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SO HOW ABOUT IT? Are you intolerant? Are you filled with hate? Am I intolerant? Am I filled with hate? Was Jesus intolerant? Was He filled with hate? Also, are you a mad, angry person? Am I? Was Jesus?

For several years now a popular buzz word that comes up over and over and over again is “TOLERANCE!” For many people in the world today there are essentially two different types of people: those who are “tolerant,” and those who are not. And of course those who are tolerant are regarded as the good and reasonable people among us (and that embody everything good in the world today). On the other hand, those that are “INTOLERANT” are usually looked upon as hateful and cruel (and stand for everything bad in the world today).

So once again, I ask, how about YOU? Are you an intolerant, angry, hateful person? Am I? Was Jesus?

Let's start with YOU. Where do you stand? How would you rate yourself? And how would you rate your friends and loved ones? Are you tolerant? Are they tolerant?

How about in the area of SEX? Are you tolerant and understanding of those with different sexual needs than you? For instance, are you tolerant of homosexuality? How about cross-dressing? Transvestitism? Gay marriages? Lesbian marriages? Or are you a hater (a "HOMOPHOBE") who is intolerant of the sexuality of others?

How about ISLAM? Are you tolerant of this peaceful religion? Or are you an "ISLAMOPHOBE"? Do you hate this "religion of peace" just because you don't understand it? Do you have an irrational fear and prejudice towards Islam simply because it's not your religion?

How about ABORTION? Are you tolerant of the millions of women each year, throughout the world, who have a need to abort their offspring? Do you respect their *choice*? Or, are you intolerant when it comes to abortion? Do you have hate in your heart concerning this widely accepted practice that 50 million women annually, around the globe, rely on for safely disposing of their unwanted offspring? Are you so full of hate that you even go so far as to call abortion "MURDER" and the women who have aborted 1½ *billion* little babies worldwide over the last 50 years MURDERERS?

How about EVOLUTION & ATHEISM? Are you respectful and tolerant of evolution and the atheistic view that so many people have faith in? Or, are you intolerant of those who believe in *evolution*? Do you even regard it as a "FOOLISH" belief? Do you harbor hate for this well re-

spected hypothesis that even many scientists around the world believe in?

So, how would you rate YOURSELF (as far as your level of tolerance) in these four areas (alternative sexual lifestyles, Islam, abortion, and evolution)? Being a retired school teacher I can't resist the temptation to ask you to grade yourself. Since there are four different areas, please give yourself a maximum of 25 points in each of these four areas (for a maximum score of 100).

Let's start with your level of tolerance for the "SEXUAL NEEDS OF OTHERS." Give yourself a maximum score of 25 points if you are tolerant of these five practices (five points each): homosexuality, gay marriages, lesbian marriages, cross-dressing, and transvestitism? If you are tolerant of all 5 of these, give yourself 25 points, if only 4 of these then give yourself 20 points, and so on. And of course if you are intolerant of all 5 of these practices and consider them immoral or wicked, then give yourself 0 points (and of course if this is the case, then you must be a HOMOPHOBE).

Next, we come to ISLAM, "the religion of peace," as former Republican President George W. Bush and current Democratic President Barack Hussein Obama have so often reminded us concerning this great Muslim religion. How would you rate yourself on this topic? Give yourself 25 points if you consider yourself extremely tolerant of Islam, and if you feel that the Koran is just as holy as the Bible—and that you wholeheartedly agree that it is indeed a religion of peace. On the other hand, if you are intolerant of Islam and you do not believe that Islam is a religion of peace—and you feel that the Koran is greatly inferior to the Bible, then give yourself 0 points—especially if you have gone so far as to express the opinion that Islam is a religion

of hatred, cruelty, suppression, and violence (and of course if this is the case, then you must be an ISLAMOPHOBE).

Now, how about ABORTION? Please give yourself 25 points if you are very comfortable and tolerant of abortion, especially if you feel that it is perfectly fine to abort a child anytime the mother feels it is the appropriate thing to do—that it is her body, and therefore it is her *choice* and her right to do as she pleases—that *no one* has the right to tell her what to do with her body and her pregnancy. On the other hand, if you are intolerant of abortion and think it is wrong no matter the circumstances, then give yourself 0 points, especially if you have even referred to abortion as *murder*.

Now we come to the final section of this test. Please grade yourself with the appropriate number of points regarding your level of tolerance for atheism and the theory of EVOLUTION. If you feel that you have a high level of tolerance for this subject then give yourself 25 points, especially if you feel that the *evolutionary hypothesis* is accurate, scientific, and logical in explaining the ORIGINS of life—and that it definitely should be taught in our public schools as such. On the other hand, give yourself 0 points if you are intolerant of the *evolutionary hypothesis*, especially if you consider the theory of evolution FOOLISHNESS and you object to it being taught in our public schools.

Now, add up your points. How did you do? Does your score indicate that you have a high level of tolerance in these four different areas? Or does your score indicate a low level of tolerance in these four different areas? I will talk more about your score later, but for now let's turn our attention to someone else—to someone who walked this earth 2,000 years ago—JESUS CHRIST.

If we were to examine closely the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, what do you suppose we would find? Would we find out that Jesus was tolerant of the different views of His day? Would we discover that He taught His followers to be tolerant of different views and lifestyles? And if He were living among us today, what would He be like and what would He teach? Would He be tolerant of homosexuality (as well as the other sexual practices mentioned in this article)? Would He also be tolerant of Islam? How about abortion? And how about the theory of evolution?

Are you familiar with the story in the Bible where a mob of angry men appears before Jesus with a woman in their grasp, declaring to Him that the woman “was caught in the very act of adultery” (John 8:1-11)? What was Christ’s response? Did He tell them to stone her to death (as they were hoping He would)? NO, not at all. Instead He said to them, “let him who is without sin throw the first stone” (John 8:7). Of course, none of the men were without sin, so they all, one-by-one, slowly shrank away. Now, what many people conclude after hearing this story is that Jesus was a very tolerant person; that instead of condemning the woman to death, He allowed the woman to live. Then they will sometimes reply, “see, Jesus didn’t *judge* her; He was *tolerant* of her behavior; and that’s how we should be TODAY.”

I guess they are correct, right? Shouldn’t we draw the same conclusion? Or should we continue to read “the rest of the story” (as Paul Harvey would love to say)? Well, let’s do just that, picking up the story where we left off....

Now, after all of the woman’s accusers left, Jesus and the woman were left alone. And what do you suppose He said to her? Did Jesus tell the woman that He understood? Did He tell her that no one had the right to *judge* her, that we

should be *tolerant* of one another, for after all, no one is perfect? And then did He tell her to go and enjoy life and don't worry about what others think, just be yourself, and live the best way that you can. And then does the story end with the woman joyfully strolling away, realizing that no one had the right to *judge* her (regardless of her actions or beliefs)—and that if anyone does—then they are the ones who are at fault, and not her? Right? Well, not really...

Here's what REALLY happened, the part that many people tend to forget: After the woman's accusers left, Jesus then tells the woman, "go and SIN no more" (John 8:11). Wow, can you believe that? Can you believe that Jesus actually JUDGED her—to label her behavior as SINFUL—and then to *demand that she not do it again?*

"What, I can't believe this! I thought Jesus was perfect. I thought for sure that He was more tolerant than that! Surely this was just an isolated case though, an anomaly. Wasn't it?" Well, not really...

You see, in another instance, Jesus heals a crippled man. And then after healing him, Jesus tells him, "SIN no more, *lest a worse thing come upon you*" (John 5:14). So here, Jesus not only JUDGES the man as a SINNER, but *He warns him not to continue sinning, else he would be punished with an even worse thing!*

"Okay, so Jesus wasn't nearly as tolerant as I originally thought He was, but that doesn't mean that He would be intolerant of the many different sexual practices popular today. Would it?"

Well, let's see:

Lev. 18:22 — "You shall not lie with a male as with a

woman. It is an ABOMINATION.”

Lev. 18:22 (NLT) — “Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a DETESTABLE SIN.”

Deut. 22:5 — “A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so are an ABOMINATION to the Lord your God.”

“Yes, but all of those Scriptures are from the *Old Testament*. Weren’t those archaic beliefs all done away with in the New Testament?”

Well, let’s see. From the *New Testament*:

Romans 1:24-28 — “Therefore God also gave them up to *uncleanness*, in the *lusts* of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves... For this reason God gave them up to *vile passions*. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their *lust* for one another, *men with men committing what is shameful*, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a *debased mind*, to do those things which are not fitting...”

“Well, that’s just ONE New Testament passage. Surely we can’t go by just ONE section of the New Testament, can we?”

Yes, we can. But if you want more proof, here’s a few more Scriptures from the *New Testament* on the subject:

1 Tim. 1:8-10 (NLT) — “We know these laws are good when they are used as God intended. But they were not made for people who do what is right. They are for people who are disobedient and rebellious, who are ungodly and *sinful*, who consider nothing sacred and *defile* what is holy... These laws are for people who are *sexually immoral*, for *homosexuals*...”

Jude 1:7 — “as *Sodom* and *Gomorrah*, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to *sexual immorality* and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as *an example*, suffering the *vengeance of eternal fire*.”

2 Pet. 2:6 — “and turning the cities of *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* into ashes, condemned them to destruction, *making them an example* to those who afterward would live ungodly.”

Revelation 22:14-15 — “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and *sexually immoral*...”

1 Cor. 6:9-10 (WEB) — “Or don't you know that the unrighteous will *not* inherit the kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. *Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals... will inherit the kingdom of God.*”

Rev. 21:8 — “But the... *sexually immoral*... shall have their part in the *lake which burns with fire and brimstone*, which is the second death.”

“Wow, I would have never thought that Jesus Christ would be so against homosexuality. Hmm, interesting.”

Yes, and not only do the Scriptures CONDEMN homosexuality and all other non-heterosexual practices as *vile perverted abominations*, but Christ also had this to say:

Matt. 5:18 — “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, *one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law...*”

Matt. 24:35 — “Heaven and earth will pass away, but *My words will by no means pass away.*”

Luke 13:3 — “...but unless you REPENT you will all likewise PERISH.”

Heb. 13:8 — “Jesus Christ is the *same* yesterday, today, and forever.”

So, as you can clearly see, if Christ were here today, He would NOT be tolerant of homosexuality and other non-heterosexual practices. Of course, that would also mean, that He would be against gay and lesbian marriages, cross-dressing, and transvestitism as well.

“So how is Jesus doing? What is His grade so far?”

Well, we’ve only covered one area so far (the non-heterosexual practices of today), but as you can clearly see, in this section of the test at least, we would have to give Jesus 0 points, as the Bible clearly shows that Jesus is *strongly against* these practices and that He is INTOLERANT of these types of behaviors. Quite frankly, we would have to conclude, using today’s measuring stick, that Jesus Christ would be considered a HOMOPHOBE if He were living among us today.

Now let’s move on to Islam, “the religion of peace.”

“Surely Jesus isn’t an ISLAMOPHOBE, is He? I mean, if He were living among us today, wouldn’t He be *tolerant* and respectful of this great Muslim religion? I mean, He must have been tolerant of the different religious views of His day, right? And He certainly wouldn’t condemn the different religions of our day, especially the ‘religion of peace.’ Would He?”

Well, let’s see...

Acts 4:10-12 — “Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that *by the name of Jesus Christ* of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead... This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”

Amos 5:21 — “I hate, I despise YOUR [religious] feast days.”

Rom. 14:10-11 — ...We shall all stand before the judgment seat of CHRIST. For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, *every knee shall bow to Me*, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

Phil. 2:10 — ...*At the name of JESUS every knee should bow*, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

Acts 4:12 — Nor is their salvation in any other [than JESUS], for there is *no other name* under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

“Okay, you proved your point. Jesus is *not* tolerant of other religions. And He definitely would not be tolerant of Islam if He were living among us today. On the contrary, He would condemn it. Therefore, He must get 0 for this section of the test as well! And, although I hate to admit it, if we were to use today’s standards, He would also have to be regarded as an ISLAMOPHOBE.”

“But wait a second! At least we know that Islam is still a peaceful religion, right? I mean, both President Bush and President Obama assured of this, right? And we know that they would never LIE—*especially so blatantly and so often*, would they? I mean, Islam is still ‘the religion of peace.’ Right?”

Well, let’s see. *From the Koran (or quran):*

Quran (2:191-193) — “And *kill them* wherever you find them... And *fight them* until there is no more Fitnah [disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allah] and worship is for Allah alone...”

Quran (2:216) — “*Fighting* is prescribed for you...”

Quran (4:74) — “Let those *fight* in the way of Allah who sell the life of this world for the other. Whoever *fights* in the way of Allah, be he slain or be he victorious, on him We shall bestow a vast reward.”

Quran (4:76) — “Those who believe *fight* in the cause of Allah...”

Quran (4:89) — “...But if they turn renegades, seize them and *slay them* wherever you find them...”

Quran (8:12) — “I will cast TERROR into the hearts of

those who disbelieve. Therefore, *strike off their heads* and strike off every fingertip of them.”

Quran (9:5) — “So when the sacred months have passed away, then *slay the idolaters wherever you find them*, and take them captive and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush...”

Quran (9:29) — “*Fight* those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth...”

Quran (9:38-39) — “Oh you who believe! What is the matter with you, that, when you are asked to go forth in the cause of Allah [to fight], you cling heavily to the earth? Do you prefer the life of this world to the hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the hereafter. Unless you go forth [to fight], He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place.”

Quran (17:16) — “And when We wish to destroy a town, We send Our commandment to the people of it who lead easy lives, but they transgress therein; thus the word proves true against it, so We *destroy it with utter destruction*.”

Quran (33:60-62) — “...Accursed, they will be seized wherever found and *slain* with a [great] slaughter.”

Quran (47:3-4) — “Those who disbelieve follow falsehood, while those who believe follow the truth from their Lord... So, when you meet [in fight, Jihad, in Allah's cause] those who disbelieve *smite at their necks till when you have killed and wounded many* of them... But those who are killed in the way of Allah, He will never let their deeds be lost.”

AND FROM THE HADITH (ISLAM'S 2ND "HOLY" BOOK):

Bukhari (52:177) — "Allah's Apostle said, 'The hour will not be established until you *fight* with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say. 'O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so *KILL him.*'"

"Wow, I can't believe this! It seems like just about everything that I've been taught is nothing but LIES! How could both Bush and Obama be so arrogantly DECEPTIVE? How could they tell us such *blatant and terrible lies for so long?*"

"But at least we know that abortion is okay. I mean, we know that Jesus would never deprive women of the RIGHT to abort their own children. Certainly Jesus would be tolerant of the RIGHT of every mother to extinguish an unborn child whenever she feels it is in her best interest to do so, *right?*"

Well, let's see...

Exodus 21:22 & 23 — *Death penalty* for the one who causes an unborn child (that is still in the womb of its mother) to die.

Ex. 20:13 (KJV) — "Thou shalt *not* kill."

Rev. 21:8 — "...murderers... shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Jer. 1:5 — "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.*"

Isaiah 49:1 — “...The Lord has *called Me from the womb*; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name....”

Isaiah 49:5 — “And now the Lord says, who *formed Me from the womb* to be His Servant...”

Luke 1:14-15 — “And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he [John the Baptist] will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be *filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.*”

Psalms 139:13-16 — “For *You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb....* Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. *And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.*”

Exodus 21:22 & 23 — *Death penalty* for the one who causes an unborn child (that is still in the womb of its mother) to die.

“Wow, so Jesus is NOT tolerant of abortion either, as the *Bible clearly condemns it as murder.* So I guess we’ll have to give Jesus 0 points for this section of the test as well. Right?”

Yes, you are correct; the Bible plainly condemns abortion as MURDER. Therefore, Jesus cannot get any points for this section of the test as well, since He is obviously INTOLERANT of abortion.

“Okay, we’re now at the last section of the test, and so far Jesus doesn’t have any points. But He must score some

points on this final section of the test, the section on *evolution*, right?"

Well, let's see...

Gen. 1:1 — "In the beginning *God created* the heavens and the earth."

Gen. 1:24-25 — "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so. And *God made* the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

Gen. 1:26-27 — "Then God said, 'Let Us *make* man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So *God created man* in His own image; in the image of God *He created him; male and female He created them.*"

Psalm 14:1 — "The FOOL has said in his heart, 'There is NO God.' They are *corrupt*, they have done *abominable* works..."

Psalm 53:1 (NIV) — "The FOOL says in his heart, 'There is NO God.' They are *corrupt*, and their ways are *vile*..."

"Well, it looks like Jesus would definitely be intolerant of the evolutionary hypothesis if He were living among us today. So that must mean another 0 points for Him. So His final score for the whole test (all 4 sections) is 0! Right?"

Yes, that is correct, as Jesus failed to score any points on this portion of the test as well, as the Bible dogmatically teaches that *God created the universe and everything in it* (and without the help of evolution!). So Jesus would certainly be INTOLERANT of the evolutionary hypothesis if He were living among us today.

“So, are you now ready to hear how many points I scored on the test?”

Well, not yet. We’ll come back to your test score (as well as Christ’s test score) a little later, but for now let’s notice some other interesting things that Jesus taught.

Luke 21:17 — “And *you will be hated* by all for My name’s sake.”

“But wait a second. I always thought that Christians would be liked by the world, not hated by the world! So why would the world *hate* followers of Christ?”

Well, for the SAME REASON that the world hated Jesus of course!

“Yes, but *why* did the world hate Jesus?”

Well, let’s let Christ answer that question:

John 7:7 — “The world *hates* Me because I TESTIFY OF IT THAT ITS WORKS ARE EVIL.”

So you see, the world HATED Jesus back then because He told them that their deeds were EVIL. And of course if He were living among us today He would be doing the same thing, since we are told in the Bible that “Jesus Christ is the *same* yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8).

“So what kind of things would He be denouncing as evil today?”

Well, for one thing, the same four things that we have discussed in this paper: homosexuality (as well as other non-heterosexual acts), Islam, abortion, and evolution. And WE, TRUE Christians, should be SPEAKING OUT against these sinful practices and beliefs as well, as *true Christians are to follow in Christ’s footsteps and emulate Him.*

“Wow, that’s amazing. I would have never thought that. I have always believed that we should only speak *kind, comforting words.*”

“But wait a minute! Are you sure? Are you absolutely sure that we SHOULDN’T be silent, that we should actually be *speaking out* against what’s happening in the world today?”

Absolutely! No doubt about it whatsoever! Just look at this next Scripture, as it also reminds us of *our responsibility to speak out concerning the evil in this world:*

Isaiah 58:1 — “Cry aloud, spare not; *lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell my people their transgression,* and the house of Jacob their sins.”

“Amazing! I never noticed that Scripture before!”

Unfortunately, though, when we speak out against the wicked ways of this world, the world does not take kindly to it. As a result, they will often hate us. But take heart, for the world hated Christ first!

John 15:8 — “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.”

And look at what else Jesus told His followers:

Luke 6:26 — “WOE TO YOU when all men SPEAK WELL OF YOU, for so did their fathers to the FALSE prophets.”

“But *why* did people speak highly of the FALSE prophets and not God’s true prophets?”

Because the *false prophets would tell the people what they wanted to hear*. They would tell them COMFORTING words. They would tell them that their deeds were good and pleasing to God (when they were anything but acceptable to God!).

And the SOOTHING words that rolled off the tongues of the FALSE prophets were in *sharp contrast to the true prophets of God, who would continually plead with the people to REPENT of their evil ways*. But unfortunately people DON’T LIKE being told that their deeds are wicked; that they need to change their ways. And as a result they will HATE and even PERSECUTE those who do. And that is why the true prophets in the Old Testament were hated & persecuted, and why the apostles of Christ were also hated & persecuted. And that’s exactly why Jesus Christ was hated and persecuted, and why FAITHFUL followers of Jesus today (who are *following in Christ’s footsteps*) would also be hated and persecuted.

And look at what else Jesus told His disciples:

John 15:20 — “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘a servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me [they did!], they will also persecute you...”

“But didn’t the world like the apostles of Jesus Christ?”

Absolutely not! On the contrary! They HATED and PERSECUTED every single one of them! Except for Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus and eventually hung himself) it is believed that all of the other original eleven apostles were martyred (with the exception of the apostle John whom they tried to kill but were unsuccessful)!

And then subsequent apostles were also hated and persecuted—most notably the apostle Paul.

“The apostle Paul, really?”

Yes, just look at what he had to go through:

2 Cor. 11:23-27 — “...I [Paul] have... been put in PRISON more often, been WHIPPED times without number, and faced death again and again. Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me THIRTY-NINE LASHES. Three times I was BEATEN WITH RODS. Once I was STONED. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. *And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers [who claim they are Christians] but are not.*”

“Wow, that’s amazing. I never realized Paul was hated and persecuted so much. And even by some who *claimed to be Christians!* Incredible!”

Yes, but don’t forget, Paul wasn’t the only servant of God who was hated and persecuted by the world and by *false Christians*. If you carefully examine the TRUE history of

TRUE Christians since the founding of the Church in the first century, you will see that they too were hated, hunted, and persecuted by the world AND by *counterfeit Christians* as well!

As a matter of fact, you can even go further back than that. If you search the Old Testament record, you will see that the true prophets of God were also hated and persecuted.

“But why were the TRUE prophets hated and persecuted?”

For the SAME REASON that Jesus, the apostles, and TRUE Christians were persecuted—because *they told the people of the world that their deeds were evil and that they needed to repent!*

Once again, why was Jesus persecuted? Why was He hated, berated, spit-on, ridiculed, scourged, and finally crucified in a most excruciating death? Why did the world HATE him so much and make such damning *false accusations* against Him? What did He say that made the people of His day so mad at Him?

Luke 13:3 (AMP) — “...unless you REPENT [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways and live changed lives], you will all likewise *perish*.”

John 8:44 (AMPC) — “You are of YOUR FATHER, THE DEVIL, and *it is your will to practice the lusts and gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father*. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false.”

John 8:44 (Phillips) — “If God were really your Father,”

replied Jesus, “you would have loved Me. For I came from God, and I am here. I did not come of my own accord—He sent Me, and I am here. Why do you not understand my words? It is because you cannot hear what I am really saying. *Your father is the devil, and what you are wanting to do is what your father longs to do.* He always was a murderer, and has never dealt with the TRUTH, since the TRUTH will have nothing to do with him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks in character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. And it is because I speak the TRUTH that you will not believe me. Which of you can prove me guilty of sin? If I am speaking the TRUTH, why is it that you do not believe me? The man who is born of God can hear these words of God and the reason why you cannot hear the words of God is simply this, that you are *not* the sons of God.”

John 8:44 (TLB) — “For you are the children of *your father the devil and you love to do the evil things he does.* He was a murderer from the beginning and a HATER OF TRUTH—*there is NOT an iota of truth in him.* When he lies, it is perfectly normal; for he is the father of liars.”

John 8:44 (MSG) — “If God were your father,” said Jesus, “you would love me, for I came from God and arrived here. I didn’t come on my own. He sent me. Why can’t you understand one word I say? Here’s why: YOU CAN’T HANDLE IT. *You’re from your father, the Devil, and all you want to do is please him.* He was a killer from the very start. He couldn’t stand the TRUTH because there wasn’t a shred of TRUTH in him. When the Liar speaks, he makes it up out of his lying nature and fills the world with lies. I arrive on the scene, tell you THE PLAIN TRUTH, and you refuse to have a thing to do with me. Can any one of you convict me of a single misleading word, a single sinful act? But if I’m telling the TRUTH, why don’t you believe me? Anyone on

God's side listens to God's words. *This is why you're not listening—because you're not on God's side.*"

John 8:44 (NLV) — "The DEVIL is your father. You are from him. *You want to do the sinful things your father, the devil, wants you to do.* He has been a killer from the beginning. The devil has nothing to do with the TRUTH. There is NO TRUTH in him. It is expected of the devil to lie, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Mark 7:8 (AMP) — "*You disregard and neglect the commandment of God, and cling [faithfully] to the TRADITION of men.*"

Mark 7:8 (CEB) — "You ignore God's commandment while holding on to *rules created by humans* and handed down to you."

Mark 7:8 (CEV) — "You disobey God's commands in order to obey what *humans have taught.*"

Mark 7:8 (ERV) — "You have stopped following God's commands, *preferring instead the man-made rules you got from others.*"

Mark 7:8 (GW) — "You abandon the commandments of God to follow *human traditions.*"

Mark 7:8 (Phillips) — Jesus replied, "You HYPOCRITES, Isaiah described you beautifully when he wrote — 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' *You are so busy holding on to the traditions of men that you let go the commandment of God!*"

Mark 7:8 (NIRV) — “You have let go of God’s commands. And you are holding on to *teachings that people have made up.*”

And once again:

John 7:7 (AMPC) — “The world... hates Me because *I denounce it for its wicked works and reveal that its doings are evil.*”

John 7:7 (CJB) — “The world... hates me, because *I keep telling it how wicked its ways are.*”

John 7:7 (ERV) — “...The world hates me, because *I tell the people in the world that they do evil things.*”

John 7:7 (MSG) — “The world... [is] up in arms against me. It’s against me because *I expose the evil behind its pretensions.*”

“Wow, that is amazing! I am so glad I had the opportunity to speak with you today about these things. I had no idea!”

“So what exactly should TRUE followers of Christ be teaching TODAY?”

Well, the same thing that the prophets of old preached, the same thing that John the Baptist taught, that Jesus Himself preached, that the apostles preached, that first century Christians preached, and what TRUE Christians ever since have taught: “REPENT, for your deeds are *evil!*” That is precisely what we should be and must be teaching today!

“But if WE do that, if WE indeed tell the world that their ways are wicked and that they need to repent, won’t there be some kind of backlash?”

Absolutely!

“So what kinds of criticisms and repercussions should we expect from our fellow man for speaking out against the evils in the world today?”

Well, we can expect plenty. Namely: ridicule, scorn, mocking, jeering, taunting, scoffing, cursing, *false accusations*, condemnation, persecutions, and even martyrdom—just like practically every TRUE follower of God throughout history (starting with righteous Abel who was murdered by his brother Cain in the garden of Eden).

Even the two witnesses, the final two prophets of God, even they will be hated, condemned, ridiculed, *falsely accused*, and then martyred just days before the return of Christ to this earth. And WHY? Because just like all TRUE disciples of Jesus, *they will be telling the world to repent of their sinful deeds!*

But true followers of Christ should not despair, for Christ also said:

Matthew 5:11-12 — “*Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you FALSELY for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*”

And of course, that’s what it’s all about! This very short temporary physical existence means absolutely nothing when compared to what God has in store for us: *eternal life as glorious, LITERAL members of His very own Family in the soon-coming wonderful Kingdom of God!* As the Bible states it:

Romans 8:18 — “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the GLORY which shall be revealed in us.”

“Wow, that’s amazing! I can’t wait! I just hope I make it!”

“But wait, I have another question for you. What specifically makes the people of this world SO ANGRY that they would despise true Christians so much so that they would PERSECUTE them and even KILL them?”

Well, most people (just like the ancient Israelites in the Old Testament) want to hear PLEASANT things; that is, they want to hear SOOTHING words. So the false prophets in the O.T. obliged them and gave them COMFORTING words (i.e. BS!), because that’s exactly what the people wanted to hear. *They preferred to hear lies.*

“But WHY? Why did they want to hear LIES?”

Because they *despised the truth!*

See, you have to understand, your average person doesn’t want to hear the TRUTH.

“But WHY?”

Because, as Jack Nicholson so succinctly put it (in the movie “A Few Good Men”), THEY “CAN’T HANDLE THE TRUTH!”

You see, people don’t like to be told that what they are doing is wrong. You see, *they want to be considered good even though they don’t want to do what is good.*

A good example of this would be people who habitually LIE. Have you ever called a person out for blatantly lying to you? In other words, have you ever gotten so mad at someone's constant and obnoxious lies that you finally tell the dishonest individual: "You are a liar."

What's their reaction? Are they grateful to you for bringing this shortcoming of theirs to their attention? Of course not! On the contrary! They will usually go berserk and with incredible indignation they will shout out: "What!! Are you calling me a liar!!!" This, regardless of the fact that they probably lie about 150 times a day (which is how much the average American lies per day).

Here's another example: A large percentage of Americans are fat today. But don't even think about pointing this out to someone. If you do, they will come at you like a bull in a china shop! With amazing rage, they will furiously demand that you apologize immediately and wrathfully exclaim: "How could you DARE say that about me!!!"

You see, regardless of what they might say or even think, most people really PREFER to be *deceived*. They PREFER to believe in fairy tales. They don't REALLY want to hear the TRUTH. Instead they want to be told: "I'm okay, you're okay." They want to be *deluded* into thinking that everything that they are doing is fine; that they are a GOOD person. Sure "I might tell an occasional 'white lie'" they reason, "but I am a good person." This despite the fact that in REALITY they are lying on a regular basis, perhaps 100, 150, or even 200 times (or more) every day! And "sure I may be a little overweight and perhaps could even afford to lose a few pounds" they reason, "but fat— NEVER! NOT ME!"

You see, *right from the beginning man has not been able to cope with the truth.* Just look at the lives of Cain and Abel (the first two sons of Adam and Eve). Why do you suppose Cain killed Abel? Simply put: HE COULDN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH! You see, God had told Abel that his actions were good, but God conversely told Cain that his actions were NOT good. So how did Cain react to this frank dose of reality? He lashed out in a furious rage, thus murdering his brother. Then after he buried Abel, God came back and asked him where his brother was. And Cain arrogantly replied, "Am I my brother's keeper?" No, he wasn't his brother's keeper, he was his brother's *murderer!!!*

And just look at TODAY'S society. Just about everything in the world today is *turned upside down!* The bad people are no longer those *doing* evil things—instead the bad people are those *exposing* the evil things that these people are doing. For instance, if you courageously tell someone that they are lying—all of a sudden—you're the bad guy. You tell someone that aborting a baby is murder and before you know it you're deemed a "HATER AND A BIGOT!" You mention that homosexuality is immoral and you're arrogantly derided as a "HOMOPHOBE!" You state that Islam breeds terrorism and you are demonized as an "ISLAMOPHOBE!" You mention that *illegal* aliens should not receive from the government (that is, from the hard working tax payers of our country) free housing, free food, free phone, free health care, free money, free everything else, and before you know it, you're condemned as a "RACIST, A XENOPHOBE!" You point out that the evolutionary hypothesis is in error and you are immediately mocked as *ignorant, a "Jesus freak," and living in the dark ages!*

You see, people will often go ballistic and lash out in a ferocious rage of indignation when confronted with the bare uncompromising TRUTH! No, people don't want to hear the

truth. Not yesterday! Not today! Not tomorrow! They never have been interested in hearing the truth and never will be. Instead, *they want to be lulled to sleep with a false sense of wellness and security*. Oh, how bizarre we human beings are! As God declares:

Jeremiah 17:9 — “The heart is DECEITFUL above all things, and desperately WICKED. Who can know it?”

Yes, who can TRULY understand the nonsense that we deceive ourselves with and the nonsense that we deceive others with? It’s so outrageous, it’s incomprehensible.

So, how did you do on your test? Did you get an A? Wait! First, before you tell me how you did, let me explain to you the grading system.

Now, if this test had been given in a public school, the grading system would go something like this:

90 points & above = A (Outstanding)
80’s = B (Good)
70’s = C (Fair)
60’s = D (Poor)
Below 60 = F (Failure)

So, if your goal is to PLEASE THIS WORLD AND ITS RULER (*Satan the devil!*), then use the above grading system; but just realize that *Satan (the great deceiver)* has turned everything in this world upside down!

But, *if your aim is to please God*, and not the devil and his earthly agents, then use the following grading system:

0-4 = A (Outstanding)
5-9 = B (Good)

10-14 = C (Fair)
15-19 = D (Poor)
20 & above = F (Failure)

“But wait a minute. How can you have a scoring system where the fewer the points the better your score?”

Well, I must admit that this scoring system is a bit unusual, but not at all unique. For instance, take the game of golf. In the game of golf, it's the player who records the least amount of strokes that wins the game. And likewise with the sport of “cross-country.” In this athletic event, the team with the fewest points wins the meet (since the runner who comes in 1st place gets 1 point, the runner who comes in 2nd place gets 2 points, and so forth).

So how did you do? And which grading system did you use? Did you use Satan's grading system or God's grading system? If you used God's grading system, how close did you come to scoring a perfect score of zero?

Hopefully, you either got a zero or you came very close to achieving this A+ grade. But if not, hopefully you will get an A+ the next time you are graded, that is, when you are graded for REAL!

“Graded for *real*—what do you mean by graded for *real*?”

Well, someday ALL of us (*true* Christians, *false* Christians, and *non*-Christians) will have to appear before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. And that's when the REAL grading will take place, as Jesus Christ will determine who receives a passing grade (and thus be granted eternal life and entrance into God's Kingdom) and who will receive a failing grade (and thus be thrown into the lake of fire and cease to exist ever again).

“Wow, that sounds SERIOUS!”

IT IS! But unfortunately, *most people take it much too lightly!*

But hopefully you and I (as well as our loved ones) will *not* be among them, but will instead do what is necessary (with God’s help) to pass this final exam with flying colors!

Well friend, it’s time to part. I hope God is with you and blesses you as you *diligently strive to please Him and do His will*. And I sincerely hope the following words are spoken to YOU by our loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on that final day of grading (i.e. judgment):

“Well done [A+!], *good and faithful servant*; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord!” (Matthew 25:21).

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Additional Information

ISLAMOPHOBE

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Islamophobe — (is-slahm-o-fohb) — A non-Muslim who knows more than they are supposed to know about Islam.

Islamophobia is an allegedly irrational fear of losing life or liberty to Islamic rule merely because the laws, sacred texts, and traditional practices of Islam demand the submission of culture, politics, religion and all social expression. It tends to afflict those most familiar with the religion while sparing the more gullible.

The word “Islamophobia” literally means a fear of Islam, but since Allah himself “throws terror into the hearts of disbelievers” (Quran 8:12) it is used more often in reference to the rejection of Islam.

Quran 8:12

“I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them.”

I pointed out that whatever a Muslims says is based on the rule of al-Taqqiya or the Art of Lying to the Infidel, and got branded as an Islamophobe.

Any comment that reports Islam as a Nazi Terror Religion without the actual Quranically inspired verses and you will be called an Islamophobe. Once you list the verse, they stop

calling you an Islamophobe.

I pointed out that 61% of Islam is about dealing with Infidels, and was called an Islamophobe, which is insane, cause I don't fear it. I like to spread the truth of what the Muslims fail to mention.

Source:

<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=islamophobe>

POLITICS OF “ISLAMOPHOBIA”

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The term “Islamophobia” was invented and promoted in the early 1990s by the International Institute for Islamic Thought (IIIT), a front group of the Muslim Brotherhood. Former IIIT member Abdur-Rahman Muhammad -- who was with that organization when the word was formally created, and who has since rejected IIIT's ideology -- now reveals the original intent behind the concept of Islamophobia: “This loathsome term is nothing more than a thought-terminating cliché conceived in the bowels of Muslim think tanks for the purpose of beating down critics.” In short, in its very origins, “Islamophobia” was a term designed as a weapon to advance a totalitarian cause by stigmatizing critics and silencing them.

This plan was an outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood's “General Strategic Goal for North America,” by which the organization aimed to wage “a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their hands ... so that ... God's religion [Islam] is made victorious over all other religions.” To implement this plan, the Brotherhood enlisted the help of 29 likeminded “organizations of our friends” (one of which was IIIT), whose task would be to depict themselves as civil-rights groups speaking out on behalf of a Muslim American population that was allegedly besieged by outsiders who harbored an illogical, unfounded fear of them -- i.e., by a society replete with “Islamophobia.”

Although the term was coined in the early 1990s, “Islamophobia” did not become the focus of an active Brotherhood campaign until after 9/11. Since that time, Islamist lobby

organizations (including the Council on American-Islamic Relations, or CAIR) and Muslim civil-rights activists have regularly accused the American people, American institutions, law-enforcement authorities, and the U.S. government of harboring a deep and potentially violent prejudice against Muslims. The accusers charge that as a result of this “Islamophobia,” Muslims are disproportionately targeted by perpetrators of hate crimes and acts of discrimination.

But FBI data on hate crimes show that the foregoing accusers are wholly incorrect. The incidence of anti-Muslim abuses nationwide has actually declined since September 2001.

Moreover, anti-Islamic hate crimes are but a fraction of overall religious hate crimes. In fact, the overwhelming majority of such crimes target Jews. In 2006, for instance, fully 66 percent of religiously motivated attacks in the U.S. were against Jews, while just 11 percent targeted Muslims, even though the Jewish and Muslim populations in the United States are similar in size. In 2006, a total of 156 anti-Islamic hate crimes were committed nationwide -- a 68 percent drop from 2001.

The FBI report discredits CAIR’s alarmist narrative of “Islamophobic” lynch mobs marching on mosques across America. It shows that in reality, Americans have been remarkably, and admirably, tolerant and respectful of Muslims and their institutions since 9/11.

Each year, CAIR, which claims to be the “Muslim NAACP,” releases a report citing thousands of alleged civil-rights and physical abuses against Muslims, which largely are based on anecdotal reporting from members of its organization. Despite CAIR’s obvious bias (and proven record of dissembling), the mainstream media often report

its numbers unfiltered and without question.

But a careful analysis of the numbers shows that the incidents reported by CAIR are mostly victimless crimes. For instance, in its 2006 report CAIR listed as “hate crimes” such occurrences as:

- someone placing a copy of the Quran in a toilet at the library of Pace University in New York
- someone trampling on a “flower bed” at a mosque in Texas.

Even in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, there was virtually no vigilantism or violent backlash against Muslims in the United States. In November and December 2001, Zogby polled American Muslims and found that only 6 percent had suffered “physical abuse or assault.”

In October 2010, CAIR announced that it was forming a new “Islamophobia” department that would produce an annual report tracking “trends in rhetorical attacks on Islam and Muslims and ... offer accurate and balanced information to be used in the struggle for tolerance and mutual understanding.”

A Nexis search suggests that the term “Islamophobia” was first used in the media around 1990, when a Soviet Academy of Sciences academic told an Uzbekistan-based newspaper that Soviet leaders' “Islamophobia” might trigger an “Islamic explosion.” In 1995, Jordan’s Prince Hassan used the word in an address at the UN General Assembly, asserting that many people were using “inflammatory rhetoric” to “ta[r] all Moslems with the brush of fanatical extremism.” In 1996 the British think tank Runnymede Trust established a Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia,

which later produced a report entitled “Islamophobia: A challenge for us all.” In the late 1990s, Iranian diplomats used the term with increasing frequency at the (now-defunct) UN Commission on Human Rights, characterizing the phenomenon as “the perception of Islam and its followers as threats to the West.” Today, references to “Islamophobia” appear regularly in UN documents.

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“FLYING IMAMS” CONTROVERSY

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On November 21, 2006, six Islamic clerics (Imams) were among the passengers waiting to board US Airways Flight 300, which was scheduled to fly from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Phoenix, Arizona. The clerics had just attended a conference of the North American Imams Federation in Minneapolis. Shortly before boarding, a number of fellow passengers heard the **Imams making anti-American comments vis à vis the Iraq War, and praying loudly (with repeated chants of "Allah, Allah, Allah") in the airport terminal.**

Then, when the Imams boarded the flight, **they sat in separate sections of the plane; some of them asked for seat-belt extensions (which the flight attendants thought the Imams did not need).** When a number of passengers expressed alarm regarding the Imams' behavior (and concern that the seat-belt extensions might be used as weapons), authorities required the latter to deboard the plane prior to takeoff.

The six Imams subsequently depicted themselves as victims of "Islamophobia." "They took us off the plane, humiliated us in a very disrespectful way," said **Omar Shahin, Imam and director of Islamic Center in Tucson, Arizona.** Shahin subsequently called for Muslims and non-Muslims alike to boycott US Airways unless the company apologized and agreed to change its policy. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) filed a complaint "because," as CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper put it, "unfortunately this is a growing problem of singling out Muslims or people perceived to be Muslims at airports, and it's one that we've been addressing for some time." Simi-

larly, Mahdi Bray, Executive Director of the Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation, depicted US Airways' action as an act of racism and "Islamophobia." The North American Imams Federation issued the following statement:

"At a time when Imams in the United States try hard to spread the spirit of tolerance between Muslims and their fellow American citizens, six Imams were degradingly detained for five hours at Minneapolis airport on November 11, 2006. This shocked not only Imams but also all Muslims inside and outside the United States. For Muslims, an Imam is a role model and an actual representative of their faith. It is sad that what was deemed a 'suspicious act' of the detained Imams was nothing but performing a mandatory prayer, which has to be done at a set time. This incident has accentuated the feeling that in our American society there is still discrimination based on one's faith even though this violates the American constitution and norm."

It was subsequently learned that Omar Shahin was affiliated with a Hamas-linked organization, KindHearts, and that he acknowledged having had a connection to Osama bin Laden in the 1990s. At his former mosque in Tucson, Shahin had ministered to two college students who had been removed from an America West flight after twice attempting to open the cockpit. The FBI suspected the incident was a "dry run" for the 9/11 hijackings, according the 9/11 Commission Report. One of the students, Hamdan al-Shalawi, had trained for attacks in Afghanistan. The other, Muhammed al-Qudhaieen, became a material witness in the 9/11 investigation. Even so, the pair filed racial-profiling lawsuits against America West, which later became part of US Airways; Shahin came to their defense.

Shahin's predecessor as Director of the Islamic Center in Tucson was Osama bin Laden's financier and head of logistics. FBI investigators believe bin Laden operated a cell at the Islamic Center. Hani Hanjour, the hijacker who eventually would pilot the plane that crashed into the Pentagon on 9/11, attended the Tucson mosque along with bin Laden's one-time personal secretary, according to the 9/11 Commission Report.

In January 2007, the six Imams from US Airways Flight 300 filed a lawsuit against not only the airline, but also against the passengers who had complained about the Imams' behavior. The plaintiffs dropped their suit in August 2007, and ultimately settled their complaint for an undisclosed sum of money in a federal district court on October 20, 2009.

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