

REPENTING OF RELIGION

Following a Person not a Book, Being part of a Revolution not a Religion

Historical Truth vs Story Truth
Use of Pronouns
Three Promises

Pharisees: Religions Political Party

The Rule of the Congregation (or Messiah, 1Q28a; Dead Sea Scrolls)

Genesis 22.18— In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Status:

Morally Superior (blessed, favored, saved, holy, righteous)

Longing for the Destruction of the very ones they were to Serve.

Concessions:

Leviticus 18.7,23—Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her . . . Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

Polygamy

Patriarchy

Slavery

Nationalism/Tribalism

Violence

Concession vs. Ideal

Nationalism / All People

Patriarchy / Equal Treatment of Women

Violence / Nonviolent Noncooperation

“I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.”— Mahatma Gandhi

Luke 14.7-15—When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For or all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed are those who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 14.16-24—Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and urge them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Isaiah 60.1-3—Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is

That the world might be healed . . . — John 3.17

*All texts quoted from the TNIV unless otherwise noted.

over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Story Truth of the Gospels

No Heaven - No Hell

Changed World - Enemy-Love, Enemy-Forgiveness, Nonviolence.

Story Truth of Acts

Christianity Today:

“Know God”

“Stand for Truth and Righteousness”

“Fix Society” (Take America Back for God)

“Defenders of Truth and Justice”

“Prayer back in public schools”

“Fix the World” (Fight along side of America and Rid the world of evil doers)

“Greed”

“Gluttony”

“Violence”

“Arrogance / ‘Self-Righteous’”

“Divorce” / “Save Marriage”

First Century Jesus Movement:

Not about getting to Heaven or escaping some postmortem Hell, but about bringing Healing to the World.



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