anyway?...well, people-pleasers I guess.

God help us not to be cowards,
richie

Re: Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity??, on: 2006/12/1 9:50

During the "Evening of Friendship" Ravi Zacharias, Michael Card, Richard Mouw and Craig Hazen said absolutely nothing about Biblical salvation to these Mormons. Instead, they joined hands and made claims that they have a common faith. This was **NOT** evangelism. Not by a long shot.

Dorcas, did you conveniently miss the quote from Michael Card that was in my post? He said he **“doesn't see Mormonism and evangelical Christianity as opposed to each other; they are more like the two ends of a long thread--part of the same thing.”**

Card is either showing his complete ignorance of Mormon doctrine, or he is showing that he doesn't care. I think it's both. .. he is ignorant, and he doesn't care... which is confirmed by his next statement when he says *"I think it's more important to be faithful than right."* Adolf Hitler was faithful to his beliefs. (Mormons will tell you that Hitler was saved and is in a lower level heaven)

Biblical Christianity and Mormonism are polar opposites. They are **not** "two ends of a long thread". They certainly are **not** "part of the same thing".

Based on Card's statement alone it should be obvious that evangelism was not the motive here. If it was, it was perhaps the biggest blunder in the history of evangelism.

Card said the older he gets the more he wants to integrate everything. I think the older he gets the looser his grip on reality has become. He needs to get back to the Bible.

Scripture is pretty black and white about most things, evangelism included. Dorcas, you want to make everything fuzzy and soft. Sorry... these "evangelicals" were wrong, and they have perhaps contributed to many souls staying in Mormonism, with the ultimate result being hell.

Krispy

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2006/12/1 10:09

Krispy,

I'm in total agreement with you. The problem is that today we are sacrificing truth in order to make/keep friends. Jesus clearly said He did not come to bring peace, but a sword.....though the sword He spoke of is wielded to bring life, not death, the "cutting" is painful to the flesh.

More and more I am seeing the "big" names in Christianity lose their zeal for truth and true conversions to Christ just so that they may instead appear to have a form of "unity".....which truly is not unity if they don't believe the same things about Jesus.....

Re: - posted by adamdawkins, on: 2006/12/1 10:35

Yet again Krispy I'm in total agreement.

Three Threads out of three so far :P

I recently had a friend who was 'slated' for telling someone quite close to him that 'perhaps they weren't saved' - the most gentle ways of telling them to check themselves out before God.

This person then went to a pastor of a Pentecostal church and was told "well, the thing with (my friend) is... he's a fundamentalist..."

since when did warning people out of love of their need to repent, or being 'fundamentalist' become a negative term in the

e evangelical Church?

sigh Lord have mercy.

Re:, on: 2006/12/1 10:48

Adam... it's called "religious political correctness". We're too afraid we might offend someone.

I think I'd rather offend someone if it means that the offense might eventually lead them to the Lord. The cross is an offense.

Krispy

Re: - posted by adamdawkins, on: 2006/12/1 11:27

Yes - there was a guy at work I was very privileged to talk to because he was a 'strong' atheist that had only ever met liberal Christians. The most loving thing I could ever reply to him (and did) was that if he did turn to Jesus Christ or "change his views" as he described it then, yes, he would be eternally lost in Hell.

Oh that we would fear God rather than man!

Re: Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity?? - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/1 12:27

Ravi Zacharias is well known for arguing for Christ among other religions, but he is not above joining hands with atheists, muslims, hindus, buddhists, catholics and even mormons with the purpose of bringing the truth to them. I cannot however defend the comments by Mr. Card that Mormonism is in any way 'along the same line' as Christianity - it is a cult and it is against Jesus.

But what confuses most christians is the fact that if you goto google and type in 'free bibles' the only people who are willing to send you a free bible are the moromons and heretical christian denominations. <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=free+bible>

Re: Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity??, on: 2006/12/1 12:30

Kripsy asked

Quote:

-----Dorcas, did you conveniently miss the quote from Michael Card that was in my post?

No, but I used the word 'continuum', instead of 'long thread'.

Did you read my post just a little too quickly? I agree with you don't I?

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/1 12:40

Ravi Zacharias - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pLMPT&vdetail&id253>) The Uniqueness of Christ in World Religions (part 1 of 2)

(<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pLMPT&vdetail&id252>) The Uniqueness of Christ in World Religions (part 2 of 2)

He quite frankly says that Joseph Smith's teachings cannot coexist with the claims of Jesus in the bible.

Re:, on: 2006/12/1 13:14

Quote:

-----But what confuses most christians is the fact that if you goto google and type in 'free bibles' the only people who are willing to send you a free bible are the moromons and heretical christian denominations.

Ian... this is not entirely true. There are good fundamental Bible-believing churches that send out thousands of free Bibles every month. Here domestically and abroad. They are KJV.

Here's why they can afford to print the KJV and send it out free, and others cant afford to give away modern versions free: copyrights and royalties.

There is no copyright to the KJV. You can quote from it, print it, publish it absolutely free.

Not so with modern versions. Take, for instance, the NIV. If you print an NIV version of the Bible you have to get permission from the owner of the copyright, which is Zondervan. They wont let you print it for free, they're going to charge you... a lot. Then, should you sell them... even to recover your printing costs, you will pay royalties to Zondervan. Because Zondervan is owned by a **secular & godless** corporation otherwise known as FOX, Fox gets a piece of the action. FOX is owned by Rupert Murdoch. The money that FOX makes from the publishing companies it owns goes back into it's capital interests which is primarily trash on TV. Yea, most believers love FOXNews... but look at the absolute trash going out over the airwaves on their networks. Pro-gay, anti-God, high school dramas where everyone is having sex, etc etc. That hot-airbag Bill O'Reilly decries television for the trash it's feeding to the kids of America... while collecting a fat paycheck from one of the biggest offenders. It's a joke!

That's why it's difficult for a ministry to give away Bibles, other than the KJV. Simply buying bulk NIVs to give away is still putting money in the hands of a corporation that will turn around and use it to saturate our society with more immoral filth.

That's just the NIV...

And most folks on this website who quote extensively from the NIV in their forum posts are in violation of copyright laws. Bet y'all didn't know that, did you?

The Mormon church holds it's own copyrights. They have more common sense than the **real** church of Jesus Christ. How pathetic is that?

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/12/1 13:17

Quote:

-----He quite frankly says that Joseph Smith's teachings cannot coexist with the claims of Jesus in the bible.

Well, then Ravi is a hypocrite. How can he claim that, yet coexist with Mormons in ecumenical communion?

My neighbors are Mormons. I'll go help them remodel a room in their house... but we sure won't be joining hands and praying together until the Word of God I am constantly trying to preach to them sinks in and they become born again. Until that time... we can not coexist in spiritual unity.

It's a dark lie to say that we can.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/12/1 13:30

Quote:

-----but he is not above joining hands with athiests, muslims, hindus, buddhists, catholics and even mormons with the purpose of bringing the truth to them.

Where do we ever see Jesus or any of the Apostles doing this? We don't. What we do see is Paul saying:

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark** them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which

*ye have learned; and **avoid** them.*

We can witness to them... but we are also to mark them and avoid them. Holding an "Evening of Friendship" with the enemies of Christ is **not** avoiding them. And it's certainly not marking them. It's actually putting a blanket of approval on the m.

It's flat out disobedience to the Word of God.

Krispy

Re: - posted by searchin, on: 2006/12/1 13:41

can it be overstated ...they preach another Gospel then what we have recieved from Jesus Christ.

as a young christian i was visited by two mormons.

they were about the same age as i was at the time. early twenties. i was curious and the first thing i asked is what bible do you read. they said the king james bible. but i noticed they did not have one with them instead they had, of course, the book of mormon. they use (unkowingly to most of them perhaps) decietful tactics to make there relegion acceptable to most people. if you ask them simple questions about what they believe they seem to give very general answers which seem to make them compatible with christianity. but that aint so..as you have pointed out!

i actually visited these two guys (elders) as they are called. and i invited them to church with me. they, to my suprise, agreed to go.

it was friday night we were having revival in the small counrty pentecostal church i went to and we showed up a little after the service started and the church was full and me and my three new friends had to sit in the front row. the pastor got up and recognized some of the different churches represented there and then lastly he said , "and brother roy has some visitors and it looks like there from ...well tell us where your from." and they said, "the church of jesus christ of latter day saints."

then as we sat there one of them asked me if i thought the service would last much more than an hour. because they had another appointment then.

unfortunantly an hour would only get us thru the song service so they did not get to hear the preaching of the word.

that was the last time i saw them. i saw one of them, however, at a local store and he said the other two were relocated to another city.

:-)

Re: - posted by searchin, on: 2006/12/1 14:02

that sounds close to the first time i met my father in law.

we visited for a while when he looked at my wife (her parents had divorced when she was young so she was not raised by him) he told her that he was proud of her and happy to see her in church and living a good life.

well, because he cussed, drank, and lived with a woman he was not married to i assumed he knew he was not a christian. so gently and appropriately i said to him, "you know the same Jesus that saved your daughter loves you and can save you too."

that's when his attitude took a turn for the worse and he said, "now wait a minute i'm a christian and have been for years!" i then told him (with scripture/and love) that his lifestyle didn't back up his profession. you can't live in sin and be a christian. anyway his response to our conversation was, "how dare you come into my house and tell me and my girlfriend that were living in sin..." that phrase in itself left me speechless. i really didn't know what to say. i don't think i've ever before encountered someone so worldly and obviously clueless to the truth- but really didn't know that they were lost. but i did not get the chance to discuss it any further as he kicked us out of his house and did not want anything to do with us again.

it really blew my mind though that he really thought he was saved.

Lord, help share the truth with them before it is too late!

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/1 14:07

Well I do not know the motivations of Ravi Zacharias being there, but I know from his preaching and his previous work in the Christian community that he would not attend anything like that without the motivation to share the true gospel with those in attendance.

The article is deceptive in that it only quotes one evangelical (who is obviously in error on his understanding of mormanism) and then the article insinuates that the other leaders that attended had such beliefs and motives for being there.

The fact that I am trying to point out is that Ravi and Brother Andrew and others may look heretical for approaching other religions with an open hand -but that doesn't mean that their other hand isn't holding a gospel tract.

Re:, on: 2006/12/1 14:32

Quote:

-----Well I do not know the motivations of Ravi Zacharias being there

I'm not judging Ravi's heart. I am open to the idea that his intent was to be a witness. That being said, if that was his motivation... fine... but his actions were wrong. This was clearly an ecumenical service. The Mormons saw it as finding common ground, Michael Card saw it as finding common ground... and apparently any message of salvation that Ravi had to give was clearly lost on the others.

At best it was a blunder.

I've witnessed to Mormons. You don't evangelize them by joining hands with them. They think they have won you over. They want to evangelize you even more than you do them! You evangelize Mormons by **shattering** their beliefs. You have to be tough and stern with these people. You have to confront them about what they believe. Warm mushy fuzzies and flowers will not win a Mormon.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Kolombian (), on: 2006/12/1 15:22

Hey Krispy, you know there's an excellent book that may help you to know more about this not new Ecumenical Charismatic Movement...it is sad how it has grown since its conception in 1956 (if I'm not wrong) when it all began. Well a few months ago maybe, I posted here a thread recommending Clayton Sonmore's series called "Show the House to the House" Beginning with: "Beyond the Pentecost", "Masters of Deception", and "None dares to call it deception". This man of God relates every aspect of this big movement, how it began, their mistakes...well everything. And this movement has accepted even the Mormons now? Well as you say we must be tough and stern with this people, but also we must pray a lot for the eyes of the people of God that is participating blindly in this can be opened now in this time of huge deception where ecumenism is taking place quickly inside the people of God.

Pray, pray pray for the veil can be removed from the eyes of these men. But a true UNITY IN THE SPIRIT is going to take place inside the true people of God, inside of that faithful remnant that is claiming day and night for the glory of God can be restored in His Church. And it definitely will not be as this "spiritual unity" that ecumenism pretends to be, uniting all denominations and doctrines in the name of "acceptance" and "tolerance" and "peace".... it will not be something huge or big or palpable, none will say: "there it is or here it is"...for it is happening inside the hearts of those who are seeking God in Spirit and Truth and had surrendered all before Him, they know who they are, who we are, we are waiting for that glorious day of true unity as One Body in Christ, the manifestation of the sons of God. Amen!

God bless
Karen

Re:, on: 2006/12/1 15:40

Karen... thank you for the recommendations. I'll check 'em out.

I know plenty about it because I used to be part of it. "Judge not" and "Touch not the Lord's anointed" was crammed down my throat during that period of time. It's their manipulative way of stopping people from questioning what was going on. Forgetting that Paul exhorted us as common believers to be Bereans... don't just accept everything you're told.

Krispy

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/1 16:50

Krispy, I don't know what kind of fruit the Lord is reaping in your life, but I was really taken aback by your comment about 'shattering' their beliefs -frankly I feel that this can do more to harm and convince them of their superiority than help them to understand Jesus.

Jesus said that he didn't come to condemn, but that we condemn ourselves with disbelief -Mormans are often Pharisees , and will see that your actions of 'shattering' are contrary to the Word and Spirit of Jesus. Frankly many Mormons are more courteous and genuinely friendly than the average Christian -and they'll go back to their own fellowship and tell about the Christian they met who tried to 'shatter' their beliefs and come away like a Pharisee feeling that they, because of their faith are superior to such a horribly mislead person.

Don't give them the ammunition.

I have spent the day listening to Ravi in some hope to understand why he might attend such an event, and I believe that I have found it - You should listen to Ravi as he shares about how to evangelize those who are members of the New Age community. At the end of the lecture he shares about an event which he hosted at a neutral site, not in a church, where he invited many skeptics to hear the gospel -he said that many people in the new age are turned away from Christians because of their harsh rhetoric and their perception of the church. Just like Paul's preaching in the Lecture halls in Athens, Ravi went to where the skeptics were already... and I feel that he probably saw this event as a similar opportunity.

Here is a link to the audio file I am referencing: <http://rzm.org/radio/archives.php?p=LMPT&v=detail&id=246>

Re: - posted by lovegrace, on: 2006/12/1 16:58

I just read the original post. Oh, let's pray brothers and sister that God opens their eyes to see their sin on this false unity.

Re: Mormons, Catholics and Evangelicals... Unity?? - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/1 17:12

In reply to the original post, the night was innocently called and 'Evening of Friendship,' now I may go against very popular lines in the forum by saying this, but the Jesus I know **IS** a friend of sinners. He sat down and ate with pharisees , prostitutes, tax collectors and dirty fishermen who were too busy comparing themselves to each other to recognize just whom they were eating with.

Would I attend this meeting? If the Lord so lead me, I don't see why not -unless my concern was for my reputation among radical right wingers whose understanding of the ministry of Jesus is limited to verses that emphasize damnation and condemnation. Grace be with you all.

Re: - posted by adamdawkins, on: 2006/12/1 20:13

Ian,

Yes, this is true, but, in befriending sinners Jesus also used the opportunity to encourage (even warn) sinners to repent, and He always showed them the way to salvation. Even the woman that was 'caught in the act of adultery', after rescuing her from death at the hands of Pharisees He told her to "go and sin no more". I too would attend such a meeting if I felt it was right to do so, but I would use the opportunity to spread the 'right wing' Gospel (including, if necessary - damnation) and not do what the report says the people involved did.

Hiding our lights for the sake of more comfortable friendship should not be an option - not that you said it was, just felt it should be highlighted,

God bless,

Adam.

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/2 4:49

Adam,

Thanks for the reply, I know I can come off as brisk -and I apologize if I may have offended you or others with my comments.

I don't want to separate left or right, liberal or conservative. I voted red and attend a church where women dress modestly, humility is a prime virtue and the bible is taught in its entirety -in Seattle, which has got to be pretty close to the modern day equivalent of Gamorah.

I also enjoy a good Jonathan Edwards sermon -so I'm not against fire and brimstone. I also don't believe in friendship for

friendship's sake with an unbeliever, if there is not a planting of the Gospel then there is no reason to continue it. My simple argument is that Jesus always entered into a relationship with love and kindness, and then when he saw sin he pointed it out, but never in a fashion of condemnation (with the exception of the Pharisees -he's pretty harsh when it comes to hypocrisy)

I don't think that many Christians understand that they can't go in with gun's blazing and expect to reap eternal lives -they'll end up with a lot of bullet ridden and possibly hostile enemies. Jesus never operated in the Gospel in that fashion, with the exception of the money changers -but the last time I turned on the TV and saw a televangelist begging for money, I didn't see anyone rush the stage and start turning over tables and chairs.

I asked Krispy what fruit he had -this was not an attack on him and his walk with Christ, but more to the point his record with bringing mormons to Christ by 'shattering their beliefs.'

If he has a successful ministry of bringing mormons to Christ this way then I have no right to say the things I'm saying -however in my experience, the Mormons I know who have converted to true Christianity have been brought in with gentleness and a loving hand. Face it, they live in a religion which is a burden -there is no one who can keep up that facade of happiness and still feel genuine inside, unless he's filled with the Holy Spirit -but then it's not a facade. They have to draw on an internal wellspring of water for all their outward good and family values -but it's got to run dry without the living water of Jesus.

There are people in the Mormon religion who know they are living a lie but don't know there is an alternative -they believe their own rhetoric that Mormons are nicer, do more charity, care more about others... and outwardly it appears that way. Only when they know that Jesus can restore them internally and enable them to live the lives they've been trying to live under their own strength can they really be free. His yoke is light.

But too often Christians go and try to debunk a Mormon. Guess what, the mormons train day and night as missionaries to sit and listen to all our arguments and not waiver in their faith to their doctrines. You may plant a seed of doubt, but the Pharisees still crucified Jesus even after he admonished them.

Somone once said that we don't have to sell the Gospel, that it sells itself. We have something that the Mormons don't have, a genuine relationship with the giver of life, our Lord Jesus. They think they know Jesus, but they only know ABOUT him. They lack the relationship that can change lives and give them peace. We don't need to debunk their false religion, it mocks itself in its absurdity -we just need to offer them Jesus, He'll do the rest!

Part 2.

About the original post, as someone trained to look at things critically, it is one of the worst written and most misleading posts I've ever seen.

It starts by saying that a certain Catholic Priest was acknowledged for his work towards building bridges, then ties in an even from a couple years ago with some big names attached.

The event is simply called an Evening of Friendship and several notable names are mentioned, oh and the fact that the organization who sponsored the event was all about ecumenical ties between faiths... well guess what, it doesn't say that the event itself was billed as being anything like that. For all we know, the Evening of Friendship could have just been a dinner or a mixer, or a chance for people to explain their religious beliefs. I certainly don't think that those men would have attended if it had been openly advertised that it was for ecumenical bridges between two unbridgable faiths.

Secondly the post only cites one of the parties involved and then expands his words to represent all those present. Biola and Fuller under my impression were pretty conservative bible teaching seminaries, not exactly places you would find much compromise -that is why this doubt arose to me.

We are so quick to judge others -can't you see that the original post is misleading -it intentionally leads the reader into it's writer's agenda. YES AGENDA. This is bad journalism, it's not edifying, and it's not biblical.

I didn't want to spend any time having to certify my conservative right wing standing, but I hope you can hear me clearly, so much of what is said in this forum in the guise of concern is actually **a subtle attack on others.**

My final thought is this... when Paul went into Athens and began to teach, he started by talking about a shrine to an unknown god. He started by finding common ground that the Greeks could meet him on. He didn't start out fire and brimstone, even though there is nothing untrue about what Jonathan Edwards said in his great sermon Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, it's not exactly the place to start when offering the Gospel. Fire and brimstone is great for punching awake lazy unmotivated semi-christians but a horrible first course in the banquet that is the Gospel.

I know this may sound funny, but Jesus always offered the dessert first, he offered himself before asking anything of us,

he offered us Grace before demanding that we change. It's not by works we are saved, but by grace! Grace is the dessert portion, and we've all tasted it, why is it that we always want to offer the green beans and brussle sprouts to others first?!

We can't grow with just a diet of dessert -we have to understand the whole Word, including all the green beans and brussle sprouts, but don't force burdens on others that you couldn't carry yourself without the Grace of God.

Re:, on: 2006/12/2 5:58

Quote:
-----My final thought is this... when Paul went into Athens and began to teach, he started by talking about a shrine to an unknown god. He started by finding common ground that the Greeks could meet him on.

This is a wrong perspective of what Paul did and thus gives rise to the error of this day: Paul explained what they wondered about; Paul explained the "unknown" to them. There was no unity with the Greeks, sought by him. Some even tried to kill him.

Orm

Side note: Rick Warren on Hannity and Cohmes {Fox News} last evening. in reference to inviting Barak Obama to speak at Saddleback, said he (Warren) was "pluralistic" in his religious beliefs. His word, not mine.

Re: - posted by adamdawkins, on: 2006/12/2 11:39

Quote:
----- I apologize if I may have offended you or others with my comments.

You didn't offend me at all. I agree with all you said there, thanks for the explanation.

God bless,

Adam.

Ian Smith, on: 2006/12/2 12:34

Seattle, huh?

After reading your post, would it be safe to surmise that you don't attend Mark Driscoll's church, Mars Hill?

just curious.

bartle

Re: Oh Lord have mercy Krispy, on: 2006/12/2 12:45

"shattering their beliefs". "You have to be stern and tough with **these people**".

"confront"

"warm mushy fuzzies and flowers".

Boy, if you would have seen Jesus in His earthly ministry, I wonder how you would have REALLY reacted to Him.

"these people"

"them"

Man, I gotta stop reading your posts, coz I just get the feeling their aint one drop of love in your words. I'm being straight with you.

"these people".....thats what really bites me, "these people" are you, me , us.

Do God a huge favor, just stay up in that home church buried far deep in the NC mountains and don't "witness" to the un believing...please.

Re: You are so wrong., on: 2006/12/2 13:04

Krispy, you wrote:

Quote:
----- They wont let you print it for free, they're going to charge you... a lot. Then, should you sell them... even to recover your printing costs,

charge you a lot?

thats a lie.

I can, and do, get me a case of Bibles, NIV or KJV, take your pick for 50 bucks a case, and hand them out, 2 bucks a piece.

<http://www.ibsdirect.com/c-11-paperback.aspx>

and as far as "some folks" who quote extensively from the NIV being in violation of the copyright laws, I'll take my chances, coz I seriously doubt Zondervan OR IBS taking me to court or to task from quoting from Scripture.

Do you order Bibles and just hand them out?

"cost a lot".....I used to think that you and I had a lot in common, not so.

bartle

Re: Hollywood producer goes from riches to a Cambodian garbage dump, on: 2006/12/2 13:27

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week923/profile.html>

this is man is (presumably) is doing this benevolence for "humanity".....where are the believers alongside him? Is he "fuzzy and mushy"?

why dont you watch what he's doing?

would to God somebody tell him in Who's Name he's doing this in, without condemning him as just another "left wing do-gooder".....you don't think these kids at the garbage dump would gravitate towards Jesus if you gave them the Word?

Re:, on: 2006/12/2 13:29

Quote:

bartle wrote:
Krispy, you wrote:

Quote:
----- They wont let you print it for free, they're going to charge you... a lot. Then, should you sell them... even to recover your printing costs,

charge you a lot?

thats a lie.

I can, and do, get me a case of Bibles, NIV or KJV, take your pick for 50 bucks a case, and hand them out, 2 bucks a piece.

<http://www.ibsdirect.com/c-11-paperback.aspx>

and as far as "some folks" who quote extensively from the NIV being in violation of the copyright laws, I'll take my chances, coz I seriously doubt Zondervan OR IBS taking me to court or to task from quoting from Scripture.

Do you order Bibles and just hand them out?

"cost a lot".....I used to think that you and I had a lot in common, not so.

bartle

Don't speak of love, Bartle.

what?, on: 2006/12/2 14:12

Ormlly, what are you saying, when you say:

Quote:
-----Don't speak of love, Bartle.

what does that mean?

Ormlly....oh, I know what it means:, on: 2006/12/2 14:14

you're saying when I call Krispy to task for his posts, and use harsh verbiage, that I shouldnt say that there is love in my posts.

hmmm.okay.

fair enough.

whatever you say sir, if thats what you meant.

Re: Ormlly....oh, I know what it means:, on: 2006/12/2 15:38

Quote:

bartle wrote:
you're saying when I call Krispy to task for his posts, and use harsh verbiage, that I shouldnt say that there is love in my posts.

hmmm.okay.

fair enough.

whatever you say sir, if thats what you meant.

Perhaps a better way would have been to say, don't speak from love, Bartle.

...its hard to see that you are.

Re: Accusing and abusing - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/12/2 17:09

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

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Past reference to the topic at hand;

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic\\_id3102&forum48&post\\_id&refreshGo](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id3102&forum48&post_id&refreshGo)) Ravi Zacharias to Speak at Mormon Tabernacle

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic\\_id3852&forum48&post\\_id&refreshGo](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id3852&forum48&post_id&refreshGo)) Controversy surrounds Mormonism comments by Fuller exec.

**Re: Ian Smith - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/3 0:20**

Bartle,

A dear brother of mine attends Mars Hill and has been growing there -I see the fruit of the spirit displayed in the lives of its members. I even went as far as to attend one service with my friend, although I didn't like the style of music, and took note of one theological point I didn't necessarily agree with, the sermon by Mr. Driscoll really reminded me a lot of Leonard Ravenhill -seriously.

Mr. Driscoll has a difficult job, he is in the most unchurched city in America, with some of the best educated and most liberal minded people around -some might look at him as a compromiser -however short of the choice of music and dress by those attending I didn't see anything wrong with his message, and guess what -the poor are being fed, the sick are being healed (not physically, this is a metaphor) and a bunch of otherwise blind Seattleites are being shown the light of the Gospel.

And guess what, the community has noticed; a friend of mine who isn't a Christian showed me this thismorning (be warned that if you click, some of the advertisements on the site are not suitable for young children etc. -this is a non christian left wing site) <http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/Content?oid=111725>

As for me, I am a Southern Baptist (yeah, there are even some of us here in Seattle) My church isn't a mega church by any stretch of the imagination, but we do have a thriving and growing campus ministry.

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crsschk,

Thank you for bringing up those two previous posts -they really gave some much needed clarity on the events surrounding the 'night of friendship'- I actually wanted to share with you the messages that he gave in those three nights, yes, they let him PREACH.

What impressed me is that DL Moody preached there one hundred years previously -was he a compromiser?! Ravi was given a chance to go and preach the true Gospel in a darkness that hadn't been broken in over one hundred years!

Unfortunately these messages are divided into five parts each (daily broadcasts) but they're available for anyone willing to listen.

The Basis for Truth - Utah State ( (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id778>) 1 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id779>) 2 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id780>) 3 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id781>) 4 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id782>) 5)

Who is Jesus? Defending Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth & the Life (

(<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id784>) 1 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id785>) 2 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id786>) 3 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id787>) 4 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id788>) 5)

The Loss of Truth: The Crumbling Moral Foundation ( (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id790>) 1 -

(<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id791>) 2 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id792>) 3 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id793>) 4 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id794>) 5)

**Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/3 1:46**

Found more:

Ravi Zacharias - Utah Q & A ( (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id375>) 1 -

(<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id376>) 2 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id387>) 3 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id393>) 4)

The Description for Part 3 is: Are there major differences between Mormonism and Christianity and what about that War in Iraq? If those questions seem completely unrelated – they are. The only thing they have in common is that Ravi addresses them both in today’s program!

Weber State Q & A ( (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id399>) 1 -

(<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id400>) 2 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id412>) 3 - (<http://rzim.org/radio/archives.php?pJT&vdetail&id417>) 4)

Now the subject of all of Ravi's messages in Utah was the Truth -specifically that Jesus is the Truth (emphasis on capital T) and that basically the bible is clear that you don't need to add anything onto the truth of Jesus found in the bible -that is a direct attack on mormanism... frankly it's got to take a lot of the Spirit's power to get up in front of 7000 mormons at their home temple and tell them they're wrong.

I have no doubt that many of us could do this -but Ravi did it with dignity and grace becoming of our Lord. Much like my own feelings on the matter, he didn't need to sit and tell them all the places where the mormons were wrong, he sat and told them all the places where the bible was clear and sufficient: sufficient in the wholeness of Jesus.

**Ian, on: 2006/12/3 2:30**

I really like Mark Driscoll a lot and love what God is allowing Mars Hill to do....I love Mark's concept of "open hand" and "closed hand" in the what we believe section of Mars Hill.

May God bless you in Seattle, neil

**Re: Ian, on: 2006/12/4 9:14**

I'm not really interested in defending myself here, but in the interest of clarification, allow me to make the following statements.

I know an Independent Baptist church here locally that prints Bibles. I know the pastor personally, and tho he wouldnt print a modern version even if it was free, we've talked about the copyright laws. Perhaps a printer can get a good price from Zondervan (or whoever) to print Bibles, but as far as I know, they usually do not give it away for free. Of course, there will always be material costs, but as far as paying for the right to print... the KJV is always free. The modern versions are not.

That is a fact.

As to my posts not being written in love... I do not sit in judgement of Ravi's salvation, or Michael Cards, or anyone else's. I will look further into what Ravi preached that night... and will post again concerning this. Michael Card... it baffles my mind how someone who has been in the music ministry for close to 3 decades can say the things he has said concerning the Mormon Church being a part of the true Church. He is wrong. But it shouldn't surprise anyone because for the past decade he has had close ties with the Catholic Church as well.

As far as I know, Ravi and Michael are brothers in Christ. As I said, I will look further into what Ravi had to say that night.

But whenever someone influential says something, it ought to be examined publicly. When influential people say something unbiblical in the public arena, it needs to be denounced publically.

Neil, it doesn't bother me that you "called me out" on this. I'm right on this issue. Anytime I come against actions like this I get called judgemental and unloving. I'm quite used to it.

I love you Neil, I don't have a problem with you disagreeing with me. But I would like to point out that when you returned to this board you gave me your word you would stay out of "controversial" conversations with me. Normally I would come to someone privately when I feel that they are not being true to their word... but since you've chosen to call me out publicly on this, I would like to gently remind you of your oath to me. I only do so because I do not wish to see your words toward me escalate into something they shouldn't be.

So far we've had good conversations, and I've enjoyed them very much. I only wish to keep things that way.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/4 13:45**

I think it would be good if you listened to Ravi's outline of 'how to reach out to a Hindu or New Age thinker' I think it's widely applicable to almost anyone we meet in our walk.

(<http://rzm.org/radio/archives.php?pLMPT&vdetail&id242>) The Spurious Glitter of Pantheism (part 3 of 3)

Description: Despite its philosophical inconsistencies and societal failures, the pantheistic religion of Hinduism has influenced the religious mindset in more countries than any other non-Christian religion. What are its basic tenets? Why is it so alluring? How may the Christian respond?

Krispy: I asked you a direct question, whether the Lord had brought about any fruit in your life with your outreach to Mormons... I would like you to answer this question and not try to avoid it the way you did with your last point. Have you ever led a Mormon to faith in Jesus Christ by 'shattering their beliefs'?

**Re:, on: 2006/12/4 14:15**

Quote:  
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I am unaware of me avoiding your questions. Sometimes I'm not on here for a day or so, and while I'm absent there sometimes can be up to 4 pages of posts... so I often miss questions. I would ask for some grace on that. I have other things going on in my life than just this forum.

Accusing me of avoiding your questions is a pretty clever tactic, but the fact is... I have no idea what it is that I'm supposedly avoiding. :-)

To answer your recent question... yes. I have led Mormons to Christ. My game plan has been several, it depends on who I am talking to. The very first step a Mormon will take in trying to convert you is to get you to accept that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. Well, let me back up... the first thing they will do is try an sound just like the Baptist next door. Double-speak, etc. Then they bring ol' Joe into the conversation.

Just get your hands on one of their videos. It's easy to do, especially this time of year.

So since they bring up Joe, the best way to counter that is to show them that Joe was a crook, a slickster, a con-man... and NOT a prophet. This is easily provable. Whether they will listen. Some do... some don't.

The next course of action is to prove that Joe's account of the American Indians is completely wrong. This too is easy. I have several videos produced by a church whose specific calling is to Mormons, and the videos deal with the DNA evidence that proves that American Indians are NOT descendants of a "lost" tribe of Israel. There is also an excellent video

by the same ministry that deals with the geographical, archeological and anthrological evidence that proves the Book of Mormon wrong.

These resources are extremely effective. Not every Mormon I've talked to about this has come to the Lord... yet. But my job is to plant seeds. Someone else may reap the harvest. But dont tell me it's ineffective just because someone hasn't converted to Christ yet.

The Mormons have a goal. That is to convert you. One way they have decided to make this happen is to convince you that they believe just as you do. It's very deceitful, and it works.

I have a goal... to be obedient to the Bible. I'll befriend a Mormon, but I won't join hands in "fellowship" because spiritually there is no fellowship in the Spirit. I will, at every opportunity, show them the error of their way. To pretend like they aren't in error, and just "love on them" won't cut it. Love on them, yes... but show them the error so they can turn from it.

Everyone here loves Ray Comfort's way of reaching the heathen... confront them with the Law. So why is it when dealing with Catholics, Mormons, etc everyone is afraid of confrontation... afraid they may offend?

Krispy

**Steve Krispy, on: 2006/12/4 14:55**

Quote:

----- I'm right on this issue.

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okay. you're "right".

Don't ya see Steve, once somebody says they are "right"...period, there's no more discussion on it, period, end of sentence.

Now I gave you my oath, no more glass breaking, and if you feel I broke that oath, I apologize and I am sorry. But it feels to me, that when you post stuff, that already know that you are "right" on...why ask for discussion?

Personally, I would sit down anytime, anywhere with people of different faith, and just be. If they wanna pray together, let's go.

the first thing Jesus did in the Gospel of Matthew, besides witnessing to Satan, was to say "repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is near".

So when I'm with these people, I'm gonna show them how the Kingdom of Heaven LIVES in a person, by walking that out in love and winsomeness, not by telling them that THEY are "wrong", but by making them "envious" of so great a salvation.

Coz they think they are "right", do you think my mere human words will dissuade them?....by telling them, they are "wrong", they follow a "wrong" god? that they worship demons?

no, the Holy Ghost does the speaking into a yielded heart, and if their heart ain't yielded, that's between them and God, my "job" is to reflect Christ, and what did Christ do?

He went out among the "sinners", and told them, over and over the Good News, and what was that?

"The Kingdom of God is near you".

let them chew on that for a while in the quiet of the night.

What else did Jesus do? healed the sick, chased demons out of people, and fed the hungry, both physically and spiritually.



Thats why I'm leaning towards the nastiest foulest garbage dump in the third world. Soon as I complete what I gotta do here, the obligations that God gave me here, I'm heading out to the really poor and sick places as He leads.

Brother, I've done God's ministry in the most rich, ungodly, new age community in the world, fat and sassy they are, walked out the Lord, witnessed, prayed, talked, fed, loved, without agenda but His agenda, and they don't want to hear.

okay.....dusted off my feet, goodbye.

Now I'm here, amongst a community of the ungodly, God brings great blessing down on my endeavours,(Praise the name of Jesus!!) they see it, they know that it's done in His power, in the Name and for the Glory of Jesus, and it doesn't matter, their hearts are hard.

Now....no matter what WORDS I say to them, witness to them, God is irrelevant to them. Has the seed been planted? sure, but Jesus means nothing to them. Am I yoked up with them? Heaven forbid, but do I suppress them? no, Heaven forbid.

Steve, all I'm saying is this: there are things we are "closed hand" about...and there are things that we are "open hand" about. Just try in the leading of the Lord to be more "open hand".

Thats all I'm saying.

and I wanna say one more thing, and I feel this so strongly in the Spirit, we will never see revival in America till this country is brought to its knees, literally crushed and broken. and I don't say that lightly.

Thats why MY own personal burden is to head out to the worst places of the earth with a cool drink of water. I love America, deeply, but I'm feeling the Lord is calling me elsewhere to say these words, "Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is near"...and sometimes it feels that those with nothing are the ones who will come to Him.

God bless you is my prayer, and btw I got me 60 pounds of frozen venison in the freezer....275 degrees for 4 hours with some Sweet Baby Ray sauce and taters, onion, served over white rice, and a glass of ice water, and that's some gooooooood eating. and Thanks be to God for such bounty. I wish the whole world could eat like that.

xo neil

**Re: Steve Krispy, on: 2006/12/4 15:28**

When I declare myself to be "right", it's because scripture is black and white on fellowship between light and darkness...there can be none. Scripture is what's "right". I am merely agreeing with what God has spoken. And yes, there is really nothing more to discuss once God has declared something so clearly. The only discussion is our disobedience to God's Word.

Neil, you and others are making the assumption that I have no contact with anyone that isn't a born again Christian unless I'm beating them over the head with a Bible.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

One of our closest friends is a Catholic family. Neighbors. Our kids all play together. We see them almost on a daily basis. We are getting together for Christmas Eve dinner.

Another neighbor is Mormon. We see them all the time. I took a load of wood to them last year when the husband was laid up with an injury.

I'm around unsaved people everyday. I would dare say I'm around unsaved people more than I am saved.

But I don't pretend that there is spiritual unity... not even to see them saved. You will pray with others of a different faith. That's between you and the Lord. I won't. Oh, I'll pray in their presence. When we have Christmas Eve dinner at our Catholic friends' house the husband will pray... but I won't. And they know that. It's their house, and I respect that. But I won't offer prayer with them as if there was spiritual unity. We're not praying to the same God.

When they're in our house, I pray.

When the conversation turns to our differences in faith, I don't get offensive about it. I usually ask questions... questions to make them think. I'll ask something about confession, or the mass... things I already know the answer about, but it sparks a conversation. I'll ask about Joseph Smith's adultery... or why the LDS Church heard from God to disallow polygamy at the same exact time the Federal Government told Utah it couldn't become a state unless it outlawed polygamy. Things like that. Or I'll ask if they've heard about the DNA evidence that seems to debunk the Book of Mormon.

You're all painting me with a broad brush... like I burst into people's homes condemning them all to hell. I chuckle at that.

Let's get one thing clear... nobody on this website really knows anyone else here. You're all don't know me. I don't know you. We draw conclusions about people based on how we read (and often misinterpret) each other's posts. I do it. You do it. We all do it.

So let's all use a little common sense here. It would save me a lot of writing time having to clarify every silly little point... :-(

Krispy

**Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/12/4 18:15**

I'm so glad to know that since you're 'right' that I'm 'wrong' -that really clears up a lot of things for me... I should go and repent for my coming up against such a righteous prophet.

**ok Steve, let me ask you this:, on: 2006/12/4 20:14**

Let's say, a Jew invites you into his house, and he prays over the meal.....do you believe that you are praying to the same God?

furthering that point, let me ask you this, what does it mean to "fellowship" with another...to you, what does that mean? koinania?

Let's think like an orthodox Jew for second, because that's what the pharisees really were, you wouldn't have nothing to do with a gentile, a non-Jew, they were unclean. Jesus, who besides being the Son of God, was a Jewish rabbi, teacher, recognized as that....so what does He do, call to the scum of scum, Levi, (Matthew) a tax collector, says "follow me", without missing a beat, Levi does, next thing you know they're having a banquet with all the other despised ones, tax collectors and "sinners", and there Jesus is having dinner with them all, and who were the ones sneering at this behavior?

But what was Jesus doing?

He was fellowshiping with them all, that's what you're going to be doing with this catholic neighbor....good...and if you don't want to pray with him, don't. That's your thing. But would you want him to read what you wrote about the roman church on this forum?

Peter broke ALL the rules of an observant Jew when he stepped inside Cornelius's house. A Jew wasn't supposed to go anywhere near a gentile's house, much less even lay hands on him.

What if when you're at this catholic man's house YOU ask to lead the prayer, and ask if you can lay hands on him and pray in the Name of Jesus?

Is he gonna refuse you? "Lord bless this household in the Name of Jesus. Bless this food we are about to receive, let it nurture us to do Your will, in the Name of Jesus, amen."

What's he gonna do, say "no"?

Jesus turned everything on its head, turned 'religion' upside down and right side out.

"common sense"? who needs it? what you call clarifying every silly little point I call discussion. Nothing is black and white

e, black and white IS common sense, Paul said call me a fool, lets turn this thing upside down.

Don't you see? the common sense approach is to hate your enemy, the foolsih sense is to love him. Common sense say s stay with people that think just like you, the foolsih thing is to dine with those who are totally unlike you, fellowship with them, listen to them, love on them...thats the fool's approach.

What did we Jews expect when we awaited a Messiah, a warrior king who will take back a kingdom for Israel, what did we get instead, a man riding on a colt, who allowed them to slaughter Him like a Lamb without blemish.....in a common s ense view that was FOOLISH! Jesus should have called in a battalion of avenging angels and just scorched the place, b ut He didnt.

Common sense doesnt apply to the Cross.....Observant Jews were always focused on the "them", the "others", the "goy ", the "unclean".....Jesus said its "them", the sick and lost, I came for.

Forgive me, if it sounds like I'm lecturing you, I'm not, I'm discussing.

Jesus was the Son of God, and this most Holy Faith is revolutionary, new wine, not hidebound to our "doctrines" and "cr eeds".

There is no "them", only "us". True, there is evil, but pre se a catholic isnt evil, he's just helpless and harrassed, a sheep without a Shepherd.

humbly, you should pray with and for him.

neil

**Re:, on: 2006/12/5 8:29**

Ya know what... if y'all want to call Mormons, or Jw's, or Hari Krishna's your brothers in Christ, that's between you and G od.

You're completely missing my point on all of this. Since my presence on this thread is causing people to step out into per sonal attacks, I'll find something else to discuss on a different topic. I dont wish to be a stumbling block for anyone.

Neil... your last post was good, and brings up some good points. Regrettably I will not be responding to them (and I agre e with some of them) due to the tone of some other participants of this discussion.

Krispy

**Stevie, on: 2006/12/5 10:57**

I get ya. I started reading your post and I thought, "wait, I didnt say a JW or J. Smithite was a brother in Christ, and I was actually thinking of making the post header line..."oh tarnation!!"

remember that word?

oh tarnation!!!

lol.

60 pounds Steve! 60 pounds of prime venision, processed and frozen, I put about 2 to 5 pounds in individual zip loc free zer bags, and I spent an hour last night at Target looking for one of them old fashioned hand meat grinder;s, you know w hat I'm talking about?

couldnt find one, I mean they had everything but the kitchen sink in that store, coz I bought a 3 lb chub of 75% ground b eef to add a handful of beef for fat value to deer burgers.

where do I look now? kmarts? walmarts? maybe a cooking supply store? whats a fellow got to go thru to make deer bur ger around here?

you should of seen my boy, he was knee deep in that deer, he loved it. my bud let him have some trigger time on a .223 heavy barrel sniper rifle, the boy loved it, and we're instilling in him good weapons safety practices, including drilling into his head that its a "rifle", a "weapon", not a "gun" ....and no, I wasnt doing that the way the Marines drill it into ya.

Thats all he could talk about on the 4 hour ride home, he wants to go thru kids hunter safety course this summmer (yes son, no problem) wants me to buy him that particular weapon (yes son, but ole Johnny drives a hard bargain and it aint gonna cost what a daisy bb gun costs.) 11 years old and he dont wanna hear the word .22 caliber, says it a baby rifle. lol !!

I was teasing him on the way, I told him, I bet your gonna be a Navy Seal, he said "no way, they make you do pushups in the freezing surf for three hours". No offense, but I said, "listen to daddy, DO NOT join the Marine Corps", I don't EVER want to hear the words "Al Anbar" province".

He said, "NO." I said , "what, then?" He said, maybe Air Force para rescue".....who knows, he's a good boy though. I got him his tickets for the 28th of Dec thru the 4th of Jan.

I miss him already, he's a good boy, a good shot.

Hug your kids, your blessed to have them around 24/7, it just grieves my heart that I cant be around him all the time, but as he said, "Daddy, ya gotta do what ya gotta do.

anyway, the thread: I just try and be loving to everybody, including them JW's that come to my door. But they stopped coming! lol. I was smiling at them, and before they could get cranked up, I was sitting there at my kitchen table, open Bible in front of me, big framed picture of the "Last Supper" behind me, and I'm smiling at 'em, and I said, gentleman, before you get started, I want to tell you, I believe in the Trinity, I went to the fridge, got me a jar of pickles and asked them, "this a jar of pickles, right?....singular...a jar...now inside are three pickles, thats how I feel about the Trinity".

They didnt know what to say....so then they went to their "script"....and I said, smiling, "whoa whoa whoa, I love ya, but this is an absolute with me"....and there was something in me, I was friendly, kind , smiling, but they saw that my faith was built on the Rock, and they then said they had to be moving on, I told 'em, "come on back whenever you want, your always welcome here".

they havent been back.

the apostate rubs on the faith are looking for easy pickings, thats what I figure.

Now I got a man in the cast, a good man, and he's actually a Buddhist,practicing Buddhist(whatever that means) a white man in his early sixties, but fit as a fiddle, runs marathons, I love him, a sweet man, loyal to the show, and he wants to come over here and read Bible together!!

so.....I'm gonna call him, come on over, let me turn ya onto some of my favorite Gospel passages, it was him that added "Salt and Light" to the opening passages of the play. We'll just sit here and visit, crack open the Bible and ponder over it.

thats what I meant by "close hand" "open hand"

in fact thats what I'm gonna do right now, call the old boy.

God bless ya Stevie.....

hey can I make a suggestion? and I pray I'm not outta line, when you go over to that Catholic's house, why dont you ask him if you can read a Passage appropriate for the Christmas season from Gospel before meal?

just a thot that came to me....anyway, may the Love of Jesus fall all over you today, neil

**Re: Stevie, on: 2006/12/5 11:25**

Bartle... try this link:

<http://www.kitchenemporium.com/info/18grinder.html>

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2006/12/6 9:44**

After reviewing Ravi's response to his critics on his website, and reviewing what he said at the Mormon Tabernacle, I believe I was wrong to be as critical of his actions as I was. I am not in total agreement with his actions, but he was in season and out of season. The Word went forth in a hell bound religious temple.

I still think that Michael Card's comments were completely off base. I still believe that the President of Fuller was waaaaa y off base for the "apologies" he made to the LDS on behalf of Christians for a century and a half of rejecting the LDS. The LDS SHOULD be rejected. The people should be loved and converted, but the LDS is a wicked, evil organization. We owe them no apologies.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by jeffutah (), on: 2006/12/7 1:24**

to Krispy

I was privileged to be there at the tabernacle when Ravi was speaking and as a long term foe of the LDS church, he let them hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ in their own back yard.

I have lived in Utah for twenty years and have two sons married to LDS girls. I know more of what their doctrine teaches than 95% of the Mormons that I have come across in my time in Utah.

The only way we can stand together is as human beings, there is nothing that we can stand together in as far as the truth.

The apology was ridiculous, Michael Card's statements were ridiculous. But please don't mess with Ravi one of my heroes of the faith.

anyone reading this please pray for Satan's stronghold in Utah be smashed thru the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

thanks so much

jeff

**Re:, on: 2006/12/7 7:33**

Jeff... if you would read my last post you would see that I admit that I jumped the gun on this one concerning Ravi. Not sure I'm in 100% agreement with everything he did and said, but I see now that I misunderstood what this was all about. Probably because I read about the issue with Michael Card and his ignorant statements, and I allowed that to color my perspective on the whole event.

Perhaps next time Ravi will be advised not to bring Card along with him.

Krispy