

**General Topics :: Muslim follower of Jesus...?????????****Muslim follower of Jesus...????????? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/7 14:22**

I was reading an article from Heart cry ministries about some missionaries who promote that a Muslim can in fact continue on in the practice of his faith and still be a christian. here is a portion of the article:

However, what is surprising is that missionaries are not only failing to confront the type of syncretism mentioned above; but are also promoting, justifying, and attempting to build a biblical-theological basis for it. It has, in short, become a legitimate methodology to reach Muslims with the gospel in the eyes of many missionaries. This methodology is often labeled "the insider movement" (IM), which is perhaps a bit misleading. Calling it a movement implies it's homogeneous with agreed-upon beliefs and practices. Most missionaries, even those in support of IM, would tell you this is far from the truth. However, there are some general characteristics that those who are considered IM share, most basic of which is identity. They maintain that someone can be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and still remain within Islam. In short, they can be Muslim followers of Jesus.

There are many reasons why missionaries and IM "believers" are insisting that Muslim-background believers can stay within their socio-religious community (Islam) and be faithful followers of Christ. However, if the conclusion itself doesn't bear the weight and scrutiny of the Scriptures, then no justifying reason can be legitimated. It is the current author's conviction that IM has not only been weighed, measured, and found wanting by the Scriptures as a methodology, but in fact also constitutes a tacit denial of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, to profess to be a Muslim is a de facto denial of Jesus Christ. The self-ascription, "Muslim follower of Jesus," is an inherently contradictory oxymoron at best, and damning at worst. This I hope to demonstrate by looking at a few key passages in the New Testament.

If you would like to read the entire article it is here: <http://www.heartcrymissionary.com/heartcry-magazine-archive/post/what-accord-has-christ-with-islam>

How can it be that anyone who confesses to know truth, would ever lie to someone and tell them that they could continue on being a Muslim and follow JESUS? I realize this is an older article but I have read others that show how the lies and deception has spread and deceived many. It is sad to think anyone who professes to know truth would ever leave another with out telling him/her the truth....

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/7 14:30

Here is another very good article.

<http://www.heartcrymissionary.com/asia-blog/post/the-cultural-captivity-of-missions-part-2>

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/7/7 14:59

The New Birth should take care of all this. When a person genuinely becomes born-again, the Holy Spirit takes over. Any false religious system they were espoused to becomes unmasked. If a missionary is teaching someone that they can be a Christian and a Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, etc. concurrently, two things are apparent: 1. The missionary is obviously not born-again, and 2. The people they are instructing have obviously not been born-again either. So you have a double-negative.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/7 15:04

I agree Paul with what you shared. It is very sad though and I suppose would be a clear example of the blind leading the blind....

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2014/7/7 21:07

Yes, it is very sad that those teaching such things neither allow their hearers entrance through the gate, nor do they themselves go- for the very essence of Islam is AntiChrist.
The Koran speaks more against the Word than any other subject. It repeats over and over how what was passed down (Holy books) have been changed and are full of errors.
Their daily prayer says : "He is Allah, and only one. Allah does not need help. He does not produce a child, and He was not born of anyone. There is no one equal." The entire undertone of the Koran is AntiChrist as we know Christ.
To live in a society where the religion is practiced widely, its culture is integrated with Koranic teachings. Islamic holidays and festivals, times of eating lunch and dinner, the times stores are open- everything in some of those societies revolve around the religion. I can see why one would be tempted to say that they can keep tradition while being a Christian, but the longer I am a Christian, the more I can see that to go on with the culture means denying the deity of Christ.
Silly as it may sound, even polite phrases like our "bless you" after a sneeze, has been given special expressions in many Islamic cultures, so that to be polite, one must use the name of Allah.
When I really give this topic thought, it seems to me that we cannot really keep anything from ourselves after a true conversion. With time and growth in the Holy Spirit, all that is "anti- Christ" is stripped away and to preach that we can hold onto anything beyond Him is a hindrance.

Re: Muslim follower of Jesus...????????? - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/7 23:32

Islam basically rejects the death and resurrection of Jesus. It only recognizes the virgin birth of Jesus and also his second coming to collect Muslims. How can someone be Christian and still practice a faith that denies Jesus's main purpose which is to die for our sins?

I recently heard that a Pastor of some well-known megaChurch has said that God of Bible and Allah are the same. I think this movement or missionary should be based on it.

In India many practice Secret Christianity. They are Christians but do not tell it openly and practice their Hindu tradition outwardly. I do not believe there is anything called Secret Christian. If we fail to confess him openly before men then he will not confess us before Angels.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/7/8 10:38

"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. " (2 Corinthians 6: 14-16"

"Therefore, come out from among them and be separate says The Lord. Do not touch what is unclean and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters says The Lord Almighty ." (2 Corinthians 6:17,18)

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 11:00

Sree you say there is no such thing as `secret Christians` Then what of those believers who meet in secret in places like N. Korea. Should they go hold up signs in the capitol of N. Korea and shout turn or burn.

Or what of those believers who meet in secret in Somalia. Should they just meet openly and invite martyrdom by El Shabab.

I ask what is the persecuted church but a network of secret believers who are meeting quietly to advance the Kingdom purposes of Christ.

We must out aside our Western ideas that when someone comes to Christ in a restricted nation they are to shout it from the house tops. To do so would be foolish and jeopardise the work of Christ in that nation.

Brother I have people from the front lines on Persecution Watch. We have had to exercise caution so as to not endanger their lives or their ministry.

It is easy to sit behind our key boards and pontificate about what people should and should not do on the front lines in restricted nations. Having led a prayer cal for a few years praying for the persecuted the Lord has shown me that I serve them. I am not to pontificate but to pray for them. God will work His will in their lives so as to advance His purposes.

Blaine

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/8 11:06

Blaine

Did you read the links to the stories I posted. These are missionaries telling people these things. It is heartbreaking to see people who as Paul said in his post clearly not saved deceiving others into thinking they are saved when their is no evidence of a changed life.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2014/7/8 11:25

I was born-again in a Muslim country and while I did not shout it from the rooftops, those nearest to me came to see the change in me as I encountered situations that arose from what is called in the article "folk islam." A Christian will in the end find it impossible to go a long with superstitions and legalism that is rooted in lies against Jesus and will in some way be persecuted for their rebellion against cultural norms.

Re: Mary Jane, on: 2014/7/8 11:47

Dear sister how would you respond to this short narrative from Tom Doyle's book, Dreams and Visions?

"We are imams, and we all studied at Al-Azhar University. During our time there, each of us had a dream about Jesus, and each of us has privately become a follower of Christ. For a time, we didn't dare tell anyone about this. It would, of course have been out on death sentences. But finally we could hide it no longer. We each prayed to Jesus for His help to learn what it means to be His follower. Over time. He brought us together, and you can imagine our amazement when the Holy Spirit revealed that there are other imams who have found Jesus as well. Now we meet here three times a week at night to pray for our families and for the people in our mosques to find Jesus to. We know you follow Christ. He led us to you.....But now our question is will you teach the Bible?"

Before I go any further dear sister I just want to get your thoughts on the account above.

Blaine

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/8 12:51

Blaine

I believe you shared something like this before, in another thread and we discussed it or maybe I just remember it being discussed I am not sure???

I am talking about what these missionary are telling people who are lost. They are not teaching the BIBLE, they are com promising.

Not giving someone the who truth is cruel. Telling a muslim or anyone in sin they can continue to live in sin and follow J ESUS and be saved is a cruel lie.

Did you read the article, these are western missionary's that are teaching the following:

“Muslims and Christians both love God and their neighbors after all” they just need to know about Jesus: This remark from yet another evangelical missionary was made in defense of the recent interfaith document called, “A Common Word Between Us and You,” sent to Christian leaders everywhere on October 13, 2007, by 138 Muslim scholars, and largely received without critique. In fact, many evangelicals embraced it. This document states that Muslims and Christians enjoy common ground in several areas, such as our “love of God” and our “love of neighbor.”

However, can a false religion that denies the Trinity and denies the substitutionary atonement of Christ for sinners really be said to love the true God? Can a religion that advocates jihad really be said to be one which cultivates love towards all their neighbors (including the khafir)?

This trend towards focusing on “common ground” rather than contending for legitimate points of difference is a hallmark of modern evangelical missions towards Muslims. We may permissibly look for legitimate “open windows” of commonality rather than beating on closed doors, but let us never do so at the expense of truth.

“They don’t need to go to church” it’s better that we keep them within the mosque: This remark was made by one veteran missionary in Indonesia in an attempt to prevent “missionary extractionism” and keep new converts within their family structures to minister to their communities from the inside.

“Don’t use the Word “Christian,” use the phrase, “Follower of Isa,” it’s okay to call Muhammad a prophet, he spoke many truths, after all, it’s okay to call yourself a Muslim. After all, what is a Muslim but one who submits to God. And we all want to do that, don’t we?”

Blaine as someone who loves the WORD as much as you do surely you can see the error in what is happening here???

Read this portion from the same article:

“I believe she is in the Kingdom”: We hired a local woman to help us clean house. Another Western missionary bragged about this woman’s “faith.” In the following weeks, her gentle nature was obvious, and she sometimes even prayed for help from the Prophet Isa. Yet, she self-identified as a Muslim (not even a good one, offering a plate of food to her family spirit during her baby’s hair-cutting ceremony held on the 40th day after birth, a ritual common in her culture). Yet, she was counted as a missionary success.

Does the fruit in this woman's life give you cause to believe her saved?

God bless
maryjane

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 13:30

Mary Jane there are distinctions that need to be made in the insider movement. If true, then what is being told these people by these missionaries is not true. It is a distortion of the gospel.

But what I am contending for are authentic conversions of the account I described in my previous post.

Noted Bible teachers such as John MacArthur have said such accounts are not true. These accounts do not fit their theology of cessationism. Since you have shared links and articles from Heart Cry I assume Paul Washer would embrace the same view.

I am suggesting that God is working through dreams and visions to bring Muslims to Himself. But those in the Calvinistic camp deny such. They only see Muslims as coming to Christ through a Calvinistic Reformed exposition of scripture. I might add something unheard of in Islamic nations.

But again, dear sister, I understand where you are coming from. I hope you see what I am trying to convey.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 13:35

My sister I do have a love for His Word. But that still does not negate my belief that God is not working through dreams and visions to bring Muslims to Himself.

But cessationist brethren would take sharp issue with this.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 14:18

Mary Jane spoke with Frank for clarification on your concern. I do agree that the syncretism between Islam and Christianity, sometimes called Chrislam is dangerous.

This is a deception a deception in the end times. Clearly one must be committed to Jesus and Jesus alone.

Blaire

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2014/7/8 18:34

MaryJane- I agree with you and think teaching others that they don't really have to "follow" Jesus in order to be a Christian isn't even- well, Christian.

Although it seems a little off-topic, I agree with the passage bearmaster posted where it says, "During our time there, each of us had a dream about Jesus, and each of us has privately become a follower of Christ. For a time, we didn't dare tell anyone about this. It would, of course have been out on death sentences. But finally we could hide it no longer. We each prayed to Jesus for His help to learn what it means to be His follower..."

We are certainly called to be wise, and God has time for everything. The key words in this passage are, "for a time, we didn't tell anyone..." For a time...

I have gone along with many traditions because I have been afraid of my husband. I walked under the Koran to be let out of the house, I even kissed the Koran (I know, I know... a traitor indeed) but since my conversion I could never call myself a Muslim. A Muslim is submissive to Allah.

Nobody lights a lamp to be put under a basket. This does not mean that I have to be bold beyond what my faith. This means that I will be bold according to my faith.

While I have had many shortcomings, I cannot fathom being taught that it's ok to keep the attitude that I can remain in opposition to the one I profess to follow.

While we are on this topic- please pray for me, as I'm finding that I am being put in situations that force me to either disrespect my husband and his family or disrespect my God, and contrary to what most people think, it is actually really difficult sometimes when you really are faced with it.

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 19:05

Onemite I pray that God will give you wisdom to be wise as a serpent but gentle as a lamb.

Sister how did you come to Jesus out of Islam. Can you share without danger to yourself or others?

Blaine aka Bearnaster

PS

We are praying every night on Persecution Watch though Ramadan. Our desire us to see a great influx of Moslems come to Jesus. May your husband and his family be part if that harvest.

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2014/7/8 21:16

Blaine-

I am American, married to a Muslim.

When I first married at a young age, I considered myself a Christian by upbringing but I didn't have revelation. My husband introduced the Koran to me, and told me that the bible had discrepancies and had been changed. When I read my bible, the words seemed so twisted and silly that it didn't take long for me to believe what I was being told. I read the Koran faithfully, but never really accepted it wholly.

After some time of living in his country, the Lord allowed me to fall into a pit of despair, and allowed me to see the war for me was a spiritual one. I searched the Koran for remedy but it offered none- so I turned to the bible I had been given, and started reading.

It was a big deal and there was a tremendous fight in the spirit realm for my mind and soul, but after much struggle to find the truth, Jesus delivered my soul. I still shake my head at how He found me in the most unlikely place far from home, far from preachers and churches, and the Holy Spirit was my teacher. God did use a few people as instruments to encourage me and I'm so thankful! His timing is perfect and just typing this, I am once again in awe of His ways! What was meant for my evil, God used for my good.

After these things happened, I was so full of gratitude to God and so full of the Holy Spirit that I went telling my in-laws and all who would hear me, what God had done for me in the name of Jesus. Some time after, my husband told me to stop telling people and keep it to myself, and I did. Nobody pressured me to go against my faith at that time.

We no longer live there but I still travel frequently and I find that I have more pressure to deny my faith now than I did then. When the religion is interwoven so tightly with daily life, it becomes difficult to stay separated when interacting with others- if that makes sense. It certainly calls for a lot of wisdom. Sometimes I get frightened that I might deceive myself by becoming self righteous or rebellious, standing my ground on an issue that doesn't really have eternal value, but that subject is good for another thread :)

- posted by onemite, on: 2014/7/8 21:16

double post.

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 22:15

Wisdom indeed is always needed, the leading of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our lives. I come from the west coast of Scotland, on the map it is just across a small sea from Northern Ireland. Many know of the "troubles" in Northern Ireland where Catholics killed Protestants and Protestants killed Catholics. Neither of those sides were Christians, it was one religion killing and hating another. So much of this spilled into the Scottish town where I grew up. Almost every town in the "Lowlands," were divided by religion and separated by bigotry. For a Catholic to marry a Protestant would be like a black man marrying a white woman in the 60s in the USA.

Many families were torn apart when a Catholic married a Protestant. Often times one side or the other would not show up for the wedding and either party could be shunned by the other for the rest of their lives depending upon the level of bigotry of the families involved. Yet for love, many ignored the cruel religious bigotries of their families and followed their hearts. It cost many of them so much. Now I have a Catholic background. When Catholics come to Christ, depending which part of the Catholic world they come from, it often causes tremendous rifts in families.

When it comes right down to it, there is always a price to pay for genuine salvation. Every genuine saint is somewhere on the sliding scales of sorrows and trials and persecution when they live Godly lives in Christ Jesus, it cannot be avoided in the end. In the end it comes down to who we want to honor the most in our lives. The world demands that we relegate Jesus to second place, to relegate truth to second place. Often times we do it out of fear, or we are weak or we are still learning. Yet, as we grow in Christ, as we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, especially being baptized in the Holy Spirit, there is a boldness that enters us.

Think about Peter's speech to the crowd, he had just been baptized in the Holy Spirit and now we see a very different man than that had denied Jesus. In every century since the beginning of the Church, no matter where on the planet, saints have been called upon to stand upon Truth and be unashamed of the Gospel. This is our fundamental truth, it is what makes us peculiar people, a people who are washed in the Blood of the Lamb, who make confession of their testimonies and a people who loved not their lives unto death.

What should saints do in countries that are extremely anti Christian? Each and every one must be led by the Holy Spirit. Peter denied Jesus to save His own life and it almost destroyed him spiritually. I myself do not count staying under the radar of cruel and evil authorities as a denial of the faith. However, when confronted directly, I do not see any Biblical truth in denying Jesus to save our lives. I also do not read in the historical account of any groups of genuine saints down through the ages, having as a policy, denying Jesus to save their lives quite the opposite. We saints in the west may soon have the opportunity to live out that reality. Just because we have not had to live it in recent times does not change the fact that this is the history of the Church right from the beginning.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/8 22:35

Greetings Onemite

Of course I will pray for you sister. I will pray for your husband to. Thank you for sharing these things here with us. I do appreciate your heart and your desire to walk with the LORD as HE gives you leading.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/8 23:27

Quote:

Sree you say there is no such thing as `secret Christians` Then what of those believers who meet in secret in places like N. Korea. Should they go hold up signs in the capitol of N. Korea and shout turn or burn.

You are confused with underground Churches run in Persecuted nations with what I meant as Secret Christian. By Secret Christian I meant those who are afraid of their relatives and act outwardly as following another religion and inwardly they are Christians. Underground Churches have nothing to do with it.

Also to be a confessing Christian does not mean to Shout at the house top. It is to tell that you cannot follow another faith or practice or worship another God plainly when asked.

In India many Hindus hear the Gospel and want to follow Christ but they are afraid of their parents, relatives and hence only follow Christ in their secret life. I do not believe it can be called Christianity. The reason I mentioned this view in my previous post is I do not believe a person practicing Islam outwardly can be a Christian inwardly. He may practice Islam for the fear of life, but it makes no sense.

Quote:

It is easy to sit behind our key boards and pontificate about what people should and should not do on the front lines in restricted nations. Having led a prayer call for a few years praying for the persecuted the Lord has shown me that I serve them. I am not to pontificate but to pray for them. God will work

k His will in their lives so as to advance His purposes.

You may run a call and have connections, but your understanding of Persecution is very shallow. You think Persecution is only when someone puts a knife on the throat for confessing Christ. Many in west think the same because you guys never experience a house being divided by faith like what Jesus said. Nor does it even matter to you guys because in west there is no family values.

I am from India, my own parents and siblings who loved and cared for me from Childhood have disowned me when I told them that I am a Christian. Also my relatives speak evil of me and look down on me when I rejected to take part in my mother's funeral rituals. This is also a persecution. Something of equal and even higher value than losing life. I would be happy if my parents have killed me for my faith rather than treating me as outcasts. People from west who never experience true love from parents or siblings will never understand the pain in this. For you guys only Physical pain is pain. For Jesus the pain on Calvary was not the Physical pain but the spiritual partition from his heavenly father because of my sins.

I am not someone who is preaching something that I have not practiced. I have confessed Christ and my own household who once loved me have become my enemies. God has blessed me a lot spiritually because I took a stand for him. God honors those who honor him. That is why I want Christians to stand for their faith and not be secret about their faith.

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/7/9 0:51

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That show us how much you know about "the west" and the people in it..

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In the West the persecution you suffer is more emotional than physical. Called names, made a fool off, the butt of the jokes, family members saying your in a cult, that you have changed and they want the old 'you' back and for some the family shuns them.

Quote: I am from India, my own parents and siblings who loved and cared for me from Childhood have disowned me when I told them that I am a Christian.

That's called control, and every Christian will suffer these type of attacks from thier non-Christian family members to some degree in every single country across this world.

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2014/7/9 0:59

Sree-
your story is encouraging.

How I want God to work in me such character that I too will be so faithful when faced with abandonment and rejection.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/9 1:53

Quote:

Sree-
your story is encouraging.

How I want God to work in me such character that I too will be so faithful when faced with abandonment and rejection.

Thank you sister. I know how difficult it is. In fact I did not have the strength in myself. I almost gave up, but God so faithfully showed me could of witnesses who stood up for the lord when they experienced the same situation as mine.

There was a brother who now has grandchildren. But in his youth age when he disagreed to follow his parent's religion because of his faith in Jesus, his parents destroyed his college certificates. He came out empty handed and still stood for the lord. When I saw such witnesses around me, God gave me strength.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/9 2:10

Quote:

-----That show us how much you know about "the west" and the people in it..

I have lived enough in west to know about the family bonding there. Just visit a traditional Indian family living in US, if you find their family bonding is unbelievable then in India it is 100 times more. I do not want to argue with you. I am not trying to undermine west, I got my gospel in US.

Quote:

In the West the persecution you suffer is more emotional than physical. Called names, made a fool of, the butt of the jokes, family members saying you in a cult, that you have changed and they want the old 'you' back and for some the family shuns them.

I agree, I have seen the name calling in west in schools and colleges, teasing Christians. But this is not from inside family. Religion and cultism is not deep in West as it is in India or even in Asia.

If you try honestly answering to this simple question you will agree with me. How many deaths have you witnessed in west in the name of people fighting for their religion? In India it is everyday news. Religion and faith is valued more than life here. Just search religious riots in India you will see plenty of results to read all life.

Quote:

-----That's called control, and every Christian will suffer these type of attacks from their non-Christian family members to some degree in every single country across this world.

This quote clearly shows your lack of respect for what these people go through or what I have gone through. That is why I said people in West cannot understand these things. You guys will only look down on us. You are only proving my post about west by your posts.

In west even in Christian families the kids are expected to find their own means for college education. My mother educated me by working overtime, falling into debts, paying 10% interest every month, selling jewels and property. When you s

ee such love and see those loved ones suddenly turning against you because of faith, the pain is unexplainable. Again a ll this will only be a joke to you.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/9 8:11

Greetings

I just wanted to thank those who have shared their testimony and experience here. I think for me after reading the article s and looking into it more was just sad it is that there are so many who profess to know JESUS willing to compromise th e truth. I do believe Frank is correct in saying as he has that we will see even more of this come as the days grow shorte r.

Clearly there are many who are deceived and are deceiving others with compromised teaching in the mission field. I feel led to pray all the more on this.

I am thankful for post from SI members like onemite and sree. I give thanks to GOD for these testimonies.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/7/9 8:18

Quote: This quote clearly shows your lack of respect for what these people go through or what I have gone through. Tha t is why I said people in West cannot understand these things.

Sree it's you are looking down on us, look at how you praise the family model in India, but downplay people in the West. I sent my daughter to college, I paid for it, I had to work 6 weeks away from home and then gets 2 weeks off, until she fin ished college, my wife also had to work. I didn't have Jewels or property to sell, all I had was my ex-council house. Frank will understand what that is...

The college she attended was in a city called Glasgow which is where the strongest religious persecution happens betw een Catholics and Protestants, people die in this nation the name of religion, people there are persecuted in this nation b ecause of there religious beliefs. The government is legislating against this to try and deal with the sectarian divide that exists in our nation.

There is also a movement in my nation, who take the cross, along with the motto "In hoc signo vinces" of the Knights Te mplar and oppose Islam, they take to the streets and march through Muslim neighbourhoods and given half a chance th ey would burn mosques to the ground. Then there are Muslims in this nation who march through the streets, who plan to blow things up as we don't believe in Islam.

Quote: I agree, I have seen the name calling in west in schools and colleges, teasing Christians. But this is not from insi de family.

I tell you the truth and you cast it to the side, your arrogance is astounding. My Father and Mother just started speaking t o me after 8 years of not talking or having any contact with me, and that was after my Father being basically raised from the dead, but I guess it didn't hurt me because I'm not from Indian family, I'm from the West and as such the love I have f or my parents is inferior.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/9 8:37

Greetings Murrcolr

I do understand the hurt and pain you are speaking about. I was raised Catholic too. I do not pretend to know the same hatred and ugliness that you have gone through living in Scotland but I know it goes on.

In the USA things are not as bad as it is for those in other countries, at least not to my experience. Here, when I left the RCC my mother used her words to attempt to guilt and manipulate me back into the church. She would go on and on ab out how she failed the church, and how she failed GOD because I left the RCC. She would tell me about how it was her f ault and she would have to answer for it unless I came back. She rejects anything I try to share with her and is always te

ling me about the priests, the nuns on EWTN. She is a devout catholic who is lost and deceived I pray for her often.

Others in my family who feel that I am a "religious nut" don't talk to me. I have brothers that have not spoken to me in over fifteen years because they do not want me to talk about JESUS.

I agree with what Frank said, if we are truly following JESUS we will know the pain of rejection at sometime in our lives. We will know and understand what it means to be hated.

I just wanted to tell you that as an ex-catholic I do understand in some small ways what you are speaking too and that I will pray for you.

God bless
mj

Re: , on: 2014/7/9 12:51

My dear Scottish brother Murrcolr,

Praise God that your parents are now speaking to you again. I pray that God will do a mighty work in your family. I know the agony of a divided family for the sake of Jesus. Well the Lord said that He had not come to bring peace but a sword and that the enemies shall be found in our very families.

My neighbors, two houses down here in Kansas, are from Ethiopia and are members of the Orthodox Church of Ethiopia . Their eldest son came to Jesus as an adult and they disowned him. Their youngest son , 27, came to Jesus two years ago and his mother would not even speak to him for a time. When he got baptized, none of his family attended. Myself and another brother went along to see him be baptized in a pentecostal Ethiopian church. This kind of persecution, trial or tribulation or warfare, call it what you will, is something Jesus told us would happen. It is part of counting the cost for Jesus. It does not take the pain and the anguish out of it but it does allow us to understand the nature of the battle.

I pray to God this day for all my brothers and sisters around the world who have known and experienced and are experiencing this trial. May you encourage them Lord and strengthen them and may their testimony shine brightly before their family members and ultimately bring the whosoever to a saving knowledge of you. Our battle is certainly not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places, Lord give us the strength this day to stand fast, to stand clothed in the full armor that you have provided for us. In the mighty name of Jesus.....bro Frank