

THE UNSTOPPABLE REVOLUTION

Rooted In & Centered Around The Teachings of Jesus

Shared Table

Luke 15:1—Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Redistribution of Wealth

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.”— Mahatma Gandhi

Luke 12:32-33—Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Acts 2:44-45—All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Matthew 20:11-16—When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So the last will be the same as the first, and the first will be the same as the last.”

Restorative Justice & Nonviolence

Matthew 5:38-41—“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Manna

Matthew 20:22, 23—“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “**YOU WILL INDEED DRINK FROM MY CUP**, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

Luke 9:22-24 —And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up **THEIR CROSS** daily and follow me.

“That the world may be healed.” — John 3.17

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*(Howard Thurman)

Matthew 10:26-31—So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one [Militaristic Messiah] who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Luke 12:32—Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Hebrews 2:15—And free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

“This is the only way to create the beloved community. To our most bitter opponents we say: "We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We shall meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will, and we shall continue to love you. We cannot in all good conscience obey your unjust laws because noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good. Throw us in jail and we shall still love you. Bomb our homes and threaten our children, and we shall still love you. Send your hooded perpetrators of violence into our community at the midnight hour and beat us and leave us half dead, and we shall still love you. But be ye assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer. One day we shall win freedom but not only for ourselves. We shall so appeal to your heart and conscience that we shall win you in the process and our victory will be a double victory.” - MLK,Jr.; Christmas, 1957.

The Three Hounds of Hell*

Matthew 6:25-33—“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life . . . But seek first his kingdom and his justice, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 5:37—All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

“I do not say that if you are a landowner you are bound to give up your lands immediately to the poor . . . If you do so, you will be doing the best thing possible. But it may happen, and it is most likely, that you will not have the strength to do so . . . but you can always recognize the truth and refuse to tell a lie about it . . . And you need only do that and your situation will change directly of itself. There is one thing, and only one thing, in which it is granted to you to be free in life, all else being beyond your power: that is to recognize and profess the truth.—Leo Tolstoy, *The Kingdom of God Is Within You*.

Gandhi—*The Story of My Experiments With Truth*
(Transparency with Nonviolent Non-Cooperation)

Matthew 5:43-44—“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Luke 6.22-31—Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets ... But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you...Do to others as you would have them do to you.

